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GREGORY GEIGER, COUNTY CLERK

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April 13, 2021

Enclosed are the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners which were approved on April 13, 2021.

Respectfully,

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Gregory Geiger, County Clerk

**Ionia County Board of Commissioners**  
**100 West Main Street, Ionia, Michigan 48846**

**March 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** County Commissioner Chairman David Hodges, County Commissioner Vice Chairman Larry Tiejema, County Commissioner Karen Banks, County Commissioner Ally Cook, County Commissioner Scott Wirtz, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Georgia Sharp

**Members Absent:**

**Other Present:** County Administrator Stephanie Fox, County Finance Director Linda Pigue, County Clerk Greg Geiger

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Hodges led the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Invocation**

Chairman Hodges led the invocation.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Board discussed agenda. Agenda item A will be replaced

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Vice Chairman Tiejema*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**V. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**VI. Action on the Consent Calendar**

Board discussed the Consent Calendar.

*Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

Board discussed request to authorize legal secretary position within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Prosecutor Butler presented the request and recommended authorization.

*Motion to Authorize Position*  
*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*  
*Supported by Commissioner Banks*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to authorize Court Recorder position within the Office of the Friend of the Court. Referee Wierckz presented the request and recommended authorization. Referee Wierckz answered questions regarding the position. Administrator Fox and Finance Director Pigue answered question regarding the financial background. Board discussed in depth the financial effects of filling and of not filling the position.

*Motion to Authorize Position*  
*Moved by Vice Chairman Tiejema*  
*Supported by Commissioner Cook*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to reclassify employees within the Office of the Friend of the Court. Referee Wierckz presented the request and recommended Reclassification. Finance Director Pigue commented on the financial implications. Board took no action.

Board discussed request to approve Mid-State Health Network Agreement and budget amendment for opioid response for the Ionia County Health Department.

*Motion to Approve Agreement and Amendment*  
*Moved by Vice Chairman Tiejema*  
*Supported by Commissioner Wirtz*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to approve Sheriff Services for the Village of Clarksville. Administrator Fox presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Services*  
*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*  
*Supported by Commissioner Banks*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to approve budget amendment for secondary road patrol. Administrator Fox presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Amendment*  
*Moved by Vice Chairman Tiejema*  
*Supported by Commissioner Sharp*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to approve signature on Corrections Officers and Clerks Union Contract. Administrator Fox presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Signature*

*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to appoint Melissa McKinstry, Deborah Peek-McFadden, and Gretchen Nyland to three year terms on the Right Door Board.

*Motion to Appoint*

*Moved by Vice Chair Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Sharp*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to approve 2021 Pavement marking contract extension for the Ionia County Road Department. Finance Director Pigue presented the contract and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Contract*

*Moved by Vice Chairman Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Banks*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed request to approve Asphalt Paving contract extension for the Ionia County Road Department. Finance Director Pigue presented the contract and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Contract*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed tentative road projects. Road Department presented current activities and answered questions. Board discussed pacer ratings. Board discussed regional planning. Board discussed financing of upcoming projects. Board discussed township participation. Board discussed the road millage.

## **IX. Report of Officer, Boards, and Standing Committees**

Central Dispatch Director Valentine presented report to the Board. Topics discussed included the new CAD system, staffing and the county fire radio project.

Chairman Hodges presented report to the Board. Topics included recent Commission on Aging Board, the upcoming County Administrator's review, and the expiration of the State of Emergency allowing zoom meetings.

Finance Director Pigue presented report on audit results and confirmed the County does not have to take corrective action and reported on the CDBG Grant.

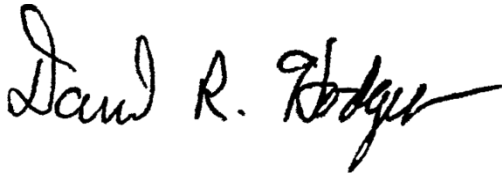
**X. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees**  
No special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

**XI. Public Comment**  
No public comment.

**XII. Closed Session**  
No Closed Session.

**XIII. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*  
*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*  
*Supported by Vice Chairman Tiejema*  
*Motion carried voice vote*



David Hodges, Board of Commissioners Chairman



Gregory Geiger, County Clerk