February 18, 2026

THIS BEING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON February 18, 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 **February 4, 2026**

Finley motions to approve the board minutes and Dutcher seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee Minutes **February 4, 2026**

Dutcher motions to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes and Finley seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Christopher Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator – Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant **2026-027**

Finley motions to approve applying to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant and Dutcher seconds.

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

Christopher Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator - FY 26 Michigan Public Safety Critical Incident Mapping Competitive Grant and Memorandum of Understanding **2026-028**

Dutcher motions to approve applying for the FY 26 Michigan Public Safety Critical Incident Mapping Competitive Grant and the Memorandum of Understanding and Finley seconds.

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

Christopher Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator – Region 3 Homeland Security Grant **2026-029**

Dutcher motions to approve applying for the Region 3 Homeland Security Grant and Loeffler seconds.

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

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Purchase and Outfit a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV **2026-030**

Dutcher motions to approve purchasing and outfitting a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV not to exceed $79,518.56 and Hardy seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Dutcher, Loeffler, Finley,

and O'Farrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director – Purchase ATV for Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission **2026-031**

Finley motions to approve purchasing an ATV for the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of $13,000.00 and Loeffler seconds.

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

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Revise Vital Records Fee Schedule **2026-032**

Loeffler motions to approve revising the Vital Records Fee Schedule and Finley seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Appoint Matt Snider to the Construction Board of Appeals **2026-033**

Dutcher motions to approve appointing Snider to the County Board of Appeals effective immediately until December 31, 2027,and Finley seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Construction Board of Appeals Application Fee **2026-034**

Dutcher motions to approve setting the Construction Board of Appeals application fee at $300.00 and Finley seconds.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Set Per Diems and Mileage Rate for Non-Commissioner/Non-County

Employee Committee Appointments **2026-035**

Dutcher motions to approve setting per diems and mileage rates for non-commissioner/County employee committee appointments and Hardy seconds.

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

Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services – Increase Credit Card Limit **2026-036**

Finley motions to approve increasing the credit card limit for Emergency Services to $10,000.00 and Dutcher seconds.

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

Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Chief – Create 4 Full-Time 12-Hour Union Positions **2026-037**

Finley motions to approve creating 4 full-time 12-hour union positions and Dutcher seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Hire a Temporary Full-Time Building Department Employee and Approve Letter of Understanding **2026-038**

Dutcher motions to approve hiring a temporary full-time Building Department employee and the union Letter of Understanding regarding this issue and Loeffler seconds.

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

Approve Salaries and Per Diems **2026-039**

Finley motions to approve the salaries and per diems for February and Loeffler seconds.

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

Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of February 4, 2026, as presented **2026-040**

Finley 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.

Finley – Housing Commission – Beyond words the amount of effort these grants take. Eleven signed contracts. **911 Board** – New encryption for police. **Chris Martin** – EMC. What's happening and speed is monumental.

Loeffler – ITC – Paperwork should be in soon. Stay as a liaison. Looking for new board members.

Dutcher – OWWA – Jack Brown is retiring. Jason accepted the position. **ICCOA** – Financials are good. Going for millage increase this year.

O'Farrell – Farmers' Market – Whittemore Area. Friday nights. **Open House** – Kalitta Internships.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dutcher – Phone Call – Complaint regarding the new Building Department Inspector.

Loeffler – Pregnancy Center – Trying to buy the building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Martin – Baldwin Township – Engineering Inspection.

MISCELLANEOUS

Finley – Invite from Natasha Hardy to read to the kids.

Hardy – Letter to Jack Bergman – Release all Epstein Files unredacted.

O'Farrell – NACO Legislative Conference in DC – Represent MAC District 6 and Iosco County. Speak on the administrative burden regarding grants requested from Carruthers-Soboleski.

All Commissioners – Thank you to O'Farrell for representing Iosco County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. March 4, 2026.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Donald J. O'Farrell
Chairperson