

Proceedings
Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2022

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all commissioners present.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried to approve the minutes of the 10/18/2022 regular meeting.

Public comment: none

By motion of Cane supported by Broemer and carried to approve the agenda with additions:

- 25a) Land Bank demo
- 25b) Airport maintenance hire
- 25c) FOC hire
- 25d) New Commissioner school
- 25e) Set public hearing for 5-year rec plan

Steven Hiiter: gave an overview of his medical examiner services

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the reimbursement of park fees in the amount of \$460.00 to Wil Bertilino.

By motion of Broemer supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to move forward with the proposal from OHM for courthouse security upgrades for the front door entryway, side doors, back door and key fobs in the estimated amount of \$149,100.00.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Broemer and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the FY 2023 Snowmobile Enforcement grant in the amount of \$12,000.00.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Broemer and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to authorize the Sheriff to send a corrections officer to the academy.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to accept the resignation of Tracey Flye from the Transit, with regret and authorize the Director to fill the position.

By motion of Broemer supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to authorize the Transit Director to purchase 2 laptops for a cost not to exceed \$4,100.00.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-11

TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN THE 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 – "Hard Caps" Option – limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 – "80%/20% Option – limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the government body;
- 3) Section 8 – "Exemption" Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage for calendar year 2023.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Stacy C. Preiss, Ontonagon County Clerk

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the overnight travel request from Stacy Preiss to attend the UP Clerk's qrtly meeting in Marquette for a cost of \$226.50.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to release the EDC appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00.

By motion of Broemer supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the overnight travel request for Glenn Kibe to attend MCAT class in Sault Ste Marie for a cost of \$911.54.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the purchase of \$50 gift cards for county restaurants as a 2022 Christmas bonus.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the wages annual increase of \$1,250 for elected/non-union department heads (pro-rated for part time department heads) effective January 1, 2023 and .30 cents for non-union hourly employees effective December 1, 2022.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Broemer and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution # 2022-12

Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to Amend the Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims and Home Health Care.

WHEREAS the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019 introduced a fee cap, which took final effect on July 1, 2021; this cap set percentage limits on how much residential care facilities, home health care providers, and other persons can be reimbursed for providing treatment/care to auto accident victims; and

WHEREAS these reimbursement caps are 55% of the reimbursement rates that Home Care Providers were collecting in 2019;

WHEREAS, 55% of a Home Health Care provider's 2019 collections, is an unsustainable reimbursement cap to continue caring for catastrophically injured individuals following an auto accident; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a sustainable fee cap (i.e. Michigan's Workman's Compensation Fee Cap for Ancillary Services) for Home Health Care providers, in order to uphold these benefits that have been paid for by the survivors who are currently receiving and who will receive in-home, long-term care, when purchasing an Unlimited PIP Auto Insurance policy, paid by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Ontonagon County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as Commissioner Correspondence.


By motion of Commissioner _____ supported by Commissioner _____ and carried, resolution declared adopted.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENTIONS:

ABSENT:



Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair

By motion of Nousiainen to pay the onetime fee of \$125 to Otis Elevator for a gas surcharge fee died for lack of support. No action taken

By motion of Broemer supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to authorize the Clerk to advertise for the park manager 3-year position.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to accept the quote from Xerox for a new copier in the amount of \$4,688.00 plus maintenance for 60 months.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Broemer and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to authorize the Clerk to advertise for various board vacancies.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve paying \$50 towards Anytime Fitness annual fee and reimburse \$25 or \$35 monthly depending on package.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Broemer and carried to approve the 2023 Remonumentation grant in the amount of \$93,033.00.

By motion of Broemer supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the proposal from D&E Critter Ranch, LLC to demolish 2 homes on S Fourth Street in Ontonagon for a cost not to exceed \$13,400.00.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the hiring of Clark Cole as airport maintenance effective November 17, 2022.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve hiring Karen Allen as the Chief Deputy FOC effective upon Mary Roehm's retirement.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to authorize any commissioner to attend the New Commissioner School.

By motion of Broemer supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to set the public hearing for the 5-year rec plan at 3:45 p.m. on December 20th, 2022.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Broemer and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to set a special meeting for 4:00 p.m. on November 29th, 2022.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the payment of the bills and PR as presented:

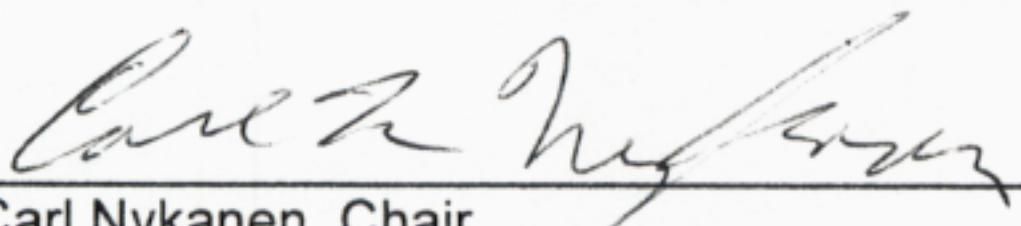
(101) General Fund \$103,020.90, (210) SONCO \$87,500.00, (211) OCAP Fund \$0.00, (215) FOC Fund \$.00, (256) ROD Automation Fund \$710.00, (257) Veteran's Van Fund \$0.00, (259) CAA Fund \$0.00, (260) Indigent Defense Fund \$0.00, (261) 911 Service Fund \$2,882.43, (263) CPL Fund \$41.44, (269) Law Library Fund \$1,016.87, (280) Senior Citizens Fund \$49,228.00 (288) Public Transit Fund \$10,078.93, (296) VSO Fund \$0.00 (292) PCCF \$68.79 & (525) Foreclosure Fund \$0.00. Bearing claim #35121- 35236.

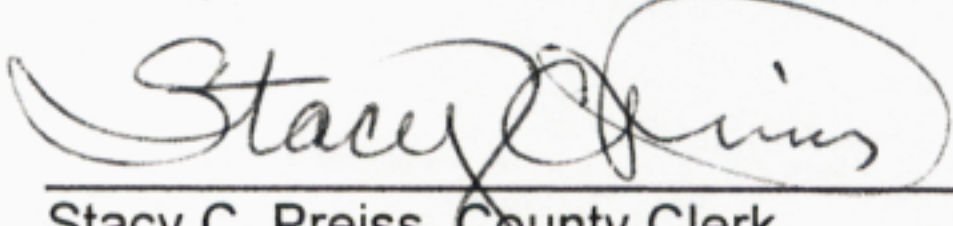
Prepaid bills from 10/13/15/2022 – 11/09/2022 (101) General Fund \$198,556.37 (251) Land Bank Fund \$0.00, (253) 911 Equipment Fund \$0.00 (257) Veteran's Van Fund \$0.00 (260) MIDC Fund \$6,094.58 (261) 911 Service Fund \$2,874.95, (263) CPL Fund \$0.00, (264) Corrections Officer Training Fund \$0.00, (269) Law Library Fund \$0.00 (271) Library Board Fund \$0.00 (288) Transit Fund \$36,486.32 (292) PCCF \$373.50 (296) VSO Fund \$0.00, (525) Foreclosure Fund \$1,029.17. Total prepaids \$245,414.89.

Payroll periods ending 10/14/2022 & 10/28/2022 (101) General Fund \$148,452.25, (260) MIDC Fund \$402.60, (261) 911 Service Fund \$1,964.08, (288) Transit Fund \$24,848.63, (292) PCCF \$548.80. Total payroll \$177,216.36.

- Committee reports
- Department Head reports
- Other business: None
- Agenda requests: None
- Public comment: None

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 5:14 p.m.


 Carl Nykanen, Chair


 Stacy C. Preiss, County Clerk

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Proceedings
 Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
 Special Meeting
 November 29, 2022

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all commissioners present.

Public comment: None

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Cane and carried to approve the agenda.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Broemer and carried to enter into closed session for pending litigation at 4:02 p.m.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried to return from closes session at 4:33 p.m.

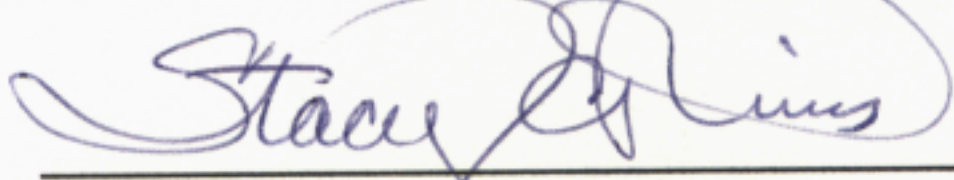
No action taken regarding the closed session.

Other business: None
 Agenda requests: None
 Public comment: None

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Broemer and carried to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 5:34 p.m.



 Carl Nykanen, Chair



 Stacy C. Preiss, County Clerk

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Proceedings
 Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
 Special Public Hearing Meeting
 December 20, 2022

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 4:31 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed Commissioner Cane absent.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried to open the public hearing.

Public comment: Jerald Wuorenmaa gave a review of the proposed 5-year rec plan.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to close the public hearing.

By motion of Broemer supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to adopt the 5-year rec plan with the proposed changes made during public comment and adopt the following resolution: