

# Iosco County Board of Commissioners

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

December 15, 2021

COURT HOUSE  
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: None.

Absent: None.

Vacant: None

Also Present: Nancy J. Huebel, County Clerk/Co-County Administrator; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Financial Director; Scott Kiernicki, EMS Director; Chuck Allen, Undersheriff; Mike Eller, 911 Director; Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer; Brian Golden, Captain; Raymond Bruning, EMS

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

### New Business:

#### Scott Kiernicki, EMS Director – Monthly Report

#### **Information Only**

#### Brian Harrison, Executive Director of Therapy Services for AdvisaCare Companies Inc. – Support to Amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act

They do not want to repeal the Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019. The goal is to develop a bill draft fee schedule with a narrow and sustainable cap reimbursement rate to be paid to home health care workers. O'Farrell asks if B. Harrison has taken this proposal to M.A.C. It has not. T. Dutcher recommends the company follow the law and charge as much as they can for their services.

#### Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Non-Union Employees Carryover Sick and Vacation Days

Currently, we have a use it or lose it system regarding sick and vacation days. These days will not be paid out to the employee if they are not used or if the employee retires. J. Carruthers-Soboleski would like five sick days and five vacation days to carryover to the next year if the employee does not use them. This will help with those that would have to quarantine in the event that an employee contracts COVID-19. Dutcher motions to take this to the full board and Finley supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Chuck Allen, Undersheriff – Hire 3 Part-Time Employees to Handle Grant Processes for Snowmobile, ORV, and Marine Grants and Operation Stonegarden**

C. Allen is proactively asking for the boards permission to hire three part-time employees if he needs them throughout the year of 2022. Dutcher motions to take this to the full board and Finley supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Michigan Zoning Enabling Act – Temporarily Waiving Rights**

Townships have to send in zoning plans and ordinances to the Iosco County Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission has 30 days to respond to these plans. However, Iosco County does not currently have a Planning Commission to respond to the townships' plans. The townships would like a formal resolution for Iosco County to temporarily waive the rights to review zoning plans and ordinances until the time that the Planning Commission meets quorum. J. Carruthers-Soboleski will send this matter to Iosco County's attorney to make sure that this is just a temporary waiving of rights. Huebel motions to take this to the full board and Dutcher supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Program**

This is a resolution that has passed through M.A.C. and they sent a sample to Iosco County. This is asking the state of Michigan to match a county's American Rescue Plan Fund. Finley moves to take this to the full board and Dutcher supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Brian Golden, Captain – Livescan Fingerprinting and Mugshot Equipment Upgrades**

The Sheriff's Department's current equipment is from 2009 and is no longer able to capture identifying marks on file and the camera is not functioning as it should. The total cost of DataWorks Plus equipment is \$15,481.25, which will be charged to the Jail Commissary Fund line item 595-595-770. B. Golden has applied for a R.A.P Grant through M.M.R.M.A, which, if received, will reimburse Iosco County \$8,000 of the equipment costs. Finley moves to take this to the full board and Miner supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

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

1. Eric Strayer, Zoning Administrator for AuSable Township, contacted J. Carruthers-Soboleski regarding Brian Hager's request to be a transfer site

- through Iosco County. E. Strayer would like to inform the county that B. Hager is not compliant to AuSable Township's site plan and is not in compliance with the courts. B. Hager has more work to do to gain the blessing of AuSable Township if he would still like to ask Iosco County to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan in order to become a transfer site.
2. Tawas and Burleigh Townships have approved the Iosco County Airport appropriation monies.

**Any Other Matters:** None.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Claims and Accounts:** Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Huebel, and Dutcher.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board of Commissioners Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 5, 2022