November 5, 2025

THIS BEING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IOSCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON November 5, 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: **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/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 – October 15, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES – October 15, 2025

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Reimbursement of the Iosco County Humane Society **2025-159**

Finley motions to approve reimbursing the Iosco County Humane Society for drain repairs in the amount of $12,625.00 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 – FY 2026 Parks and Recreation ORV Trail Grant Agreement **2025-160**

Loeffler motions to approve the FY 2026 Parks and Recreation ORV Trail Grant Agreement in the amount of $20,640.00 and Hardy seconds.

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

Scott Frank, County Sheriff – FY 2026 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement **2025-161**

Finley motions to approve the FY 2026 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in the amount of $18,000.00 with a County match of $3,176.47 and Loeffler seconds.

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

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Purchase Fuel for the County Airport **2025-162**

Loeffler motions to approve the purchase of 3,000 gallons of fuel for the Iosco County Airport and Hardy seconds.

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

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Director – Revised FY 2026 County Veteran Service Fund Grant **2025-163**

Loeffler motions to approve the revised FY 2026 County Veteran Service Fund Grant in the amount of $55,753.97 and Finley seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Hardy, Loeffler, Finley, and O'Farrell.

Nays: None. Absent: Dutcher. Vacant: None.

Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Director – Operation Green Light **2025-164**

Loeffler motions to approve Operation Green Light and Finley 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 – FY 2026 MIDC Grant **2025-165**

Hardy motions to approve the FY 2026 MIDC Grant Agreement with a total authorized budget of $677,143.62 and Finley 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 – Transfer Vehicle from Sheriff's Department to the Recycling Department **2025-166**

Finley motions to approve the transfer of a 2012 Ford Expedition from the Sheriff's Department to the Recycling Department in the amount of $5,000.00 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 – Reappoint Nicole Clairmont to the Social Services Board **2025-167**

Loeffler motions to reappoint Nicole Clairmont to the Social Services Board effective immediately until October 31, 2028, and Hardy 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 – Independent Building Inspector Contract with Fred Strauer **2025-168**

Loeffler motions to approve the resignation of the previous Building Inspector and the contractual agreement with Fred Strauer and Hardy 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 – FY 2026 Recreational and Snowmobile Trail Grants Program Agreement **2025-169**

Loeffler motions to approve the FY 2026 Recreational and Snowmobile Trail Grants Program Agreement in the amount of $60,489.06 and Finley seconds.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Huebel, County Clerk – Letter of Understanding with 81st District Court, United Steelworkers regarding Vacation **2025-170**

Hardy motions to approve the Letter of Understanding with the 81st District Court, United Steelworkers regarding vacation time retroactive to when their contract was signed and Hardy 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 October 15, 2025, as presented **2025-171**

Finley motions to approve and Loeffler seconds.

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

Finley – Housing Commission – Approved four more CHILL grant applications. STING meeting.

Hardy – DHD#2 – budget. NMCA – Solar energy.

Loeffler – DHHS – SNAP information. ICMCF – Reappointment of Nicole Clairmont. In-house training. Veterans' – Day luncheon at the American Legion.

O'Farrell – MAC Conference – Traverse City. Mental health.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hardy – Presentation – This Saturday at 1 p.m.

Finley – Iosco/Alcona. Fire 1 and Fire 2 hybrid courses. 100% grant funded. Hazardous Operations Class.

O'Farrell – Happy Birthday to Jamie. Birthday tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The business for the day having been addressed, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. November 19, 2025.

Nancy Huebel
County Clerk

Donald J. O'Farrell
Chairperson