

MINUTES
Isabella County Board of Commissioners
FINANCE COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Isabella County Commission on Aging Building
2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
March 11th, 2025
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Vice-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 Engler.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Tobin Hope, James Moreno, Frank Engler, Jerry Jaloszynski, Steve Swaney, Bob Campbell, Steve Weber.

Commissioner Absent:

Also present: County Administrator/Controller Brian Smith and County Clerk Minde B. Lux.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

GOAL SETTING SESSION:

Administrator/Controller Brian Smith asked the Board of Commissioners how they feel about the current process and flow of the Committee of the Whole and the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Swaney stated that he feels on Tuesday nights the board should give more information to the general public. He also welcomes Department Heads and Elected Officials to come to both meetings.

Commissioner Hope stated that it is a great opportunity to have all the commissioners reviewing the information together.

Vice-Chairperson Hope reviewed the request to consider to review and assess the Semiannual Two-Percent Application from the Isabella County Drain Commission, requesting \$275,000.00 for the Weidman Mill Pond Dam Repair and Lake Level Order Update. Drain Commissioner Bob Willoughby was present to discuss. Item forwarded to March 18th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jaloszynski stated that he likes the new structure of the meetings and it does save time. He agrees that some of the larger items presented to the board need to be better explained again at the 5:00 p.m. meeting.

Commissioner Jaloszynski requested that a 10-year budget projection he would like to continue seeing. Administrator/Controller Brian Smith stated that they are looking at a software program that will project financials.

Commissioner Moreno stated that the board should investigate solar power at the current landfill the county owns. There should be some way that the county can use it. The property is 40 plus acres.

Commissioner Jaloszynski asked about the future of the road patrol. Will there be another millage proposal or can we look into a part of a road patrol? Sheriff Main stated that the Sheriff and Undersheriff cover evictions among other call outs to assist and the Corrections Department are currently being faced with a lot of work without having the back up of other officers. He also stated that a day shift would work right now and that the State Police would greatly appreciate the assistance. Commissioner Jaloszynski asked Sheriff Main for some numbers for the budget on a partial road patrol.

Thomas Hausmann, Public Defender, told the board that there is not a possibility for their office to consider going as a non-profit now due to grants that are being offered for juvenile defenders. He will continue to keep the board updated.

Commissioner Jaloszynski asked what the future of the administration building and if there will be a Citizens Committee or any long range plans. Controller/Administrator Brian Smith stated that he is forming a committee and has been looking into different bond options and a possible concept of 2.5 floors being renovated for the Administration building. County Clerk Minde Lux

reviewed with the commissioners her idea of relocating to the current old jail main office. This relocation would bring \$25,000 – \$30,000 in revenue back to Isabella County by allowing room for CPL Fingerprinting and Passport photos. Steve Schumacher, Facilities Director stated that the water pipes are going to need to be cut and plugged either way due to the leakage in the jail cell areas.

Commissioner Jaloszynski asked where the Classification Wage study was at. Administrator/Controller Brian Smith stated that the group formed wants the study done and made fair utilizing the Amycell job study. There is no approved plan so far only the final study.

Commissioner Swaney would like to see outsourced training for the Human Resources department.

Commissioner Jaloszynski stated that Central Michigan Health Department, 10/16, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and other service providers are almost ready and done with the current new by-laws. The committee will review grants and make recommendations to the full board for consideration. The County will internally hold the funds.

Commissioner Engler closed the Goal Setting portion.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ray McCall asked the County Clerk as to where a CPL applicant would go to renew their CPL. He also asked the board about the Old 10 road in Wise Township and why the road is depreciating already. He was referred to the Isabella County Road Commissioner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m.