Iosco County
Board of Commissioners

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

February 2, 2022

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; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Raymond Bruning, EMS Operations Manager; Jason Ogden, Oscoda Press; Chuck Allen, Undersheriff; Mark Ferguson, Commercial Risk Management Specialist with TCA; Cliff Miller, President of TCA; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Sheri Williams, Humane Society Representative

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

New Business:

Mark Ferguson, Tri-County Agency Inc. – Project Update

Tri-County is rebranding their name to TCA Insurance and is hosting events for the community. March 1, 2022 will be an event for landowners, farmers, etc. to learn how to better utilize the land in an environmentally friendly way. TCA Insurance is partnering with EGLE for the next event in late March. This will be a tire recycling event, which TCA Insurance hopes to be an annual event. There will be a nominal tire fee between $1 to $15 per tire.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Humane Society Repave Parking Lot

Iosco County owns the Humane Society building. The paking lot needs to be repaved because it is a safety issue. People fall in the winter and it is hard to plow because of the potholes. The Humane Society is asking for funds to just pave the main parking lot as the drive was repaved previously and is still in good condition. Two quotes were received for this project and ARP funds may be used. The Commissioners are going out to inspect the parking lot and will bring information back to the next meeting.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Humane Society Guillotine Door Repairs and Upgrades

This is a safety issue for workers and for the animals in the building. Kids can reach through the doors and dogs have fought because the doors cannot be closed properly. ARP funds may be used. Commissioners are going out to inspect the guillotine doors and will bring information back to the next meeting.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Mechanical Assessment/Plan Quotes for the County Building

The situation in the County Building is that the heat is not working properly. ATI Group is being called three to four times a week to come and look at issues. Certain areas in the building are holding heat at around 50 degrees Fahrenheit and there are six actuators on order. ATI Group has told Iosco County that the boiler, which was replaced in 2008, is not the problem. The problem is the pipes and wall units. Jamie will be looking at getting a mechanical assessment/plan quotes from ATI Group and another company to see the longevity of the system and what needs to be replaced now and in the coming years.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Waiving GIS Fees for Public Interest

Sarah Payton from Preston Company reached out and asked if Iosco County would like to waive GIS fees for governmental entities including public universities. Currently MSU Forestry Department would like to study how Iosco County residents are using forests and a Professor at Western would like to study the coastal regions of Iosco County. Finley motions to waive GIS fees for public interest groups and Miner seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Appointment of Scott Wesley and Karen Rogalski to the Planning Commission

Dutcher moves to take the appointments of Wesley and Rogalski to the Full Board for approval and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Appointment of Tyler Leslie to the Housing Commission

Dutcher moves to take the appointment of Leslie to the Full Board for approval and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

Housing Commission - Carruthers-Soboleski received a request from MEDC, the entity that took over MSHDA, to look at projects associated with 2016 grant program monies and how it has been spent. Iosco County may owe some money back from the Housing Commission.

Register of Deeds/Equalization – Carruthers-Soboleski, Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds; and Cathy Anderson; Treasurer; met with Preston Services regarding how legal descriptions should be handled by the Equalization department. Preston Services requested that the Iosco County employee in Equalization has her hours increase because she cannot complete her job within the time frame that she is currently in. Pam in the Treasury Department was doing legal descriptions until she retired because of the staff shortage. The legal descriptions are now being sent to Preston Services to complete. Iosco County would like these to be done by our employee and Preston Services is willing to provide training.

EMS – Carruthers-Soboleski has submitted a grant for EMS training. This grant, if awarded, will allow 3 EMTS to go to a paramedic's class and will allow an EMT class for 10 individuals.

Audit – The auditors are coming at the end of March and Carruthers-Soboleski is starting to prepare.

Any Other Matters:

Miner – Tawas Township – M-55 at night is dangerous and deadly. More street lights need to be put up to make it safer for the public. Sheri Williams informed Miner that he should start with the Tawas Area School Board because they lease the lights.

Public Comments:

C. Anderson – Jamie has been here for five months. It has been amazing and one of the best things that the board did. N. Huebel seconds.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Huebel, Dutcher, and Finley.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board of Commissioners Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 16, 2022