

June 5, 2023

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: Dutcher.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; James Miner, East Tawas Resident, Don Hanson, Department of Health and Human Services/Medical Care Facility Board of Directors Representative, Barbara Gillings, Department of Health and Human Services/Medical Care Facility Board of Directors Representative

**Meeting called to order after immediately following the Full Board meeting.**

### **New Business:**

#### **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Bailiff Per Diem Adjustment**

**Brian Harger, Trial Court Administrator, asked Carruthers-Soboleski for an increase in the Bailiffs' Per Diems. Their Per Diems have not been increased since 2017. The current rates are: ½ a day is \$52.00 and a full day is \$104.00. Harger and Carruthers-Soboleski looked at other counties that employ bailiffs. Carruthers-Soboleski recommends that the Per Diems be increased to \$70.00 for ½ a day and \$140.00 for a full day. Finley moves to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **Brian Loeffler, District Commissioner #3 – Letter of Support for HB 4458 and HB 4459**

**House Bills 4458 and 4459 are bills to prohibit use of wheeled vehicles on snowmobile trails from December 1 through March 31 and allow for fines for violations. This will ensure that the snowmobile trails are maintained without having to do grading outside of the season and to protect snowmobile riders from accidents with ORV riders. Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff, supports the idea of a letter of support and believes that these bills will be a benefit to the county. Loeffler motions to take this to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Iosco County Airport Advisory Board Vacancy**

Due to the Commissioners passing the resolution to appoint an interested individual from the public to the Iosco County Airport Advisory Board, the position was advertised in the local newspapers. One individual applied. Loeffler spoke to Bill Deckett, Iosco County Airport Advisory Board Chairperson. Deckett is very please with the individual's resume and letter of interest. Loeffler motions to take the appointment of Patrick Piechowski to the Iosco County Airport Advisory Board to the Full Board and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Charles Finley, District Commissioner #4 – Letter of Support Opposing House Bills 4526-4528**

The State of Michigan will take over local units of governments' rights over mining and gravel operations if House Bills 4526-4528 were to pass and place the regulation authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). These House Bills are opposed by the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Municipal League, and the Michigan Association of Counties. Finley motions to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

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

- The A/C chiller is no longer working and is not repairable.
  - Colvin's Heating and Cooling and Matt Snider are looking at mini A/C and heating units.
  - Bid specifications will be needed to complete this work.
  - Colvin's Heating and Cooling is looking into a rental unit for the county to use during the summer season.
- Carruthers-Soboleski met with MSU to discuss the Community Needs Assessment for the Opioid Litigation.
  - MSU would like to have an EMS representative.
  - The report will be ready by the fall.
- The recycling grant was submitted.
  - There is a 20% match, which is about \$43,000.00.
  - There are two recycling organizations that are willing to contribute \$10,000.00 each towards the match.
  - Two of the three drop sites are set.

**Any Other Matters:**

**None.**

**Public Comments:**

**None.**

**Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Huebel, and Finley in the amount of \$507,825.17.**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully:**

**Kathleen Murphy  
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 21, 2023**