

June 21, 2023

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

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

Absent: None.

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; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Casey Young, Press

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

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Housing Commission Vacancy

We have advertised for the Housing Commission vacancy in the newspapers and have had no interest. Pam Loveless approached Carruthers-Soboleski at a Develop Iosco meeting and indicated that she was interested in the vacancy. Loveless is a developer and may have a conflict of interest in the future. However, the Housing Commission will only be handling MI HOPE Grant applications. Dutcher moves to take the appointment of Loveless to the Housing Commission to the Full Board and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff – Contract between Iosco County and Tawas Area Schools for a School Resource Officer, Plainfield Township for a Township Deputy, and Sell and Purchase a Vehicle for said School Resource Officer/Township Deputy

Tawas Area Schools has applied for a grant to hire a School Resource Officer and the grant was approved. The grant and school funds will cover 100% of the wages of the officer for the 41 weeks that school is in session.

Plainfield Township would like to contract with the Sheriff's Department to hire a Township Deputy. The township will pay for 100% of the wages of the office for the

11 weeks that the Tawas Area Schools are out of session. The contracts for the School Resource Officer and Township Deputy will be a 3-year agreement.

The School Resource Officer/Township Deputy will need a vehicle. Tawas City is selling a 2020 Dodge Durango. The car has 38,000 miles. The Sheriff would like to sell their 2013 Dodge Charger vehicle to purchase the Dodge Durango. S. Frank would like to work on the contracts with Tawas Area Schools and Plainfield Township and bring the contracts back to the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole agreed.

Old Business:

None.

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

- **Child Care Coalition with Develop Iosco, INC.**
 - **Develop Iosco, INC. is interested in Iosco as an employer.**
 - **Child care may not be available to some employees due to unusual hours.**
 - **Develop Iosco, INC. would like to open four child care centers that would possibly be open for overnights.**
 - **The Child Coalition would like to have a centralized management program for all daycares in Iosco County.**
- **Consumers Energy**
 - **Consumers Energy went to MPSC to increase the rates for the Hardy Dam.**
 - **MPSC wants Consumers Energy to get an economic study.**
 - **This study will be available in the fall.**
 - **Consumers Energy are applying for Federal grants to maintain the dams.**
 - **While Iosco County cannot contribute financial to the management of the Hydroelectric dams, Iosco County can testify or send letters of support for Consumers Energy.**
- **Community Needs Assessment Meeting for Opioid Litigation Settlement**
 - **The Community Needs Assessment is moving forward.**

Any Other Matters:

Huebel – ICCOA – Revolving system. Need volunteers. Will pay per diem/mileage. Resource Officer – might be able to help children who are abused at home.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Dutcher, Loeffler, and O'Farrell in the amount of \$1,195,895.67.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR July 5, 2023