September 17, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Raymond Bruning, II, Chief of EMS; Mike Minger, EMS Captain; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; April Johnson, County Treasurer; Jim Bacarella County Prosecuting Attorney; Christopher Martin, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Tim Hissong, Press; David Langley, JDL representative; Jon Langley, JDL representative; Ed Nagy, Tawas City Council Member

Meeting called to order after immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

David Langley, JDL Representative – JDL Transfer Station

Langley reached out to Carruthers-Soboleski to add the proposed JDL Transfer Station to the County Solid Waste Management Plan. The County is moving toward a Materials Management Plan but is still operating under the Solid Waste Management Plan. Langley and Carruthers-Soboleski have been consulting with EGLE and RRS to determine if JDL can operate a transfer station within Iosco County. Since one of the three transfer stations approved in the plan is closed, it was determined that JDL could fill that vacancy with AuSable Township, County Board of Commissioners, and EGLE's approval. AuSable Township has already approved the plans for JDL's transfer station. Dutcher motions to take sending a letter to EGLE stating that Iosco County Board of Commissioners approves JDL's transfer station pending EGLE approval and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – MDOC Parolee Issue

Rob Pallarito, District Director for Senator Michele Hoitenga, has contacted Carruthers-Soboleski to ask if the commissioners, Sheriff, and Prosecuting Attorney would like to sit down with the senator to discuss the parolee issue. The board discussed inviting the senator to a meeting or hosting a town hall. Carruthers-

Soboleski will reach out to Pallarito to see what will work best for Senator Hoitenga and will bring that information back to the board.

Old Business:

None.

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

- **Recycling**
  - **HHW Event**
    - **The event was very successful. The contractor filled a semi and had to bring another truck. 243 people attended the event. The event location was perfect. Thank you to Jay Samuels, Airport Manager.**
  - **E-Waste**
    - **This event will be held on October 4, 2025, at the Whittemore Chamber of Commerce starting at 10:00 a.m. No appointments needed.**
  - **Education Flyer**
    - **A mailer/educational flyer is being mailed to all Iosco County residents to educate the public on recycling. An EGLE grant funded the entire project.**
  - **The concrete pad is done at the Oscoda host site and fencing is complete at the Tawas host site.**
- **The Master Plan survey deadline has been extended to November 15, 2025. There have been 192 responses and 400 are needed.**
- **Carruthers-Soboleski gave a County update at the quarterly meeting at Develop Iosco.**
- **The FY 2026 budget is still being worked on. A draft will be on the website on September 30, 2025.**
- **MI-HOPE Grant**
  - **Most of the projects are moving along. One contractor is in breach of contract and was informed that they needed to complete the work in two weeks. That contractor has since decided to pull out of his contracts and six contracts will have to be reassigned.**

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

<u>Claims and Accounts:</u> Bills reviewed and approved by Hardy, Dutcher, and Finley in the amount of $387,798.20.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 1, 2025