May 20, 2026

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Board – In Person With Public Participation Available Through Zoom

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

Absent: None.
Vacant: None.

Also Present: **Nancy Huebel**, County Clerk; **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski,** County Controller/Finance Director; **Kathleen Murphy**, Board Secretary/Housing Director; **Scott Frank**, County Sheriff; **Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz**, Senior IT Director; **Mike Eller**, Director of Emergency Services; **Carla Grezeszak**, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; **Tamara Crawford,** Equalization Clerk; **Christopher Martin,** Emergency Management Coordinator; **April Johnson**, County Treasurer; **Tim Hissong**, Press

Meeting called to order immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor – Wage Adjustment for the Friend of the Court Financial Specialist/Administrative Assistant

A degree has been preferred for this position. The current Financial Specialist/Administrative Assistant holds a degree higher than the preferred degree and has additional responsibilities outside of their job description. The wage adjustment will help compensate for the additional responsibilities. Finley motions to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services – Central Dispatch Server and Sandbags

A resolution was approved in January to purchase a server for Central Dispatch with the understanding that the price may increase slightly. The price had increased by $7,598.00 above the quote, which brought

the total price to $36,674.49. The purchase needed emergency approval as prices were predicted to increase again.

Sandbags were purchased during the flood event. 10,000 sandbags were purchased after contacting MSP Homeland Security's contact Grainger for $0.46 per bag.

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Patrol Vehicle Purchase

Recently three vehicles were down due to mechanical issues and a deer strike. The 2017 Ford Explore does not have the proper equipment and Sheriff Frank would like to purchase a Silverado to replace the vehicle. The funds would come from the Commissary Fund. Dutcher motions to take the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado from Burt Watson and the sale of the 2017 Ford Explorer to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

- Recycling
  - Monthly usage for the recycling sites was discussed. The usage of the sites should increase due to the City of East Tawas closing their site, snowbirds coming back, and the tourist season starting.
  - Carruthers-Soboleski sat on a panel during the Mi Recycling Coalition Conference in Kalamazoo.
  - Mi Recycling Coalition representatives came to the County Building yesterday to discuss the grant funding received.
  - E-Waste and the Paper Shredding event will be held on June 6, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Oscoda High School Athletic Complex. Volunteers are needed.
- Miscellaneous
  - Carruthers-Soboleski and Sheriff Frank will work on putting no smoking signs up.
  - FEMA contacted Chris Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator, regarding the possible staging of cargo FEMA

trailers on the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport grounds in the event of a disaster only.

Public Comments:

None.

Any Other Matters:

Finley – Thank you to Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz, Senior IT Director, and Carruthers-Soboleski for the recycling information on Facebook.

Adjournment

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. until June 3, 2026.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 3, 2026