July 2, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, and O'Farrell.
Absent: Finley.
Vacant: None.

Also Present: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Nancy Huebel, County Clerk; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; Erik McNichol, Undersheriff; Brian Golden, Jail Administrator; Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; Zachary Klosowski-Lorenz, Senior IT Director; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; April Johnson, County Treasurer; Tim Hissong, Press, Jozef Drozdowski, East Tawas resident; Shay Lieber, Iosco County Medical Care Facility Administrator; Joseph Rivet, Michigan State Land Bank Authority Executive Director; Susan Duncan, National City resident; Natasha Hardy, Oscoda resident; Jerry Schmidt, National City resident

Meeting called to order immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Joseph Rivet, Michigan State Land Bank Authority Executive Director – Regional Land Bank Discussion

There are 9 counties that are interested in a regional approach to a Land Bank. This would be the first regional Land Bank in the state of Michigan. Currently, there are 51 counties, and 3 cities operating Land Bank Authorities. The biggest part of the Land Bank is working with blighted property. The Michigan State Land Bank currently has 700+ parcels of property in Lakewood Shores, Iosco County. If Iosco County were to join a Regional Land Bank Authority, there would be more control, cost sharing, and opportunities for grants that would otherwise be unavailable. Carruthers-Soboleski and April Johnson, County Treasurer, are meeting with Title Check next week to discuss what is needed to assume control over auctions and foreclosures within Iosco County. This is the first step to the creation of a County Land Bank. Iosco County would then have to have an inter-governmental agreement with the other interested counties to form a Regional Land Bank.

Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor – Request to Adjust Levels for Degreed Staff Within the 23rd Circuit Court Juvenile and Friend of the Court Offices

The degreed employees are making less than the clerical staff that have recently been employed. The Child Care Fund is under budget. Brian Harger, Court Administrator, and Grezeszak have compared the increases with other counties. Dutcher motions to take increasing seven degreed employees from a level six to a level eight and increasing one degreed employee at a level seven to a level nine effective July 28, 2025, to the full board for consideration and Hardy seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

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

- **Tawas Rink**
  - **The Host Site Agreement is being reviewed.**
  - **The rap that Oscoda High School is donating may not be the material that was expected. The quote that was received to perform the work would be between $9,500.00 and $13,500.00 to be charged to the Recycling Millage. Dutcher motions to take this to the full board for review and Hardy seconds. All ayes; motion carried.**
- **Housing Commission**
  - **All contractors that bid on a home that was constructed before 1978 need to be EPA RRP certified by the State of Michigan. Only one of our contractors holds this certification.**
  - **Iosco County Housing Commission will be hosting the EPA Lead Certification Class on July 21, 2025. The Housing Commission will pay for pre-approved contractors of the current grant to send one employee to the class.**
  - **All projects that may contain lead based paint are currently halted.**
- **Inter-local Materials Management Planning Committee**
  - **Carruthers-Soboleski attended the meeting last week virtually.**
  - **A resolution regarding County MMP Payment Plan Agreement will be at the next meeting. Carruthers-Soboleski recommends paying as the County gets billed.**

Any Other Matters:

Dutcher – Medicaid cuts – Sending a letter to U.S. Representative Bergman with discussion by the board. Medicaid - $800.00 to drive individuals to doctor's appointments. This is an old program that DHHS is trying to revitalize.

Public Comments:

April Johnson, County Treasurer – Land Bank – This would create more work and staffing needs in her office. Meeting with a Treasurer from downstate to see how it

could affect her office. Meeting with Title Check with Carruthers-Soboleski next week.

Cynthia Schwedler, Oscoda resident – Contract Bergman to vote no on Medicaid cuts.

<u>Claims and Accounts:</u> Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Hardy, and Dutcher in the amount of $148,830.23.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR July 18, 2025