

September 21, 2022

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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### BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: None.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy J. Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant County Administrator; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Financial Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Jason Ogden, Press; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Robert Leslie, Resident of Whittemore City

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

### New Business:

#### Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Road Commission Discussion

Iosco County Board of Commissioners can increase the number of Road Commissioners from three to five if a public hearing is held. However, a policy cannot be made to have the Road Commissioners come from the separate districts. The board can appoint individuals from each of the five districts but future boards do not have to follow this. The Road Commissioners can be elected by the general public according to the election calendar. This cannot be by districts. Another option is that the county can take over the Road Commission's responsibilities by disbanding the Road Commission. Carruthers-Soboleski does not recommend this. Bruce Bolen, Road Commission Manager, says that the current system is working well. The salaries and per diems are directed by the Board of Commissioners. The salary is \$450.00 per month and the per diems are \$80.00. There are no benefits. Dutcher moves to place an ad in the newspaper looking for applicants for the expiring term to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried. Miner motions holding a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2022 at 9:45 am to move the number of Road Commissioners from three to five to the Full Board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Apply for USDA-RD Grant and Sell 2013 Ford Explorer

The Sheriff's Department has applied for the USDA-RD Grant in the past to purchase a vehicle and they are qualified to apply for this grant again. Frank requests authorization to apply for the USDA-RD Grant to purchase a new patrol vehicle and to sell the 2013 Ford Explorer to help finance the purchase. Finley moves to take applying for the USDA-RD Grant and the sale of the 2013 Ford Explorer to the Full Board and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Combine the Open Part-Time Animal Control Officer and the Open Part-Time Corrections Officer Positions into One Position and Hire an Officer**

Iosco County residents have approved the Animal Control Millage, which allows the Sheriff's Department to hire a part-time Animal Control Officer. There has been an open part-time position for a Corrections Officer that has not been filled since March 2021. This position was posted for 24 hours per week. Frank asks the Board of Commissioners to combine these two part-time positions. This officer would work 28 hours per week as an Animal Control Officer with wages to be taken from the Animal Control Millage and an additional 12 hours per week as a Corrections Officer with wages and benefits to be taken from the Jail Budget Line Item #101-351. Dutcher motions to take this combined position to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

**EMS Report: Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager**

**Total Call Volume: 506**

**Equipment and Fleet Report**

The #69 ambulance is in Saginaw having its equipment moved to the new #78 ambulance, which should be in the county by next month. There have been no accidents. The Durango ALS unit is working very well and response times are improving.

**Training Report**

Crews are being proactive in their continuing education by asking for certain training sessions. Bruning II is hoping to have an EMT class started in January to train interested high schoolers that are about to graduate. Some individuals have reached out to be trained and Bruning II is sending them to Ogemaw County because their EMT classes have already started.

**Employee Report**

Iosco County is competitive to the surrounding areas with our wages. Last month, Iosco County EMS had 30 employees and Bruning II has hired 4 part-time employees last week. There are currently 34 total employees with 11 Full Time and 12 Part Time EMTs and 5 Full Time and 6 Part Time Paramedics. Bruning II has received an application for a paramedic and is scheduling an interview.

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

NEMCSA

NEMCSA has donated 15 more chairs and 3 more desks. Thank you.

Broadband

The consultant that was hired using American Rescue Plan Funds is already fast at work. They have talked to several providers, received our GIS mapping from Equalization, and will attend the Develop Iosco meeting tomorrow.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Miner, O'Farrell, and Huebel in the amount of \$254,772.83.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 5, 2022