

The Iron County Finance Committee was called to order by Acting Chairperson Rosalie King (for George Brunswick who was absent) on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 1:00 p.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: Carl Lind, Fran Wills and King. The bills had been reviewed, and Wills made a motion, seconded by Lind, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,255,089.14.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Lind, Wills, King

NAYS: None

Motion
carried.

Administrator Huizing presented a bill for \$250.00 from Julie Melchiori, MSU/EDC Director, for Membership Dues to the UPEDA (Upper Peninsula Economic Development Authority). The Iron County EDC pays half the cost and the County pays the other half. Wills made a motion, seconded by Lind, to take the County's portion of this bill from 101-101-802.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, Lind, King

NAYS: None

Motion
carried.

County Clerk Luhtanen asked if there were any questions about the taxing of mileage that is submitted by the commissioners for travel to and from the Courthouse. According to the IRS "Personal community between the residence (your home) and the principal place of business (the Courthouse) is considered personal community, and reimbursement for non-business travel, including community, are always taxable even if paid at or below the Federal mileage rate and are to be included in regular wages and subject to all income and employment taxes."

This procedure will be implemented this year. There were none.

Luhtanen also provided the committee with the "Clerk's Statistical Report of Records" including this past year's figures. Luhtanen wanted the committee to be aware that the "Yearly Receipts" had gone from \$252,181 in 2008 to \$128,099 in 2009. Luhtanen had cautioned the committee during the year that revenue was down in her office, and this confirms it.

Sheriff Valesano wants to apply for a USDA grant for his department that has a match of \$700. He has the \$700, but would need to have permission to go ahead with the application. Wills made a motion, seconded by Lind, to approve Sheriff Valesano to proceed with trying to secure the grant. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held about getting assistance from the USDA to purchase defibrillators. If a city applies, the USDA will pay for 55%, if the county applies, they will pay 40%. The current defibrillators are not able to be upgraded. Consequently, the total cost to replace them countywide is significant. Some fund raising may need to be done for the local match.

The exact cost is unknown at this time, but will be researched. Administrator Huizing said the Prosecutor could compose an Intra local Agreement that would detail what the county would provide and what the responsibility of the local unit of government would be. This will be investigated some more.

John Faccin, who sits on the Airport Advisory Committee, reported that a representative from the Aeronautics Bureau, Mr. Baker, will be able to come up to a meeting of that particular committee to answer questions. As soon as the date is known, Faccin will inform the county commissioners.

The Elected and Appointed Committee meeting was changed to Wednesday, January 20th at 8:30 a.m. because of the number of meetings scheduled for the 13th.

Wills made a motion, seconded by Lind, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:12 p.m.

Acting Finance Chairperson Rosalie King

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen