

January 4, 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; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Jason Ogden, Press; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; James Miner, District 4 resident

Meeting called to order immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Appointment Discussion for a Vacancy on the Veterans' Affairs Board

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer, has informed Carruthers-Soboleski that Karen Zeiders has resigned from the Veterans' Affairs Board (V.A. Board) effective December 31, 2022. V.A. Board members would like to appoint James Miner, District 4 resident. However, Carruthers-Soboleski would like the Board of Commissioners to decide if they would like to appoint Miner or place an advertisement in the newspaper soliciting letters of interest/resumes from Iosco County veterans. Iosco County does have the highest veterans per capita in the State. Dutcher would like to place an advertisement in the newspapers and Loeffler raised concern that there may be other veterans in the county that would like to apply for the position. Finley motions for the appointment of Miner go to the Full Board for consideration and Huebel seconds. Ayes: Huebel, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: Dutcher and Loeffler. Motion passes.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Title Change for Veterans' Service Officer

The V.A. Board is requesting a title change for Whitney. His title would go from Veterans' Service Officer to Director of Veterans' Affairs. Carruthers-Soboleski was not informed why the title change is necessary. N. Huebel recommends that the Committee of the Whole waits for further research to be done into this matter. No action taken.

Old Business:

None.

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

Iosco County Humane Society

Carruthers-Soboleski is working on a lease and service agreement with the Iosco County Humane Society, Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; and the Iosco County attorney.

Blight Grant

The second Blight Grant meeting between Carruthers-Soboleski and representatives from Iosco County's municipalities will be held on January 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Iosco County Board of Commissioners meeting room. During this meeting, municipalities will present projects that follow the grant's guidelines. Iosco County will submit one grant application with all selected projects to the State Land Bank, which has granted Iosco County with \$200,000.00.

Broadband

Iosco County's Broadband consultant is working on challenging the FCC's mapping, which are not accurate. It is estimated that the FCC mapping is 80% inaccurate. The Federal Grants for Broadband rely on this mapping when deciding on which counties will be rewarded grant monies.

Any Other Matters:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by O'Farrell, Huebel, and Dutcher in the amount of \$65,459.39.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen M. Murphy
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 18, 2023