May 6, 2026

THIS BEING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON May 6, 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: Terry Dutcher (District 2), Charles Finley (District 3), Brian Loeffler (District 4), Donald Jay O'Farrell (District 5).

Commissioners Absent: Alexander Hardy (District 1).

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 **April 15, 2026**

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

Approval of Committee Minutes **April 15, 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

Frances Ommani, NEMCSA Strategy and Development Director – Annual Report

Information Only

Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director – Reappoint Gekeler to the Department of Health and Human Services Board 2026-087

Loeffler motions to approve the reappointment of Gekeler to the Department of Health and Human Services Board effective January 1, 2027, until December 31, 2028, and Dutcher seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Proposal 2026-088

Dutcher motions to approve Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Proposal from Wellvance and the Sheriff's Department in the amount of $204,879.76 and Finley seconds.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole – Animal Control and Shelter Renewal Millage 2026-089

Finley motions to approve the Animal Control and Shelter Renewal Millage language and placing the ballot language on the next Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and Loeffler seconds.

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

Committee of the Whole – Iosco Transit Corporation Millage Renewal and Increase **2026-090**

Dutcher motions to approve the Iosco Transit Corporation Millage Renewal and Increase and placing the ballot language on the next Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and Loeffler seconds.

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

Committee of the Whole – 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage Renewal **2026-091**

Finley motions to approve the 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage Renewal and placing the ballot language on the next Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and Loeffler seconds.

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

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – Law Enforcement Services Agreement **2026-092**

Finley motions to approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between Iosco County Sheriff Department and the Township of Grant effective May 6, 2026, until December 31, 2026, and Dutcher seconds.

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

Committee of the Whole – Sexual Assault Services for Children and Adults Millage **2026-093**

Dutcher motions to approve the Sexual Assault Services for Children and Adults Millage and placing the ballot language on the next Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and Loeffler seconds.

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

Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of April 15, 2026, as presented **2026-094**

Dutcher motions to approve and Finley seconds.

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

Finley – Planning Commission – MAP renewal. **911 Board Meeting** – Encryption program.

Loeffler – Airport – July 12th is the Fly-In. **Veterans' Affairs** – Vets Fair is on May 27th at the East Tawas City Hall. **Department Health and Humans Services** – Compliments regarding Emergency Management team. **East Tawas City Hall** – Police Chief gave report on scam calls in the area.

Dutcher – OWAA – Letter of Support for grant application. **ICCOA** – Senior project FRESH. Opted out of using debit cards. **DHD#2** – Updating rental agreement with Iosco County. **NEMCSA** – Had to step down in order to continue chairing the Region 9 Area on Aging.

O'Farrell – MAC – Conference in Lansing. Septic issues. AI and Data Centers. Floods here in Iosco County.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dutcher – Request for commissioners to intervene with AuSable Township and police department. Not the County's jurisdiction.

O'Farrell – Upset gentleman. Gravel in yard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julia Darton, MSU Extension District 4 Director – Link to webpage regarding Data Centers.

Tom Ruckle – Whittemore Farmers' Market. Project Red at the Fairgrounds.

April Johnson, County Treasurer/Treasurer for Tawas and Oscoda Farmers Market – Project FRESH and debit cards.

MISCELLANEOUS

Finley – High fire danger this year. Importance of Emergency Management and Central Dispatch.

Dutcher – Great team and staff in our Emergency Services areas.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. May 20, 2026.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Donald J. O'Farrell
Chairperson