**March 18, 2026**

**THIS BEING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON March 18, 2026, PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE. PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON.**

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**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), Charles Finley (District 3), Brian Loeffler (District 4), Donald Jay O'Farrell (District 5).

**Commissioners Absent:** Terry Dutcher (District 2).

**Call To Order /Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Meditation**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Adoption of the Committee of the Whole Agenda**

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

**Approval of Board Minutes** **March 4, 2026**

Hardy motions to approve the board minutes and Loeffler seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

**Public Comments**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

## New Business

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Letter of Support for Iosco Exploration Trail Grant Application** **2026-050**

Hardy motions to approve the letter of support for the Oscoda Charter Township's FY 2026 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant application and Loeffler seconds.

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

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Opioid Settlement** **2026-051**

Finley motions to approve the proposed settlement agreement with the six remnant defendants and Hardy seconds.

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

**Brian Golden, Sheriff Department Captain – Purchase In-Car Cameras** **2026-052**

Finley motions to approve the purchase of in-car cameras and body worn cameras from LensLock Inc. up to the amount covered by the Homeland Security Grant and approves the grant and Loeffler seconds.

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

**Christopher Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator – Region 3 Homeland Security Grant Agreement** **2026-053**

Finley motions to approve the purchase of 40 fitted handgun rated ballistic vests for all Iosco County EMS personnel from On Duty Gear LLC and Loeffler seconds.

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

**Christopher Martin, Emergency Management Coordinator – Purchase Radio for County Clerk's Office** **2026-054**

Loeffler motions to approve the purchase of a radio for the County Clerk's office and Hardy seconds.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Contract with Northeast Equalization and Assessing, LLC** **2026-055**

Finley motions to approve the Iosco County Equalization Department Contract for Professional Services with Northeast Equalization and Assessing, LLC effective August 1, 2026, until July 31, 2031, and Hardy seconds.

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

**Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor – Wage Adjustments for the County Bailiffs** **2026-056**

Finley motions to approve the 3% wage adjustments for the County Bailiffs effective April 1, 2026, and Loeffler seconds.

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

**David Riffel, 23rd Circuit Court Judge – Wage Adjustment for Supervisor of the 23rd Circuit Court Office** **2026-057**

Hardy motions to approve the wage adjustment for the Supervisor of the 23rd Circuit Office position retroactive to January 1, 2026, and Finley seconds.

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

**Approve Salaries and Per Diems for the Month of March** **2026-058**

Hardy motions to approve the salaries and per diems for the month of March and Loeffler seconds.

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

**Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of March 4,**

**2026, as presented** **2026-059**

Finley motions to approve and Hardy seconds.

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

**Hardy – Consumers Energy Call** – Line crews are out working on power. Iosco County is almost back online.

**Loeffler – ITC** – Looking for Board members

## COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hardy – NASA** – Spaceship. Humans going to the moon.

**Finley – Ice Storm** – Thanks to law enforcement, local fire departments, EMS, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Central Dispatch. Greatly needed and appreciated.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. April 1, 2026.

**Nancy Huebel**
**County Clerk**

**Donald J. O'Farrell**
**Chairperson**