March 19, 2025

THIS BEING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON March 19, 2025, 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 in person: Alexander Hardy (District 1), Charles Finley (District 3), Brian Loeffler (District 4), Jay O'Farrell (District 5)

Commissioners Present Via Zoom: None

Commissioners Absent: Terry Dutcher (District 2)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL/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 5, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES – March 5, 2025

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Hire Recycling Coordinator/Assistant to the Facilities Manager **2025-037**

Finley moves to hire a Recycling Coordinator/Assistant to the Facilities Manager and Hardy seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Letter of Support **2025-038**

Finley moves to send a letter of support for Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op's BEAD grant application as presented and Hardy seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Brightspeed Letter of Support **2025-039**

Finley moves to send a letter of support for Brightspeed's BEAD grant application as presented and Hardy seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Budget Amendment for the County Building and Safety Inspection Department **2025-040**

Finley moves to approve the budget amendment as presented and Hardy seconds.

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

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Affairs Director – County Veteran Service Fund Grant Amendment Request **2025-041**

Loeffler moves to approve the grant amendment request as presented and Finley seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Charter Communications Letter of Support **2025-042**

Finley moves to send a letter of support for Charter Communications' BEAD grant application as presented and Hardy seconds.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Road Commissioners Wage Adjustment **2025-043**

Loeffler moves to approve the wage adjustment for the Road Commissioners as presented and Finley seconds.

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

Approve the Salaries and Per Diems for the Month of March **2025-044**

Loeffler moves to approve the salaries and per diems for the Board of Commissioners for the month of March as presented and Hardy seconds.

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

Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of March 5, 2025, as presented **2025-045**

Finley motions to approve and Loeffler seconds.

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

Hardy – NMCA – Broadband. Road funding challenges. Cedar Lake – Chemical treatment. Develop Iosco – MyMich is closing the OB ward.

Finley – Housing Commission – Four more contracts approved. ITC meeting.

Loeffler – ITC – New chair. Audit. Veterans Affairs – Disappointed in regards to the Veterans Affairs grant.

O'Farrell – WellVance – Moving forward with finding a new CEO. NMRE – Highly recommend to not give anymore money. Others need to get finances in order.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hardy – Closed Session – Suggest moving to the end of the meeting.

O'Farrell – Drains – Sherman Township. Drains kept clean.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. April 2, 2025.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Donald J. O'Farrell
Chairperson