

April 5, 2023

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: Finley.

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; Manuela Kress, Press; Monty Bolis, Camp Grayling Expansion Co-Founder; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Monty Bolis, Camp Grayling Co-Founder/Crawford County Resident – Resolution Opposing Camp Grayling Expansion**

**Currently 57 governing bodies, including 10 counties, have passed resolutions opposing the Camp Grayling Expansion. Director Lott from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is asking for public comments regarding leasing an additional 162,000 acres of State land to Camp Grayling for at least 20 years. Camp Grayling would like to have a weapon testing area testing weapons such as electromagnetic warfare technology. Currently, Camp Grayling is only using a fraction of the land that they have and are experiencing PFAS contamination issues. EGLE has stated that they are not in support of the expansion due to the current PFAS contamination and further PFAS contamination of State land, rivers, and lakes are a real concern. Electromagnetic warfare technology can also cause negative health effects on citizens in the surrounding areas. While Camp Grayling is the largest military training compound in the United States of America, it only trains around 10,000 soldiers. In contrast, Fort Indian Town Gap, one of the smallest military training compounds and the number one ranked training compound five out of seven years, trains 110,000 soldiers. If Camp Grayling expands, this will affect State owned trail systems, rural roads, and have an environmental and health impact on all Michigan citizens. Huebel moves to take this issue for the Full Board for further consideration and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Advertise for Vacancy in the Department of Health and Human Services Board**

Kay Sias has resigned from the Department of Health and Human Services Board. Ms. Sias has served Iosco County for many years and the board would like to honor her for her service to the community. Carruthers-Soboleski would like the board's blessing to advertise for vacancies in committees instead of going to the board to ask every time. The committee would like to make this policy. However, Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary, may advertise for Sias' vacancy. Dutcher moves to take a policy to advertise for vacancies to the Full Board for consideration and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Recycling Special Assessment**

EGLE has a grant, due May 19, 2023, for the infrastructure of a recycling program. Iosco County would like to take advantage of this grant. However, the first step that EGLE would like to see in place is how the county will continue to fund the recycling program. Carruthers-Soboleski would like implement Act 138. This will authorize Iosco County to collect up to \$25.00 per household per year. Individual municipalities will decide if they would like to participate. Dutcher motions to move this to the Full Board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

**EMS Operations Report: Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Operations Manager**

**Training:**

- Rick Holland trained and recertified several providers in Trauma and Pediatrics.
- Lucas Device training at Plainfield Township Fire Department.
- EMT Class paperwork was approved and the state will inspect the facilities on April 10, 2023. If there are not issues, the first class will begin on April 19, 2023. There are already 11 people signed up.

**Employee Report:**

- One Full-Time Paramedic resigned. However, there is a Part-Time Paramedic interested in the now open position.
- There are four new Full-Time EMTs.
- There are an average of four trucks on the roads of Iosco County per day.
- 39 Total Employees
  - 15 Full-Time EMT's
  - 12 Part-Time EMT's
  - 6 Full-Time Paramedics

- 6 Part-Time Paramedics

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

- Planning Commission workshop session today at 2:00 p.m.
- Housing Commission received the MI-Hope Phase II Grant for \$500,000.00. Applications will be available starting July 1, 2023.
- The first Child Care Coalition Grant meeting. The goal is to find barriers to opening facilities and expanding existing facilities.
- The County Audit will start next week and will be in the building for at least two weeks.
- Carruthers-Soboleski will speak with MSU next week regarding the Community Needs Assessment for Opioid for Iosco County.

**Any Other Matters:**

Huebel – Camp Grayling Experience

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Claims and Accounts:** Bills reviewed and approved Dutcher, Loeffler, and O'Farrell in the amount of \$303,095.42.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy  
Board Secretary/Housing Director

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 19, 2023**