

A Special Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wales on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Members. Present were: Beverly Camp, Carl Lind, Fran Wills and Wales. Absent was Rosalie King. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a resolution for the Iron County Medical Care Facility bond funding.

Medicare’s Attorney Steve Polich explained that after the County Board’s April 4, 2012, meeting (See Minute Book Page T-54), where the Medical Care Facility remodeling project and re-financing of Victorian Heights had been approved, a bonding attorney had been retained. And, with this method of bonding, under Public Act 31, the right of reverse referendum is required to be presented to the County voters. This is accomplished by publishing a notice in the local paper. This notifies the electorate that if they oppose funding of this project, they may circulate a referendum petition. And, if within 45 days, a referendum petition is signed by not less than 10 % of the registered voters, than the financing proposal will go on the ballot.

This notice will be published in next week’s paper. It is hoped that the bidding process will go forward by mid-May, with the closing of contracts in June. The remodeling project could then begin in the first week of July.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti stated that the County is committing it’s full faith and credit towards this project. The maximum amount of the bonds is \$7,900,000. The Iron County Building Authority owns the property (Medicare Facility and Victorian Heights) and then leases it to the County. The resolution will delete the “Crystal View” publication reference, and the notice will list the contact people as Acting Administrator Sue Clisch and Medicare Administrator Chester Pintarelli for anyone who has questions about the project.

Camp made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the “Resolution Declaring Intent to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with the County of Iron Building Authority” for the amount of \$7,900,000.00, and to publish the “Notice to the Electors and Taxpayers of Iron County, Michigan” as soon as possible, and to authorize the Chairperson and County Clerk to sign same. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, Camp, Lind, Wales

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by Camp, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 10:10 a.m.

Chairman Wayne Wales

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

The Finance Committee of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. by its Chairman Carl Lind. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Roll Call of Members showed that present were: Beverly Camp, Fran Wills and Lind. The bills were reviewed and on a motion by Wills, supported by Camp, approved in the amount of \$ 2,280,571.93.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, Camp, Lind

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

County Treasurer Marcia Cornelia said it will be necessary to transfer funds from the County Revenue Sharing Fund to the General Checking. This will be paid back when the property tax revenue comes in later in the year. This action will be brought before the full board on the 24th.

Equalization Director Joan Mussato asked if the publication of a County plat book is being considered at all. Lind had asked the local 4-H if they wanted to sell ads, but they are not interested. In the past, Jack Schultz had sold the ads, and would still be willing to do so. This item will also be put on the agenda for the next Regular Board meeting.

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen said the new insurance rates, starting July 1st, from Blue Cross/Blue Shield had been received, and the premiums have gone up only slightly. Wills then made a motion, seconded by Camp, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:15 p.m.

Finance Chairman Carl Lind

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

