October 1, 2025

THIS BEING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON October 1, 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 Vice-Chairperson, Charles Finley.

Commissioners Present: **Alexander Hardy (District 1), Terry Dutcher (District 2), Charles Finley (District 3), Brian Loeffler (District 4).**

Commissioners Absent: Donald Jay O'Farrell (District 5).

CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Dutcher motions to adopt the Committee of the Whole agenda and Hardy seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – September 17, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES – September 17, 2025

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Conflict Resolution Day Proclamation **2025-149**

Dutcher motions to approve and Loeffler seconds.

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

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Appoint Board of Canvassers **2025-150**

Dutcher motions to approve the appointment of Bonita M. Coyle, Republican, and Kenneth Miller (Democrat) to the Board of Canvassers until October 31, 2029, and Hardy seconds.

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

Raymond Bruning, II, EMS Chief – Purchase Laptops for Ambulances **2025-151**

Dutcher motions to approve the purchase seven MDTs for the ambulances in the amount of $15,389.36 and Loeffler seconds.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

David Langley, JDL Representative – Letter to EGLE for JDL Transfer Station **2025-152**

Dutcher motions to approve sending a letter to EGLE in support of a JDL Transfer Station in AuSable Township and Hardy seconds.

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

Approve the Statutory Finance Committee Minutes of September 17, 2025, as presented **2025-153**

Dutcher motions to approve and Hardy seconds.

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

Dutcher – NEMCSA Council on Aging – May 13, 2026, is Older Michiganders Day. Legal Services of Northern Michigan Financial Assets – Increase of $200,000. OWLFA – Old building. Old heating system. Tenant wants to rent. Asbestos abatement.

Hardy – Opioid Committee – Finalized RFP. Finalized review criteria. DHD#2 – Separating with DHD#4 at the Director level. Talked furlough plans (28 employees – if there is a state shutdown). Elisa Deck – Dental hygienist. Shared resources with DHD#4. DHD#4 cut ties with her as well. Iosco to go back to original appropriation for 2026. Not the 3% increase.

Loeffler – Veterans' garage complete. Fire hydrant may need to be moved. Medical Care Facility – Looking for grants. Health and Human Services Coalition. Will be getting further involved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Finley – Thank Grant Township Fire Department for holding the Fire Investigation class. Thank Eric Abbott.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hardy – Van Etten Lake and Lake level draw down.

Dutcher – Recycling – Jamie made a formal complaint with the bin company. E-Waste Event on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Whittemore Chamber of Commerce.

Finley – South Branch Post Office received three threatening letters to not lower their flags and threatening the employee. Talk about shutting the post office down.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. October 15, 2025.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Charles Finley
Vice-Chairperson