

**MINUTES**  
**Isabella County Board of Commissioners**  
**REGULAR BOARD**  
**HYBRID MEETING (IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC)**  
**Isabella County Commission on Aging Building**  
**2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**  
**July 18th, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman 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 Chairman Tobin Hope.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Tobin Hope, Chris Embrey, Terry Hutchinson, James Moreno, Frank Engler, Steve Swaney, and Jerry Jaloszynski.

**Commissioner Absent:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and supported by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the June 20,

2023 Regular Meeting minutes, the July 11, 2023 Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes, the July 11, 2023 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Meeting minutes, and the July 11, 2023 Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Embrey to ratify and place on file the June 16, 2023 Invoice List in the amount of \$417,727.81, the June 23, 2023 Invoice List in the amount of \$234,385.60, the June 30, 2023 Invoice List in the amount of \$369,650.96, the July 7, 2023 Invoice List in the amount of \$253,262.43 and the Adjustment List dated July 13, 2023. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Provider Participation Agreement with MSHDA Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund for assistance with paying water utility bills, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Embrey to approve the Prime Contract Change Order No. 8 with Clark Construction, in the net additional amount of \$216,209.00 dollars, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None

### **Criminal Justice and County Affairs:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with T. Pete Lorenz, P.S. effective for the 2023

Remonumentation Grant year, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

2. It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Isabella County, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**Human Resources and Public Works Committee:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve Budget Amendment #2023-14 to cover the increased cost of building maintenance at the Commission on Aging facility, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the contract for generator services with APCOM Electrical & Power Systems to provide lower cost services related to the maintenance and service of our four Generac generators, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the Temporary Right of Way Easement Agreement between William D. Whitehead and Nancy J. Whitehead and Isabella County for access to Meridian Park, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**Intergovernmental Affairs:** None

**Administrator/Controller:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to uphold the FOIA Denial put forth by the Isabella County Clerk's Office in response to the FOIA request from Ms. Clarissa Filhart dated April 3, 2023, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to reduce the fee to \$394.38 with 50% due in form of a deposit for the FOIA request from Mrs. Bambi Hodge Cluley dated May 11, 2023, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hutchinson, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**Public Comment:** None

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Engler announced that Farm Bureau is having Breakfast on the Farm again this year and the tickets are free. It will be held in Barryton, MI this year.

Commissioner Hope send his condolences again to the John Haupt family on the loss of such a great community leader. Commissioner Hope also wanted to remind everyone that the MTA will be meeting in the County Building at 7p.m. tomorrow night.

County Clerk Lux wanted to piggyback on Commissioner Embrey's announcement earlier regarding Election Integrity. Election Integrity is not the same group as the local group that is claiming election fraud in Isabella County. Linda Richardson who was in the audience is from Election Integrity and has been working with Clerk Lux to clean up the QVF. Also, Clerk Lux explained to

the board the EPB sticks are owned by the State of Michigan and that the red and green cards of the tabulator are tested at a public testing.

Commissioner Embrey apologized to Linda Richardson for stating that Election Integrity was a part of the current group claiming election fraud in Isabella County. He also stated what a great job Linda Richardson was doing to clean up the QVF.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Commissioner Moreno and supported by Commissioner Jaloszynski to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED