

January 18, 2023

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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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; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Manuela Kress, Press

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Operations Manager – Sell the 2016 Ford E450 Ambulance and the 2005 Chevy Suburban**

**There are several options for retiring the Ford E450. Iosco County can sell the vehicle to Mercy Sales for \$5,000.00 or Iosco County can donate it to local governmental units, such as Fire Departments or IRESA. However, IRESA has two ambulances already and may not be interested. Goodar Township in Ogemaw County has expressed their interest. Finley comments that Goodar Township would benefit greatly if the Ford E450 was donated to them. Finley will abstain from voting on this matter due to conflict of interest as the Goodar Township Fire Department Vice Fire Chief. Bruning also suggests that donating the vehicle will be more beneficial to the county than the sale of \$5,000.00 would bring to the coffers.**

**The Chevy Suburban is a non-transport vehicle. It has not been used since the Durango has been purchased. This vehicle has issues with its ABS system, a leak in the break lines, and the engine will not turn over anymore. Loeffler suggests that the Iosco County Airport may want this vehicle for a plow.**

**Carruthers- Soboleski recommends notifying all the various local units of government that may be interested in these vehicles and having them submit a letter of interest and set up a rotation when vehicles become available.**

**Dutcher motions to have Bruning notify all various organizations and have them submit letters of interest, set up a rotation list, do further research, and come back**

to the Committee of the Whole with a recommendation. Finley seconds. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **EMS Operations Report: Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Operations Manager**

#### **Equipment and Fleet Report**

35-78 is now in service. 35-79 was received yesterday and is in the process of getting licensed. 35-70 will be a non-transport vehicle and will be used for restocking stations and MCI Events.

#### **Training Report**

Skills week was held in November after a few delays. There was a lot of positive feedback and it will be held three or four times a year. A Pediatric Medication Administration class was held in December and had providers from Iosco, Ogemaw, Alcona, Oscoda, and Alpena Counties in attendance. The EMT class paperwork is almost finalized.

#### **Community Events**

The second annual Boo Boo Bus Event was held for the Iosco County Animal Shelter. An ambulance and two trucks were filled with donated supplies. There will be medical coverage at the High School Hockey Team tournament. February is heart month and the EMS will be holding hands only CPR training at the Tawas Area High School for students and at the Public Safety Building for the community.

#### **Employee Report**

Currently there are 7 Full-Time paramedics and 12 full-time EMTs. This ensures that there are two full-time paramedics on each shift. There are two EMTs that are in paramedic school. There are usually at least four ambulances on call 24 hours a day. Morale is high amongst the employees.

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

#### **Mechanical**

Bids for the Annex stairs will be opened today at 2 pm. The deadline for the completion of work will be at the end of July. The roof specifications for the Annex Building are done and will be placed in the newspapers asking for bids. The deadline for the completion of work will be September 30, 2023. There has been a

leak in the Annex Building's roof. The leak was in one of the exam rooms in District Health Department #2. There is now mold in the exam room. Testing shows that the mold is common but it will have to be remediated.

### Hydroelectric Dams

There is a meeting with Michigan Association of Counties and the executives of Consumers Energy regarding the Hydroelectric Dams that Carruthers-Soboleski will attend. Carruthers-Soboleski will update the board.

### Veterans Appointments

Another individual on the Veterans' Affairs Board has retired. At the last Committee of the Whole, the appointment of James Miner, District 4 resident, to the Veterans' Affairs Board was to go to the Full Board for consideration. However, Nancy Huebel, County Clerk, researched committee appointments to the board and discovered that these appointments need to go to the newspapers asking for letters of interest from the public. Therefore, Iosco County is seeking letters of interest from the public to fill the two committee vacancies.

### Any Other Matters:

Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer – Delinquent property taxes are due soon. There is a program through MSHDA called MI Half that will help individuals in need pay their property taxes. There have been eight or nine individuals that have already applied and was approved. Anderson urges the board to let their constituents know about this program.

### Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Finley, Loeffler, and O'Farrell in the amount of \$550,308.31 for the year 2023 and 201,375.62 for the year 2022.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen M. Murphy  
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 1, 2023