January 21, 2026

THIS BEING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON January 21, 2026, PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE. PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON.

This being a regular session, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board Chairperson, Donald J. O'Farrell.

Commissioners Present: Alexander Hardy (District 1), Terry Dutcher (District 2), Charles Finley (District 3), Brian Loeffler (District 4), Donald Jay O'Farrell (District 5).

Commissioners Absent: None.

Call To Order /Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Meditation

Adoption of Agenda

Dutcher motions to adopt the agenda and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Committee of the Whole Agenda

Finley motions to adopt the Committee of the Whole agenda and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Board Minutes **January 7, 2026**

Dutcher motions and Hardy seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee Minutes **January 7, 2026**

Finley motions and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Dr. Richard Douglass – Rural Health Group – Non-emergency medical transportation. FEONIX. Develop a program with MI Poverty Law Center.

Ron Whitney, Director of Veterans' Affairs – Veterans' Banners – May and November. Requesting letter of support. Draft resolution will be brought to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – General Release and Settlement Agreement **2026-013**

Finley motions to approve the General Release and Settlement Agreement and Loeffler seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Recycling Infrastructure Grant **2026-014**

Dutcher motions to approve the Recycling Infrastructure Grant application through EGLE and Hardy seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Tony Sutton, Consumers Energy Representative – Easement for Electric Facilities **2026-015**

Finley motions to approve the permanent Easement for Electric Facilities and Dutcher seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – GIS Upgrade **2026-016**

Dutcher motions to approve upgrading the GIS system and Hardy seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Approve Salaries and Per Diems for the Month of January **2026-017**

Dutcher motions to approve and Finley seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of January 7, 2026, as presented **2026-018**

Dutcher motions to approve and Hardy seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Hardy – **Opioid Meeting** – Proposals reviewed. Will bring to the board.

Dutcher – **ICCOA Finance Meeting** – Meal rates to increase to $10.00 for non-eligible individuals and $5.00 for eligible individuals. **OWAA** – Surge of income due to rent payments. LED runway lighting.

Finley – **ITC** – 50% funded by grants. **Planning Commission** – New Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Loeffler – **DHHS** – Handbook regarding available benefits. **ITC** – Buses ordered. Bylaws in order. Two more representatives to that board. Management Contract needs to be in place.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dutcher motions to adjourn and Loeffler seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. February 4, 2026.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Donald J. O'Farrell
Chairperson