**January 15, 2025**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

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BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Hardy, 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; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz, Senior IT Director; Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; Erik McNichol, County Undersheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Raymond Bruning, II, Chief of Emergency Medical Services; Mike Minger, EMS Captain; April Johnson, County Treasurer; Ericka Earl, County Register of Deeds; Tim Hissong, Press; Cynthia Schwedler, Oscoda resident; Manuela Kress, Develop Iosco representative; Kara Steinke, Catholic Human Services representative

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

**New Business:**

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Opioid Litigation Community Assessment**

**Iosco County has around $600,000.00 in Opioid Litigation Funds. The County contracted with Michigan State University to create a community needs assessment using the Opioid Litigation Funds from the State of Michigan. The assessment found that the major gaps in service are transportation, peer recovery support, transitional housing, and community education. Carruthers-Soboleski would like the commissioners to approve setting up a committee to oversee the RFP process in order to fund organizations that will cover these gaps in service. Finley motions to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Hardy seconds. All ayes; motion carried.**

**Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Letter Thanking State Legislators for Their Actions Regarding the Solar Farm and DNR Issue**

**Loeffler would like to create a letter thanking the State Legislators that represent Iosco County for their actions regarding the issue with solar farming on State land near Gaylord, Michigan. Hardy believes this will reflect negatively on Iosco County and inform clean energy providers that Iosco County is against clean energy. Finley motions to take creating a letter to the Full Board and Loeffler seconds. Ayes: Dutcher, Finley, Loeffler, O'Farrell. Nayes: Hardy. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**None.**

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

- **Housing Commission**
  - **Two energy audits have been completed recently and bid specifications are being developed.**
  - **Carruthers-Soboleski has reviewed the CHILL grant requirements and hopefully applications will be available soon.**
- **Master Plan**
  - **MEDC has approved the grant increase to cover the total bid amount.**
  - **The next step to send Beckett and Raeder's contact to MEDC for their approval.**
- **Recycling**
  - **Carruthers-Soboleski has submitted the Harvest grant work plan from EGLE.**
  - **EGLE has not gotten back regarding the Electronic Waste Grant.**
  - **Carruthers-Soboleski is going to work on guidelines/job description for the full-time Recycling Coordinator position.**
  - **The next Recycling Advisory Board meeting is February 13, 2025.**
- **Miscellaneous**
  - **The new heating unit for the Iosco County Humane Society is being installed today.**

**Any Other Matters:**

**None.**

**Public Comments:**

**Cynthia Schwedler, Oscoda resident – The Committee should not send a letter to the State legislators regarding the solar farm and DNR issue. Debates can be held in a civil manner.**

**Manuela Kress, Develop Iosco representative – DI grant writing can help with untapped resources for gap services in the juvenile courts.**

**Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Dutcher, Finley, and Loeffler in the amount of $72,968.69 for 2024 and $340,783.85 for 2025 for a total amount of $413,752.54.**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully:**

**Kathleen Murphy**
**Board Secretary/Housing Director**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 5, 2025**