

October 4, 2023

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Tim Hissong, Press

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

New Business:

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Renew ServiceMaster Contract

The contract renewal is the same rate as last year. This is paid through the ARP Funds. Dutcher motions to move this to the full board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer – Hire a Part-Time Veterans' Service Officer

The FY 2024 Veterans Grant has funds available to hire a part-time Veterans' Service Officer at \$17.00 for 21 hours per week. The Veterans' Board will interview and hire the individual. Dutcher motions to move this to the full board and Huebel seconds. All ayes; motions carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – MAC Director's Per Diems

O'Farrell is currently a Director with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). MAC will pay for his mileage. They will not pay for a per diem. Carruthers-Soboleski would like the board to consider paying MAC per diems following the previously approved per diem policy retroactive to Friday, September 29, 2023. Dutcher motions to take this to the full board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes with O'Farrell abstaining. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

- **Matt Snider is currently replacing all the florescent lights with LED lights starting with the Annex Building. He is still working on the mechanical system. Snider, Mike Russo, and Carruthers-Soboleski will have a meeting.**
- **Iosco County was awarded an additional \$500,000.00 through MSHDA's MI-HOPE Phase IV grant. This grant was based on the number of applicants in the portal.**
 - **25% of Phase II grant monies will need to be obligated by March 2024.**
 - **The Housing Commission will have a work session on October 17, 2023.**
 - **There is a problem in reaching and receiving interested contractors to work on MI-HOPE projects. Carruthers-Soboleski has tried many different avenues in hopes to spark interest.**
- **A Recycling Advisory Committee is in the process of forming. This is required by law if the county wants to levy funds for recycling.**
 - **There will be 7 to 11 members on the committee.**
 - **Dutcher may be interested in siting on the Recycling Advisory Committee.**

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Loeffler, O'Farrell, and Huebel in the amount of \$131,144.79.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 18, 2023