

Iosco County Board of Commissioners

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

August 3, 2022

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Huebel, Dutcher, Finley, Miner, and O'Farrell.
Absent: None.
Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy J. Huebel, County Clerk/Co-County Administrator; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Financial Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Jason Ogden, Press; Cathy Anderson, Treasurer; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds

Meeting called to order after a ten-minute recess following the full Board meeting.

New Business:

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Authorization to Sell the 2000 Ford E-350 Extended Passenger Van

Iosco County Sheriff's Department purchased this vehicle from the government and 100% own the vehicle. Officers only use the van two or three times a year. As such, it currently only has an approximate 61,000 miles on it. The A/C is the only thing that is wrong with the vehicle. However, due to it not being used frequently, it was deemed too expensive to fix. Frank is requesting authorization to sell the vehicle by placing it on auction on BidCorp, which charges 2.5% of the sale once it is sold, and in front of the building with a for sale sign for the public. Proceeds from the sale will be saved for the purchase of a new vehicle that will better serve the departments needs. Dutcher motions to take the authorization to sell the 2000 Ford E-350 Extended Passenger Van to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Hire Three Part-Time Employees

Frank is asking for an additional three slots for part-time employees, which would bring the number of part-time employee slots to eight. This is to ensure that all grant monies are utilized so that no grant monies go back to the state. The employees will be paid from grant monies and not by the General Fund. Dutcher moves to bring this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager – Purchase 10 Radios for EMS Vehicles

Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services, looked over the radios in the ambulances and Durango and discovered that there are a few channels that they are receiving that they are not supposed to have access to. Eller contacted Anderson Radio to remove these channels. However, the company informed Eller that the radios are outdated and they cannot access them. Bruning received several bids from Digicom Global Inc., Motorola Solutions, and Pro Comm Inc. EMS received their new pagers from Digicom Global Inc. This company is also the only one that included the \$250 fee to turn the radios on. Bruning and Eller feels that Digicom Global Inc. estimate for 10 Kenwood Radios is the best bid. Currently the radios that EMS are using are Motorola. However, Kenwood are now comparable and, in some ways, superior to Motorola. More fire departments and EMS vehicles in surrounding areas are switching from Motorola to using Kenwood. Finley motions to take the purchase of 10 Kenwood Radios, 9 for the ambulances and 1 for the Durango, from Digicom Global Inc. in the amount of \$36,375.30 to be charged to the American Rescue Plan to the Full Board for consideration and Miner seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

County Controller's Report: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director

Broadband – Carruthers-Soboleski attended a broadband meeting last week with Mercury. Mercury received funding to begin broadband expansion. Mercury is based out of Kansas. However, they are looking at having a regional base in Michigan. The Broadband Subcommittee asked them to consider building their new regional facility in Iosco County. The subcommittee is looking at warehouses in the area for them. The Broadband Subcommittee is looking for more information regarding the company and looking at doing a press release in the future. Kelly Lively, from Senator Peter's office, is planning on holding a regional meeting at the Warrior Pavilion in Iosco County regarding broadband. Senator Peters fully supports Iosco County's efforts and Ms. Lively says that the county ahead of the game compared to others.

Website Design – Carruthers-Soboleski, Nancy Huebel, County Clerk; and Juli Montgomery, IT Director, are meeting with the website company. The company will present their designs. Most department heads have turned in their requests for their page on the website. Carruthers-Soboleski has reviewed them.

Mechanical – The specifications for the Annex roofing project are ready. Russo is still working on the other roofs. The bids will go out in the fall. Russo does not want

big equipment trucks on the new asphalt. Colvin's is still working on the mechanical assessment. It is a much bigger project than expected. They have come out several times to fix issues within the building when they have been called. The attorney has sent ATI Group the letter terminating their contract with Iosco County. They have not responded to the letter.

Housing – A developer is bringing container housing to the Oscoda area. The developer would like the Master Plan updated. However, the Planning Commission is responsible for the Master Plan. The Master Plan and capital improvement plan would be funded by the General Fund, it may not be wise to spend approximately \$60,000+ on a plan that, with the state of the Operating Millage, would be unusable. Iosco County's Master Plan is outdated and is very important for grant funding.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Huebel, and Dutcher in the amount of \$145,425.20.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR August 17, 2022