

May 1, 2024

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: Huebel.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer; Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz, County Senior IT Director; Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Tim Hissong, Press

Meeting called to order immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz, Senior IT Director – Change Domain to .gov

Iosco County currently utilizes .org and .net for its website and email domains. Domains like .org, .net, and .com are open for anyone to register for a fee. The .gov domain is only authorized for government agencies after a verification process from the individual and government agency. The .gov domain is free and needs to be verified yearly. Dutcher motions to take starting the process to change the domain to .gov to the full board and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Iosco County Airport Authority Board Per Diems and Mileage

The positions on the Iosco County Airport Authority Board are voluntary. Carruthers-Soboleski would like for the Committee of the Whole to discuss whether they would like to pay the members, with the exception of the Planning Commission member as they are paid mileage and per diems through the Planning Commission funds. The Authority Board meets quarterly and has eight members. As no County Airport in the State of Michigan is self-sufficient, the mileage and/or per diems would eventually be paid out of the General Fund. Dutcher motions to pay the mileage and per diems of the members of the Iosco County Airport Authority Board members, with the exception of the individual representing the Planning Commission, to the full board and Finley seconds. Loeffler abstains. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Freedom to Homeschool

Tabled indefinitely.

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Lease Agreement Between Iosco County and DHD#2

This lease is a two-year lease between Iosco County and DHD#2. The cost will remain the same until next year. The utilities are included in the rent payment. Finley motions to take this lease to the full board and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Terry Dutcher, District 3 Commissioner – Appointment to be Develop Iosco President

Gloria Brooks, Develop Iosco President, is retiring at the end of the year. Dutcher was approached to become the next President of Develop Iosco. He would like per diems and mileage to be paid by Iosco County for his duties if he is appointed to be Develop Iosco President. N. Huebel asked about conflict of interest as Iosco County pays dues to Develop Iosco. Carruthers-Soboleski will have the County attorney or the Michigan Association of Counties to look into this matter. Brooks will get the Develop Iosco President responsibilities to Dutcher. This matter is tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

None.

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

- **Roof**
 - The Pre-Construction meeting was yesterday. The project has a tentative start date of May 28th and will last approximately two weeks. Carruthers-Soboleski asks all employees for their patience with the construction noise.
- **Recycling Advisory Committee**
 - Carruthers-Soboleski and the members of the Recycling Advisory Committee will attend the meetings of the 14 municipalities. Carruthers-Soboleski attended the City of East Tawas' meeting held on April 29th.
 - The State of Michigan has mandated that the county has at least three drop sites.
- **ARP Funds**
 - The County has obligated \$4.2 million and spent \$3.5 million. This leaves approximately \$628,000.00 that needs to be at least obligated by the end of 2024.

- Carruthers-Soboleski would like to work with Matt Snider to get quotes for new flooring throughout the building, which was last replaced between the 1980s and 1990s.
- The Jail plumbing needs to be replaced and the Annex Building's subflooring may be separating.
- Carruthers-Soboleski will come back to the Committee of the Whole with quotes for all three projects.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved with any exceptions noted by Finley, Loeffler, and Dutcher in the amount of \$153,280.76.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR May 15, 2024