

July 19, 2023

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: Dutcher.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Erika Earl, Register of Deeds; Casey Young, Press; Kristie Nelson, Press; Mike Frank, Veterans' Affairs Board representative

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

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Extend Services for DCS Technology Design

The previous contract with DCS Technology Design has ended. This organization successfully assisted Iosco County with securing the ROBIN Grant worth 15 million dollars. Carruthers-Soboleski would like to extend the contract for another six months for a total cost of \$54,000.00 to be charged to the American Rescue Plan Funds. DCS Technology Design will then be able to work on the BEAD Grant to bring more funds into Iosco County to help bring broadband internet to unserved or underserved areas. Finley motions to move this to the Full Board and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Opposition to House Bills 4479-4480 and Senate Bills 299-300

These bills will make it mandatory to inspect and report septic tanks/fields every five years. This would cost the county money and place a large burden on the District Health Department #2. O'Farrell informed the board that legislation may try to change their bills to have the septic tank/fields inspected every time a property is sold. Finley motions to take this issue to the Full Board and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer – Sign for the New Veterans' Building

Whitney would like a purchase a sign in order make the new building visible. He received two quotes and has talked with the City of Tawas City to make sure the sign will meet zoning ordinances. The City of Tawas City official is preparing the necessary permits. O'Farrell suggested that Whitney talk with Bruce Bolen from the Road Commission to see if the sign would be in compliance with MDOT. Finley makes a motion to take the quote from Signs by Crannie, Inc. in the amount of \$32,871.60 to be charged to the Veterans' Millage Fund to the Full Board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Hire a Second Part-Time Security Officer

There is currently one part-time security officer that works three days a week and licensed deputies fill in when he is not working. S. Frank would like to have a back up part-time security officer. This will allow licensed deputies to be on patrol or taking complaints. S. Frank would like to hire an individual for two days a week at \$17.34 per hour to be charged to the General Fund County Building Security Department Fund. Finley motions to take hiring a second part-time security officer to the Full Board and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

- Russo will have the bid specifications for the County Building roof repair ready in two weeks.
- Carruthers-Soboleski and Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director, went to the check presentation held by MSHDA awarding Iosco County \$500,000.00 in MI-HOPE Grant funds.
 - The county has not been given notice to proceed to start using these funds.
 - As of yesterday, there were 15 applications requesting funds from Iosco County.
- Carruthers-Soboleski will be presenting a resolution next meeting asking to apply for Phase 4 of the MI-HOPE Grant.
- There were only two corrective actions on the audit.
 - A presentation will be given to the commissioners when both audits are completed.
- 5 of the 6 unions are open for negotiations.

Any Other Matters:

Tim Smith, Attorney – Update on the Opioid and PFAS litigations. Request closed session on August 2nd.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Loeffler, O'Farrell, and Finley in the amount of \$252,069024.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR August 2, 2023