

Iosco County Board of Commissioners

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

May 18, 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; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Chuck Allen, Undersheriff; Jason Ogden, Press; Cathy Anderson, Treasurer; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Sean Bowers, Emergency Management Coordinator; Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds

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

New Business:

Ericka Earl, Register of Deeds – Support Opposing House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732

Zillow is trying to receive information from the Register of Deeds' and Treasurers' offices from all of Michigan's 83 counties for free or a nominal fee. State statute is that the Treasurer and Register of Deeds charge \$1.00 per page for copies of any information that is given to any resident or company. However, Zillow is trying to make themselves an exception to Michigan statute. These House Bills have already passed the House and are now in the Senate. If these bills pass, it will be a huge revenue loss and other companies will try to pass bills making themselves exceptions to the state statute. Iosco County Register of Deeds estimates an approximate \$38,000 loss of revenue that will have to be passed on to the taxpayers if the bills pass. While the Register of Deeds and Treasurer Departments will lose funds, Zillow will make a profit from selling this information to consumers. Earl would like the board to make a resolution to send to Iosco County Senate representatives and the governor opposing House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732. Dutcher motions to take this to the Full Board and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine – Several agencies including but not limited to: the prosecutor, Michigan State Police, Department of Natural Resources, Oscoda Township and Tawas City Police Departments met and recommended that Iosco County does not accept the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine's (MIFSM) proposal for Medical Examiner services. The Iosco County Clerk, Nancy Huebel, reached out to other clerks in Michigan and most do not recommend MIFSM.

Parks and Recreation Commission – The Parks and Recreation Commission's millage expires in 2022. However, their board has voted not to put another millage on the ballot at this time.

Register of Deeds – A part-time employee has put in her two-weeks' notice. After only being here for three months, she is leaving for a better paying job.

Broad Band – Develop Iosco and Carruthers-Soboleski are putting together an RFP and are working with Tom Stephenson.

NetSource One – IT overhaul – Some equipment is still on back order but work will start soon.

Operating Millage – Carruthers-Soboleski will be meeting with employees to discuss the Operating Millage. She will also be meeting with the townships and cities to discuss the Operating Millage. Carruthers-Soboleski has already scheduled seven meetings.

American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee – There are no meetings scheduled. It was decided to wait until more of the bids were submitted to Iosco County to hold a meeting. Carruthers-Soboleski will ask Juli Montgomery, IT Director, to update the website regarding ARP balance. There is significantly more than \$700,000 remaining in the fund.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

Jason Ogden, Press – Has support opposing House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732 passed in other counties?

Jim Mortimer, Plainfield Township Resident – Misspoke on ARP funds. There is approximately \$2.8 million remaining.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Huebel and Dutcher in the amount of \$238,769.90.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board of Commissioners Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 1, 2022