CRYSTAL FALLS—The Iron County Board of Commissioners accepted the recommendation of two of its members to appoint Sue Clisch as the county's new administrator.

Clisch had been employed as executive assistant to the administrator since 2008.

Since the retirement of Administrator Jan Huizing in March, she has been serving as interim administrator

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Commissioners Fran Wills and Bev Camp, members of the board's executive search committee, recommended Clisch.

"We were all looking at Sue since March," Wills said, "when the committee was formed. We've watched a lot of the things she's done, and the committee would like to appoint her as administrator, starting immediately."

Iron County Prosecutor Melissa Powell noted that since the board had not yet drafted an employment contract with Clisch, it needed to appoint an attorney to act as counsel.

Commissioner Rosalie King was concerned that the action to appoint Clisch as administrator was placed on the agenda at the "last minute," therefore against board policy.

It was clarified that agenda items may be added at the last minute by approval of the chairman.

King felt the full board did not have time to look at the recommendation, and that the whole board should be involved in contract negotiations.

The board approved, by a four-to-one vote, to appoint Clisch as the new administrator. King voted against the motion.

in other business:

--The board learned that $1,400,000 in delinquent taxes was reported. The funds will be sent to the local units.

--Register of Deeds Mark Selmo reported records are now available online on the county website. Records go back to 1956.

--The board agreed to set the amount of the 2012 millage allocation for the townships at 1.20 mills, and approved putting a proposal on the ballot in the August election to raise the millage allocation to the townships to 1.25 mills for 2013-14. The proposal must go to the voters because it is a two year allocation.

--Commisioners met Rebecca Krans, the new Michigan State University Extension educator for Iron County. Her specialty is youth activities, 4-H and science literacy. She will be in Iron County full-time; however, her responsibilities are regional.

--The board approved the purchase order for plat books, at a cost of $24,975. By paying the full amount, the county received a 5 percent discount.