

## **APPROVED**

### **MINUTES ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Tobin Hope in conference room A/B of the Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Hybrid Meeting (In-person/Electronic).

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Chairperson Tobin Hope.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Present: Terry Hutchinson, James Moreno, Jim Horton, Frank Engler, Steve Swaney, Jerry Jalszynski and Tobin Hope.

**Commissioner Absent:** None

**Also present:** Administrator/Controller Nicole Frost, County Clerk Minde B. Lux.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jalszynski to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bree Moeggenberg: handed out a packet for each commissioner to discuss the State of Emergency. Bree went over what was within each packet.

Dawn Betha explained the UV lights form that explained how special UV lights kills 99.95% of viruses and bacteria. Hepa filters are another good way to prevent this disease from further spreading.

Kelly Fountain explained the masks are recommendations and not laws. The State of Emergency needs to be ended.

Clarissa Filhart wanted to speak regarding Steve Hall and the number of positive Covid cases since the beginning of March 2020. 1.33% is what the death toll comes out to that have lost their lives to Covid. Wants the State of Emergency to be rescinded.

Matthew Taylor stated that he thinks the CDC is wrong along with the government regarding the virus. He hopes that the Board of Commissioners drop the State of Emergency along with the mask mandate.

Will Baird business owner downtown stated that he grew up with the only people wearing masks were doctors and nurses. He does not understand why people are being mandated to wear masks and get vaccines. He would like the Board of Commissioners to consider how they go forward.

Fiolencio Martinez wants the Board of Commissioners to understand that the current mandates need to be changed and encourages the board to take away the mandates.

Mark Perry wanted to address the State of Emergency and that the State of Michigan has actually dropped the State of Emergency. How many of the Covid cases are actually caused by Covid or are with Covid? Other countries have adjusted their death rates now that they have realized that the deaths were not caused by Covid. The masks do not actually stop the viruses.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve and place on file the January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes, the January 25, 2022 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting minutes, and the January 25, 2022 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Meeting minutes. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance and Administration Committee:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to place on file the January 14, 2022 Invoice List in the amount of \$410,260.99, the January 21, 2022 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,446,289.65, and the Adjustment List dated January 27, 2022. The motion carried with 6 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve the list of financial institutions which Isabella County Treasurer has designated as depositories: ChoiceOne Bank, CIBC Bank, Citizens Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Flagstar Bank, Horizon Bank, Independent Bank, Isabella Bank, Isabella Community Credit Union, JP Morgan Chase, MBIA-Michigan CLASS, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Multi-Bank Securities, Northstar

Bank, PNC Bank, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Huntington Bank (previously TCF Bank), and Wells Fargo. The motion carried with 6 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.

3. It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Legal Services Agreement between Isabella County and Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C., Attorneys at Law, for the Isabella County Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility Project, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. The motion carried with 6 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.

**Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:**

1. No Business

**Human Resources and Public Works Committee:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 County Veterans Service Fund (CVSF) Grant Amendment between Isabella County and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) in the amount of \$3,300.00 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the same. The motion carried with 6 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the \$2.35 per hour temporary Premium Pay for the Commission on Aging Direct Care Workers and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Direct Care Worker Wage Pass Through Documentation Forms for the months of October, November and December 2021, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to approve/sign the future Direct Care Worker Wage Pass Through Documentation Forms, beginning January 2022 throughout the remainder of fiscal year 2022. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.

**Intergovernmental Affairs:** No Business

**Administrator/Controller:** No Business

**Unfinished Business:** No Business

**New Business:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Horton and supported by Commissioner Swaney to rescind Isabella County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 20-12-03, serving to terminate the local State of Emergency, effective immediately. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Hope, Jaloszynski and Swaney. Nays: None.

**Public Comment:**

Bree Moeggenberg thanked the Board of Commissioners for passing to rescind the State Emergency Order.

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Engler announced that the Conservation District will hold their electronic waste recycling at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 14th. On June 25th and October 1st, they will have tire recycling at the fairgrounds. They will have a hazardous waste recycling day but have not scheduled one as of yet. The Isabella Conservation District Tree sale until April 1st.

Motion by Commissioner Horton and supported by Commissioner Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.