April 15, 2026

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Board – In Person With Public Participation Available Through Zoom

Commissioners Present: Hardy, Dutcher, Finley, Loeffler, and O'Farrell.

Absent: None.
Vacant: None.

Also Present: **Nancy Huebel**, County Clerk; **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski**, County Controller /Finance Director; **Scott Frank**, County Sheriff; **Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz**, Senior IT Director; **Carla Grezeszak**, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; **Christopher Martin**, County Emergency Management Coordinator; **Raymond Bruning, II**, EMS Chief; **April Johnson**, County Treasurer; **Tim Hissong**, Press; **Mark Ferguson**, NMCAC Representative; **Liam Strauer**, Iosco Transit Corporation General Manager

Meeting called to order immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Animal Control Millage

This is a true renewal and there will be no increases. Due to the Headlee Rollback the millage will be 0.1478. If the millage passes, the funds will be utilized to pay for a full-time and part-time Animal Control Officers and approximately 18% of the millage will go to the Iosco County Humane Society in accordance with the Service Agreement. The Humane Society board agreed with the renewal. Dutcher motions to take the Animal Control Millage to the Full Board for consideration and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liam Strauer, Iosco Transit Corporation General Manager – ITC Millage Renewal and Increase

The millage will be increased by 0.3 mills to cover a gap in funding, continue current services, and expand services in the western part of

the county. There was an appointment to the Board of Directors at their last meeting and there still is one vacancy. Loeffler motions to take this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Michael Eller, Director of Emergency Services – 911 Services Millage Renewal

This is a true renewal and no increases to the millage will occur. Finley motions to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Law Enforcement Services between Iosco County and the Township of Grant

This is an agreement that Grant Township and the Sheriff's Department has had for the last three years. Dutcher motions to take this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Service Agreement and Millage Language for the NMCAC

The Service Agreement was created by Carruthers-Soboleski and the County attorney. Once complete, the agreement was sent to Rebecca Yuncker, Northern Michigan Child Assessment Center Executive Director, for her review.

The ballot language was revised to include the tax increment finance authorities. Hardy motions to take the millage language to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Audit is currently happening.
- CHILL Grant
    - The deadline for the grant is May 31, 2026. One homeowner dropped out of the program and another was pulled out to use defederalized funds for his roofing project before the roof collapsed. These two projects resulted in

funds not being utilized. MSHDA requested that Iosco County request a grant extension to August 2026. This will allow the County to accept two additional applicants.

- Boat Shrink Wrap
    - This program is underway. Individuals can purchase bags for $5.00 at the County Treasurer's office, Tawas Hardware, Rogers in Hale, and Rogers in Oscoda. All zippers and adhesive have to be removed from the shrink wrap. Bags can be dropped off at near the library in Plainfield Township, and the recycling drop sites located at Tawas Bay Ice Arena, Whittemore Chamber of Commerce, and the Oscoda High School Athletic Complex.
- Carruthers-Soboleski will be attending the next meeting via Zoom as she will be on vacation.

Public Comments:

None.

Any Other Matters:

O'Farrell – MAC Legislative Conference in Lansing – The meeting is next week. Will speak on the storm damage and make sure that Iosco County receives all the support it can get.

Dutcher – Older Michigander Day – May 13, 2026.

Adjournment

Dutcher motions to adjourn and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. until May 6, 2026.

Respectfully:

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR May 6, 2026