

May 17, 2023

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Huebel, Dutcher, Finley, Loeffler, and O'Farrell.

Absent: None.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director; Casey Young, Press; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds; April Johnson, Deputy Treasurer

Meeting called to order after a five-minute recess following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Social Services Board Applicants Discussion

Due to the new advertising policy that the Board of Commissioners approved last meeting, an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper soliciting letters of interest and resumes for the Social Services Board vacancy. Two individuals submitted letters of interest and resumes. Carruthers-Soboleski would like to know how the commissioners would like to move forward; would they like to interview the applicants or move forward with a resolution appointing either James Miner or Karen Rogalski to fill the vacancy. The commissioners would like to interview each of the applicants after the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Finley motions to take to the Full Board an interview policy involving interviewing vacancy applicants after the Committee of the Whole with representation (not a commissioner) from the board that has the vacancy to attend the interviews. Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Credit Card Limit Increase

The previous three credit cards from Northland Area Federal Credit Union were cancelled due to it not being a business account. The Sheriff's Department received three new cards. However, the credit limit was drastically lower than the previous ones. Scott Frank would like to increase the limits of all three cards to \$5,000.00. Finley motions to take increasing the credit limits on all three credit cards to

\$5,000.00 to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Hire a Full-Time Secondary Road Patrol Deputy

The Secondary Road Patrol Deputy has resigned. S. Frank is in the process of hiring someone. This individual is a certified officer and was a previous employee of the Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer. S. Frank would like to start this individual at the third step in wages, which the POAM union has approved. While the officer would start at the third wage step, his seniority would restart at the beginning. Dutcher motions to move this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Step Adjustments for the Animal Control Officers

The Animal Control Officer/ Corrections Officer position is being hired internally. The hired individual's former position was Corrections Corporal making \$20.40 per hour. The Animal Control Officer position is \$17.34 per hour. S. Frank would like to increase the Animal Control Officer position wages to \$19.89 per hour to match the Corrections Officer position wages.

The full-time Animal Control Officer is no longer working with the Sheriff's Department. An individual took over these responsibilities since October 2, 2022. He has now been hired as the full-time Animal Control Officer. S. Frank would like to bring this individual's seniority back to October 2, 2022. This would not include giving this individual back pay or benefits. Dutcher motions to take both these matters to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Oppose Juvenile Lifer Legislation

The State of Michigan would like to change legislation to have lighter sentences for 19-year-olds who have been found guilty of murder. There are 52 county prosecuting attorneys including Iosco County Prosecuting Attorney, Jim Bacarella, that are against this legislature. Bacarella has wrote the sample resolution. Dutcher motions to take this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Open a Line of Credit at Vinnie's AuSable Hardware Store in Oscoda, Michigan

Matt Snider has requested to open a line of credit at Vinnie's AuSable Hardware Store in Oscoda, Michigan. This is due to Tawas Hardware Store not carrying or willing to order larger items that are needed. This line of credit will be the same amount as Tawas Hardware Store. Finley motions to take opening a line of credit at Vinnie's AuSable Hardware Store in Oscoda, Michigan to the Full Board for consideration and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

- Carruthers-Soboleski has met with the individuals completing the MSU Community Needs Assessment. A written report with gaps in services will be submitted at the end of the assessment. There are already people and organizations reaching out.
- EGLE recycling infrastructure grant will be submitted on Thursday.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved Loeffler, O'Farrell, and Huebel in the amount of \$291,581.31.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 5, 2023