

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
February 6th, 2024
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairperson Tobin D. 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 Hope.

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioner Absent: None.

Also Present: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Nicole F. Frost, Isabella County Clerk Mindé B. Lux.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to remove item #2 under new business. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to adopt the agenda as corrected. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David McGuire presented a list of questions concerning the current millage and spoke in regards to the millage.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the January 16, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, the January 30, 2024 Finance and

Administration Committee Meeting minutes, the January 30, 2024 Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee Meeting minutes, and the January 30, 2024 Human Resources and Public Works 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 January 12, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,558,313.56, the January 19, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$242,785.75, the January 26, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$118,048.83, and the Adjustment List dated February 1, 2024. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Prime Contract Change Order No. 13 with Clark Construction, in the net additional amount of \$ 29,069.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Jaloszynski, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Embrey to approve the Engagement Letter with Pierson Ferdinand LLP, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Jaloszynski, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the FY23 Audit Change Order with Rehmann in the amount of \$2,500.00 - \$3,500.00 and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Jaloszynski, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Jaloszynski to approve the Change Order from Quality Environmental Services, INC in the amount of \$40,030.00 for the Asbestos Abatement project. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Jaloszynski, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
6. It was moved by Commissioner Embrey and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Change Order from Northern Analytical Services, LLC in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Asbestos sampling. Motion

carried with Yeas: Commissioners Jaloszynski, Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve the Motorola Final Acceptance Certificate for the 911 Console Project and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Hutchinson, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve the payment to Motorola of Milestone 2 in the amount of \$439,746.80, for the Radio Tower Project. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Gratiot County Livestock Emergency Response Trailer and Team Mutual Aid Agreement and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to move to approve the elimination of the Grade 7 Assessment Aide and the Grade 10 Engineering Technician positions in the Drain Commission Office and approving a Maintenance and Assessment Coordinator position at a Non-Union Grade 10, effective retroactively to January 1, 2024. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson 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 Embrey to approve the Proposal from Spicer Group for architectural and engineering services for the rebuilding of the County

Administration Building in an amount not to exceed \$162,000.00 and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the ensuing contract once approved by Legal. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.

2. It was moved by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Offer to Police Officers Association of Michigan- Corrections Unit. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Moreno, Embrey, Swaney, Engler, Jaloszynski, Hutchinson and Hope. Nays: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Jaloszynski commented on the current mailer and comments on the Morning Sun article today regarding the 30% tax increase and that it is not correct. He is offended by the comment “slush fund” and stated that the Commissioners have acted on the best interest of the County. He also spoke on the Northern Michigan Counties Associations and passed out a flier.

Commissioner Engler stated that he has received 4 phone calls on the millage and wants everyone to know that he returns calls.

Commissioner Embrey feels that some people do not understand that for months the commission has looked into where cuts can be made. The board and administration have done a great job at looking at it all.

County Clerk Minde B. Lux explained the 9-Day Early Voting set up, location and approval through the Election Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.