

September 20, 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; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Tim Hissong, Press

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

New Business:

Mike Eller, Emergency Services Director – Purchase an Updated Camera System

The current camera system at the Central Dispatch Building is failing. Three of the four cameras are working properly and the DVR is unusable. To increase the security a 360-degree view of the building and cameras in the common areas are needed. Catch-M-Cams Surveillance Technicians supplied Iosco County Central Dispatch a quote for six exterior cameras and three interior cameras to view the common areas. All nine cameras will record in color. Catch-M-Cams Surveillance Technicians quote for the purchase and installation of all nine cameras is \$7,200.00 to be charged to Central Dispatch's Capital Outlay Budget. Finley motions to take this to the full board for consideration and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Creation of the Clerk Supervisor/Accounting Assistant

The Sheriff's Department has reviewed the Administrative Assistant job description. They would like to add additional roles that the Administrative Assistant performed that are not in the current job description. One of these roles will be oversight of the clerks in the department. The new position of Clerk Supervisor/Accounting Assistant will replace the Administrative Assistant role. This position will be a non-union position. While there is a pay increase, it is still within the Sheriff's Department's budget. Finley motions to take this to the full board and Dutcher seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Sell 2019 Dodge Charger and Purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado

The 2019 Charger is the last sedan in the fleet and does not get driven as it does not suit the needs as well as the SUVs in the fleet. S. Frank would like permission to sell the 2019 Charger. The vehicle has a little over 31,000 miles on it and all of the technology that the Sheriff's Department needs has been taken out. S. Frank would like to use the proceeds to help purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado. A USDA grant will reimburse a portion of the purchase. Finley motions to place selling the 2019 Dodge Charger and purchasing a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado onto the full board for consideration and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Oppose Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments

A company who specializes in wind development will lease land from property owners. Once the wind turbine is up and operational, the property owners end up responsible for the turbine. If it catches on fire, the fire departments have no way of putting out the fire and will have to control the situation while letting the turbine burn. The blades are made of hazardous materials. If the state takes control from the county, townships, and cities, and allows development of turbines, this may affect tourism. Loeffler motions to take this issue to the full board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brian Loeffler, District 4 Commissioner – Letter to Livingston County

Loeffler would like to send this letter to Livingston County thanking them for their hard work in upholding the constitutions of Michigan and the United States of America. Loeffler motions to take this letter to the full board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Hire an Alternate for the Iosco County Airport Manager

The Iosco County Airport Manager, Jay Samuels, is retired from his previous career and would like to travel more. As such, he would like Iosco County to hire an alternate to fill in during his absence. The total number of hours would not change. Samuels already has someone in mind to be his alternate that is familiar with aviation protocols. Loeffler motions to take hiring an alternate for the Iosco County Airport Manager 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

- Matt Snider has had Carrier in the building to look at the mechanical system. Snider has done the bid specifications for the mechanical project. He will also be able to work on the system during the winter so that the building will have cooling in place for the summer of 2024.

- **Union bargaining is still on going. There is a tentative agreement with one of the unions.**

Any Other Matters:

Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer – Annual Tax Sale

O’Farrell – Saw a billboard for a company that specializes in flat roofing. Will get this information to Carruthers-Soboleski.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Huebel, Dutcher, and Finley in the amount of \$159,229.02.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 4, 2023