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GREGORY GEIGER, COUNTY CLERK

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September 15, 2020

Enclosed are the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners which were approved at the September 15, 2020 meeting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Geiger", written in a cursive style.

Gregory Geiger, County Clerk

**Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
Board of Commissioners Room, 3rd Floor  
Ionia County Administrative Building  
101 West Main Street, Ionia, Michigan 48846**

**September 8, 2020 3:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioner Georgia Sharp, Commissioner Chris Bredice, Chairman David Hodges, Commissioner Larry Tiejema, Commissioner Scott Wirtz, Commissioner Karen Banks, Commissioner Jack Shattuck

**Members Absent:**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Hodges called the meeting to order.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Invocation**

Commissioner Sharp led the invocation.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Board discussed agenda. Board considered additional agenda items.

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Commissioner Banks*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**V. Public Comment**

Jack Elliot made a comment regarding the Old Friend of the Court Building and other County financial

Bob Cusack made a comment regarding the Old Friend of the Court Building and a possible sidewalk.

**VI. Action on the Consent Calendar**

Board discussed the Consent Calendar. Board discussed corrections to the proposed minutes of the previous regular meeting.

*Motion to amend minutes*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema  
Supported by Commissioner Bredice  
Motion approved by Voice Vote  
Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

Board discussed approval of agreement between the Michigan Health Department and the Ionia County Health Department. Director Bowen presented overview of agreement and answered questions regarding specifics.

*Motion to Approve Agreement  
Moved by Commissioner Shattuck  
Supported by Commissioner Tiejema  
Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval of Old Friend of the Court Building demolition bids. Board expressed reservations regarding costs of demolition. Board discussed the submitted bids. Board discussed delaying the project. Board discussed bilateral discussion with the City of Ionia.

*Motion to Table  
Moved by Commissioner Shattuck  
Supported by Commissioner Sharp  
Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval and signature on contract for professional services with Assessing Solutions. Board discussed contract details.

*Motion to Approve Signature  
Moved by Commissioner Tiejema  
Supported by Commissioner Bredice  
Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed support of Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority. Board discussed overview of Trail Authority Board.

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

**IX. Department Reports**

No Department reports.

**X. Report of Officer, Boards, and Standing Committees**

Chairman Hodges reported on upcoming budget meetings and re-posting of the Road Department Managing Director position.

Commissioner Tiejema reported on the Commission on Aging cost allocation and possible loan to the General Fund.  
Administrator Fox reported on upcoming budget meetings and Audit Committee meetings.

**XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees**

No special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

**XII. Public Comment**

Brad Hawley made a comment regarding the Old Friend of the Court Building and the Trail.

Jack Elliot made a comment regarding the Old Friend of the Court Building and the COVID-19 pandemic.

**XIII. Closed Session**

No Closed Session.

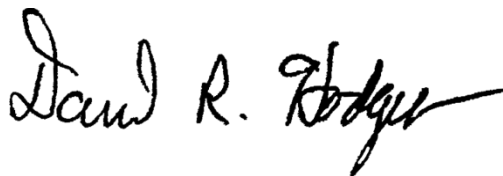
**XIV. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Commissioner Banks*

*Supported by Commissioner Bredice*

*Motion carried voice vote*



David Hodges, Board of Commissioner Chairman



Gregory Geiger, County Clerk