

December 7, 2022

## 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, Miner, and O'Farrell.

Absent: None.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Financial Director; Raymond Bruning, EMS Operations Manager; Jason Ogden, Press; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Calvin McLaren, Iosco County Road Commissioner; Fred Jennett, Grant Township resident

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Grant of Easement**

**Tim Freel has a client who owns property by the Iosco County Airport. This client needs a Grant of Easement through the Airport property in order to get to their property. The easement will be about 66 feet long. Currently Freel's client does not have a legal easement to their property. The attorney as looked at the document and has made some changes. Dutcher moves to take this to the Full Board for consideration and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **Old Business:**

None.

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

### **Budget**

**The 2023 budget has to be adopted at the next meeting in order to be compliant with State and Federal guidelines. Union negotiations are still on-going and may affect the budget. If there are any questions, please ask Carruthers-Soboleski.**

### **Blight Grant**

**The State Land Bank has earmarked \$200,000.00 For Iosco County as a Blight Grant. This grant will be coordinated through the county. Carruthers-Soboleski has emailed at**

least one individual from each of the municipalities regarding projects that they would like to undertake. The county will have to consider all the projects and submit one application to the state. The projects will have to be on vacant properties. Carruthers-Soboleski has a meeting on December 14, 2022 with a State Land Bank representative to gather further information.

### Hydro Dams

Carruthers-Soboleski has signed a letter in conjunction with Allegan County and other municipalities and organizations, which was sent to Governor Whitmer. This letter requests that Whitmer include the dams in her Clean Energy initiative.

### Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)

MAC has been helping Iosco County with the hydro dam issue. Currently, Iosco County is the only county that is not a member of MAC. Carruthers-Soboleski recommends using American Rescue Plan Funds to pay the \$9,000.00 membership dues to rejoin MAC in 2023. Dutcher motions to take this to the Full Board and Huebel seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Stair Project

There have not been any bids on the stair project for the Annex Building. Mike Russo believes that this is due to the timeline of the project. Russo recommends waiting one or two weeks and place an ad in the paper requesting bids again. The new timeline would be July 31, 2023.

### Any Other Matters:

None.

### Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Miner, O'Farrell, and Huebel in the amount of \$233,974.16.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully: Kathleen M. Murphy, Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR December 21, 2022