

May 15, 2024

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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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; Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer; Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; D/LT. John Richards, STING Unit Commander; Tim Hissong, Press

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Submit MCOLES Grant to Hire a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff**

**There is currently a full-time position open in the Sheriff's Department. S. Frank would like to hire an employee that has been with the Sheriff's Department for at least 10 years and have them take classes at the Police Academy to become a Road Patrol Deputy. Once S. Frank submits the MCOLES Grant, after approval from the Full Board, the academy's cost will be covered 100% by the grant. Finley motions to take hiring a full-time Deputy Sheriff and submitting the MCOLES Grant to cover academy costs to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **D/LT. John Richards, STING Unit Commander – STING Annual Report and Appropriation Request**

**STING is a multi-jurisdictional organization that covers six counties, including Iosco County. They assist with surveillance and arrests, security, conducting high-risk entry warrants. STING requests a \$36,241.80 appropriation to continue to operate. Finley motions to take the appropriation to be charged to the American Rescue Plan Funds to the Full Board and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.**

#### **Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Purchase 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe 4wd Police Package and Camera System**

Once the Sheriff's Department has hired a full-time Deputy Sheriff, the new officer will need a vehicle. S. Frank would like permission to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe 4wd Police Package from Berger Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$52,369.00 and a Watchguard camera system from the Oscoda Township Police Department in the amount of \$3,300.00. Finley motions to take these purchases to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

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

- The Jail water heater had to be replaced over the weekend. The cost was over \$5,000.00 but could not wait for board approval. The cost was taken out of the General Fund, Capital Outlay.
- The Housing Commission is receiving Energy Audits and a meeting with MSHDA has been scheduled to review them and to go over the next steps in the process.
- The County Building/Sheriff's Department roof project is scheduled to begin on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Any Other Matters:**

Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer – Will retire on December 31<sup>st</sup> after working for the county for 29 years.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Claims and Accounts:** Bills reviewed and approved with any exceptions noted by Dutcher, O'Farrell, and Finley in the amount of \$585,792.92.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy  
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 5, 2024