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GREGORY GEIGER, COUNTY CLERK

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November 17, 2020

Enclosed are the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners which were approved on November 17, 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**

**October 20, 2020 3:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

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

**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 3:00 p.m.

**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. Closed session items removed.

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*

*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 Designated Assessor Contract. Tony Meyaard explained the contract including details of when the Designated Assessor would be utilized. Meyaard addressed questions of cost to the townships.

*Motion to Approve Contract*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval of Apportionment Report. Tony Meyaard gave overview of report and addressed questions.

*Motion to Approve Apportionment*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed signature of Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. Finance Director Pigue addressed questions regarding multiple grants and what costs are eligible for reimbursement.

*Motion to Approve Contract*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Bredice*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed appointment of Karen Banks to Midwest Michigan Trail Authority.

*Motion to Approve Contract*

*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Supported by Commissioner Sharp*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

## **IX. Department Reports**

Board received report from the Building and Grounds Department. Maintenance Director Steele answered questions regarding the Commission on Aging roof, MSU extension renovations and other various maintenance issues.

Board received report from the Building Codes Department.

Board received report from the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Noll updated the Board on recent COVID exposure. Sheriff provided information regarding Jail population, Jail related structural issues, new K-9 unit, current staffing, and current caseload. Sheriff answered questions regarding increase in drug related crimes.

Board received report from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Prosecutor Butler provided information on current caseload and upcoming trials. Prosecutor answered questions regarding Probate cases.

Board received report from Commission on Aging Director Hanulcik. Director Hanulcik provided information regarding services during COVID pandemic and vision for upcoming year. Director answered questions regarding in home services.

Board received report from the Drain Commissioner's Office. Drain Commissioner Rose provided information on Peck Lake Drain, other completed Drain projects, past and current Drain assessments, and current permits. Drain Commissioner Rose answered questions regarding Sebewa township assessments, soil erosion program, and the drain spray program.

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

Chairman reported on recent community gathering.

Commissioner Sharp reported on Tuttle Road complaint and State Legislature's upcoming COVID response plan.

Commissioner Tiejema reported on Easton County Road maintenance.

Finance Director Pigue reported on Road Department. Road department is prepared for snow or ice storms. Road department has enough salt for winter, new front end loader to properly track materials usage, and will be asking to fill vacant positions.

Administrator reported on employee census, health care open enrollment, and current COVID situation.

**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.

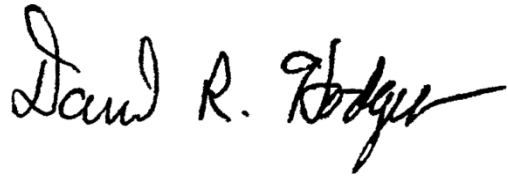
**XIV. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Motion carried voice vote*

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David Hodges, Board of Commissioner Chairman

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Gregory Geiger, County Clerk