

Iosco County Board of Commissioners

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

March 16, 2022

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: None.

Absent: Dutcher.

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; Jason Ogden, Oscoda Press; Scott Frank, Sheriff; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer

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

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Letter of Support Opposing Current State Legislation to Change the CMHA

Currently the county controls and is monetarily responsible for mental health in the Iosco County community. If current state legislation passes to change the CMHA this will lead to the privatization of the system. There are currently six representatives from Iosco County that sit on the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board which helps oversee offices and assisted living houses in Oscoda, Iosco, and Ogemaw Counties. The mental health code will change with new legislation and mental health will be overseen by individuals outside of the county. This will have a negative impact on mental health in Iosco County. O'Farrell motions to move the letter of support opposing current state legislation to change the CMHA to the full board for consideration and Miner agrees. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

The Full Board has already approved repaving the parking lot of the Iosco County Humane Society. The Committee of the Whole asked for a bid on repaving the driveway. Finley motions to take Bolen Asphalt Paving Inc.'s bid of \$15,792.00 to be charged to the American Rescue Plan Funds to the full board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – AceTech Vehicle Intelligence Software

AceTech is currently in three of the already purchased EMS vehicles and EMS would like to lease this software for the other seven vehicles. EMS vehicles usually have a five-year longevity. If Iosco County were to purchase the AceTech vehicle intelligence software it will take five years to recapture the cost compared to leasing. This technology helps EMTs and paramedics drive appropriately and points are incurred for unsafe driving habits, which is then reviewed by the Operations Manager. Finley moves to take leasing AceTech vehicle intelligence software totaling \$559.93 per month for seven EMS vehicles to the full board for consideration. Miner seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

Recycling- Carruthers-Soboleski met with the superintendent from Oscoda schools and Oscoda township officials to discuss the possibility of Iosco County implementing a recycling program. EGLE would like a long-term plan from the county if the county decides to implement a recycling program. Carruthers-Soboleski thinks more research is needed to make a decision and will be meeting with officials from Alpena County on April 12, 2022. Carruthers-Soboleski would like the board members to see if their constituents are interested in Iosco County starting a recycling program.

Audit – The audit starts next week on March 21, 2022.

Parks and Recreation – The Parks and Recreation plan is expiring this year and needs to be updated. The Parks and Recreation committee members need direction on how to spend millage funds and a new plan will be beneficial in that regard. The committee will be looking at bids to get the plan updated and will bring it to the Committee of the Whole for consideration once all the bids are in.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

Jason Ogden, Oscoda Press – Van Etten Park needs some work – Thank you for passing the mental health resolution to go to the full board.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Finley, Miner, and O'Farrell in the amount of \$205,322.40.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board of Commissioners Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 6, 2022