CRYSTAL FALLS—The Iron County Board of Commissioners will join the Chamber of Commerce in appealing a U.S. Forest Service off-road vehicle trail-siting decision.
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The County Board, chamber and Chippewa Sno-Kats Trail Club had offered input on the trail proposal. But the Forest Service selected another option, one that is less likely to bring ORV riders close to Iron River.
"Any connector route is better than no connector route," Chamber Director Bob Black told commissioners during the Jan. 8 meeting. "But we don't need any more loss of business in Iron County."
Chairman Carl Lind supported appealing the Forest Service decision and moved that administrators prepare a letter of appeal for the Jan. 21 special meeting.
In other business, the board voted to cease weekly finance committee meetings and bimonthly board of commissioner meetings. Starting in February, the full board of commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. After Feb. 14, finance committee meetings will be every other Tuesday at 1 p.m.
The County Board also voted to retain Crystal Falls attorney Steve Tinti as civil counsel. Tinti has represented the county for the past 12 years. He was first appointed civil counsel in 2006 after the death of Joseph Sartorelli. Commissioner Patti Peretto had questioned retaining both Tinti and Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell.
During the meeting, Chairman Carl Lind assigned other commissioners to committees.
James Brennan was named finance committee chairman. Joining him on the audit committee are Ray Coates and Peretto. The audit and budget committee consists of Brennan and Peretto.
The personnel committee consists of Coates as chairman along with Brennan and the new appointee who will fill Bev Camp's District 5 seat until an election later this year.
The building and capital improvements committee consists of Peretto and the new appointee.
Brennan will also represent the commission on the Chamber of Commerce and join Lind as representatives to the Economic Development Committee and WUPPDR.
Lind, Brennan and Peretto will serve on the public health committee, and Lind will serve on the Department of Human Services Medical Care Board, with Peretto serving as alternate.