

Iosco County Board of Commissioners

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

July 6, 2022

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH
ZOOM

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

Absent: Huebel.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy J. Huebel, County Clerk/Co-County Administrator; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Financial Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Jason Ogden, Press; Cathy Anderson, Treasurer

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

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Humane Society Clear Brush and Trees for the Dog Run

Iosco County owns the property that the Humane Society is using and they would like to ensure that it is okay for them to clear brush and some trees in order to construct the dog run. Dutcher motions to place this on the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager – Write-Off Request

While the Board of Commissioners approved a Write-Off Policy, this request is a unique situation that is not covered. The hospital called for a transfer to Saginaw. The patient being transferred tested positive for COVID. The hospital in Saginaw denied the patient and the ambulance had to take them back to St. Josephs. The patient did test negative for COVID the next day. EMS billing billed St. Josephs Hospital for the transport and the hospital is asking for a write-off. Dutcher moves to take the write-off request to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Controller – Laptop Purchases

This new equipment will allow employees to work from home. This is for Department Heads and their Deputies. Ten Mobile Precision 7770 laptops from Dell Technologies will be purchased in the amount of \$29,534.60 and two will go to the Clerk's office, two to the Trial Court/Friend of the Court, two will go to the Prosecutor's office, two will go to the Register of Deeds, one will go to the Treasurer's office, and one will go to the Board Secretary. Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff, is asking for three new laptops that are specific to law enforcement and will be compatible with the stands that are in the law enforcement vehicles. These are water resistant, lockable, and heavy duty. Frank asks that these laptops be purchased from Tough Rugged Laptops in the amount of \$9,722.94. The combined total off the laptops will be \$39,257.54 to be charged to the American Rescue Plan Fund. Dutcher moves to take the purchase of ten Mobile Precision 7770 laptops and three Tough Rugged Laptops to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Appoint Terry Dutcher to the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board as an Alternate

Commissioner Dutcher has asked to be placed as an alternate for the Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board and the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Local Development Finance Authority Board. Currently the alternate is Commissioner James Miner. However, Dutcher serves the district that the airport is located in. Finley moves to take the appointments to the Full Board for consideration and Miner seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

Operating Millage – The Open House meeting can now be viewed on the website. Jim Bacarella, Iosco County Prosecutor, Frank, and Carruthers-Soboleski will be doing a radio interview with WKJC on July 7, 2022 regarding the Operating Millage.

Website Design – Department heads need to decide on what they would like to see on their website page by the end of July.

Projects – Carruthers-Soboleski thanks Frank and Nancy Huebel, Iosco County Clerk, for coordinating the parking lot project while she focused on the Audit.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Miner, O'Farrell, and Dutcher in the amount of \$174,337.97.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board of Commissioners Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR July 20, 2022