

October 18, 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; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Tim Hissong, Press

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

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Handicap Accessible Door for the County Building

Carruthers-Soboleski would like to start exploring options on having a handicap accessible door with a button to push to get into the County Building. Currently, those that need a handicap accessible door have to rely on the security officers or themselves to get into the building. Nancy Huebel, County Clerk, would like to have one for the employee entrance as well. Carruthers-Soboleski will bring quotes for the Committee of the Whole at a later date.

Old Business:

None.

EMS Operations Report: Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager

- **Equipment and Fleet Report**
 - The new monitors were delivered and training on how to use them properly starts next week. They will be deployed in November.
 - Bruning II is talking with Dean Arbor Ford to take over the ambulance maintenance. Mercy Sales of Saginaw will no longer be servicing outside agencies vehicles.
 - One of the ambulances hit a parked car while pulling into a gas station. Everyone is okay and there was only minor damage to the car.

- **Training Report**
 - Pediatric Emergencies for the Prehospital Provider class was completed successfully.
 - There are three employees in an IC class working towards certification. They will be able to help Bruning II with future classes that EMS will provide.
 - The EV fires training is tonight.
 - Bruning II has been talking with Ascension Genesys regarding an opportunity to make the Iosco County EMS classroom a satellite location for one of their upcoming paramedic courses.
- **Community Events**
 - IRESA students came and toured Station 1 and Central Dispatch. A few of the students are hoping to do some ride a-longs.
- **Employee Report**
 - There is a total of 41 employees. Paramedics are still short staffed.
 - Some of the EMT Academy graduating students are now employees of Iosco County EMS.
 - There are usually 4-5 ambulances on the road at all times.

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

- **Housing Commission**
 - Iosco County was approved to apply for the CHILL Grant, which is due November 13th.
 - There is a Work Session with the Housing Commission on October 17th to go over the MI-HOPE project guidelines. We are hoping to get started with grant projects soon.
 - There are over 50 applications in the MI-HOPE application portal.
 - One hurdle that we are facing is getting contractors interested in being pre-approved to work on the projects.
 - Carruthers-Soboleski is now cold calling companies due to lack of interest.
- **Recycling**
 - Plainfield Township and Oscoda schools will be the hosts of future recycling sites. Host site agreements are in the works.
 - Carruthers-Soboleski and RRS are working on a host site in Tawas City or East Tawas.
 - Letters of Interest for sitting on the Recycling Advisory Committee will be brought to the next meeting.
- **Mechanical**
 - The chiller has been returned.
 - Matt Snider is still working on the generator for the jail and the heating and cooling specifications for winter.
 - Snider and Carruthers-Soboleski are in negotiations for contractual services for 2024.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Dutcher, Finley, and Loeffler in the amount of \$297,984.51.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR November 1, 2023