

April 19, 2023

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: Huebel.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff;; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director; Manuela Kress, Press; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Gloria Brooks, Develop Iosco President; Chris Martin, Baldwin Township Supervisor

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Chris Martin, Develop Iosco Membership Committee Chairperson – Develop Iosco Membership Agreement**

**Develop Iosco is asking various organizations and all the municipalities for membership fees. This will help Develop Iosco to receive funds to continue their work across Iosco County and hire an individual to a paid position. If Develop Iosco continues to rely solely on volunteers, the organization will not be able to move forward as quickly as they would like. The proposed Membership Agreement between Develop Iosco and Iosco County is a contract providing services to all residents of the county. The agreement would expire after two years with an annual cost of \$25,175.00. Develop Iosco is requesting a total amount of \$50,350 from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Finley motions to take the Membership Agreement to the Full Board and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Iosco County Airport Representative Discussion**

**The current Airport Advisory Board requires a member of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to serve on the board. However, the Parks and Recreation member has resigned from both positions. The Airport Advisory Board would like to have an interested member from the public to replace the representative from Parks and Recreation. The Airport Advisory Board and required members were created by a resolution in 1986. This resolution will need to**

be amended. Loeffler moves to take this matter to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Detective Lieutenant Matthew Jordan, STING Representative – STING 2022 Annual Activity Report and Funding**

STING currently covers six counties. According to findings, the number one problem is crystal meth. STING has seized \$331,000.00 in narcotics and 51 firearms throughout the six counties. STING has had 149 new cases that they worked and executed 28 search warrants. In Iosco County alone, STING made 19 felony arrests with 34 counts. Iosco County had stopped contributing financially to STING in 2020 due to budget cuts. Detective Lieutenant Jordan requests funding in the amount of \$36,241.80 from the American Rescue Plan Funds. However, STING would appreciate any amount that is given. Finley motions for this to be on the Committee of the Whole agenda on May 3, 2023 for further discussion and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Sell Iosco County Airport's Unused Snowblower**

Jay Samuels, Iosco County Airport Manager, has an unused snowblower that he would like to sell. The airport has had it since the mid 1980's and it has to be loaded onto the front of a tractor to be used. Samuels has talked to Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff, about placing the snowblower on the auction site that the Sheriff's Department uses to sell their vehicles. Finley motions to take this to the Full Board and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Operations Manager – Purchase a Lucas 3.1 Device and Necessary Budget Adjustments**

The Full Board had already approved purchasing five Lucas Devices last year. The EMS would like to purchase a sixth one for the Echo unit. Mike Bowers, Emergency Management Coordinator, says that a grant that he has received will reimburse 50% of the cost. Finley motions to take the purchase of a Lucas 3.1 Device to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Cedar Lake Improvement Board Discussion**

Jeffrey Linderman contacted Carruthers-Soboleski asking to be placed on the agenda to discuss issues surrounding the Cedar Lake Improvement Board. He has submitted a letter to the board. Linderman states that he has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the Iosco County Clerk and only received half of what he asked for. However, Nancy Huebel, Iosco County Clerk; and Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary; stated that they have never received any such request from Linderman. Subsequent to the meeting, the Iosco County Clerk found the request and believes it was answered in full. Fred Strauer, Iosco County Drain

Commissioner, and the Alcona County Drain Commissioner have a meeting with the Drain Attorney regarding Cedar Lake levels next week. Carruthers-Soboleski would like the board's recommendation on what to do with Linderman's request. Dutcher motions to take this matter to the Full Board to have Carruthers-Soboleski work with the county's attorney to make a written response to Linderman's letter and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

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

- Carruthers-Soboleski met with PSC Consultants regarding the Consumers Energy dam removal impact study last week.
- The Blight Grant projects will need an RFP for demolition. Carruthers-Soboleski attended training on how to implement the various projects that have been awarded.
- MSU will start their Community Needs Assessment for Opioid issues by interviewing members from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health, District Health Department #2, and Catholic Human Services.
- The Annex roof project is almost complete. They have added four more down spouts to prevent flooding.
- The Annex stair project begins next week.

**Any Other Matters:**

None.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Claims and Accounts:** Bills reviewed and approved O'Farrell, Dutcher, and Finley in the amount of \$272,842.83.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy  
Board Secretary/Housing Director

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR May 3, 2023**