



OFFICE OF THE IONIA COUNTY CLERK
GREGORY GEIGER, COUNTY CLERK

September 22, 2020

Enclosed are the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners which were approved on September 22, 2020.

Respectfully,

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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 15, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Karen Banks

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Hodges called the meeting to order at 3:12 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. Board considered additional agenda items. Board will consider Agenda item C, enter closed session, and then consider item B.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Wirtz

Supported by Commissioner Sharp

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 approval of appointment of Mel Haga to the Department of Human Services Board.

Motion to Approve Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Tiejema

Supported by Commissioner Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed Road Department Managing Director job description. Commissioner Sharp presented the updated job description. Commissioner Tiejema commented on specific language. Board discussed at-will status of the position.

Motion to Table

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Bredice

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed entering closed session. Board discussed the necessity of closed session. Board discussed reviewing the Attorney's opinion and making determination as to making the opinion public.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Commissioner Shattuck

Supported by Commissioner Bredice

Motion carried by roll call vote (6-0)

Board discussed exited closed session.

Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Commissioner Wirtz

Supported by Commissioner Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed waving attorney client privilege regarding the Attorney's opinion.

Motion to Waive Attorney Client Privilege

Moved by Commissioner Shattuck

Supported by Commissioner Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of proposed budget reductions Ionia. Finance Director Pigue presented summary of proposed budget reduction plan including General fund reductions and cost allocation plan to special revenue funds. Commission Tiejema objected to the budget reduction plan. Commissioner Bredice posed questions regarding possible alterations to the proposed budget reduction fund. Board inquired about the Delinquent Tax Fund. Board inquired about other type of reductions. Board discussed identifying revenue short falls and expenditure

increases. Board discussed current fund balance. Board discussed cost allocation plan. Board heard comments from Prosecutor Butler in opposition to the proposed budget reductions plan. Board heard comments from Sheriff Noll in opposition to the proposed budget reductions plan. Board heard questions from Jamie White. Board heard comments from Treasurer Clark in response to questions posed. Board heard comments from Referee Wierckz in opposition to the proposed budget reductions plan. Board heard comments from Carol Hanulcik. Board heard comments from MSU Extension Director in opposition to the proposed budget reductions plan. Board heard questions from Tami Hewitt. Board heard questions from Prosecutor Butler. Board heard questions from Karen Heintzleman. Board heard comments from Treasurer Clark on basis of revenue shortfall and other options to reduce expenditures. Board heard from Finance Director Pigue regarding healthcare costs. Board discussed options including furloughing, reduced cost allocation. Board would like the finance office to explore the other discussed options.

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

IX. Department Reports

Board received Treasurer's report.
Board received Central Dispatch Director's report.
Board received Public Defender's report.

X. Report of Officer, Boards, and Standing Committees

No Board reports.
Administrators report on upcoming budget meetings.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

XII. Public Comment

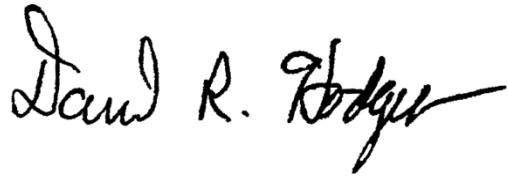
No Public Comment.

XIII. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XIV. Adjournment

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

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David Hodges, Board of Commissioner Chairman

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Gregory Geiger, County Clerk