



OFFICE OF THE IONIA COUNTY CLERK  
GREGORY GEIGER, COUNTY CLERK

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December 29, 2020

Enclosed are the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners which were approved on December 29, 2020.

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  
Ionia County Circuit Court Room  
Ionia County Courthouse  
100 West Main Street, Ionia, Michigan 48846**

**December 15, 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\*, Commissioner Karen Banks\*  
*\*Denotes virtual presence*

**Members Absent:**

**Other Present:** Administrator Stephanie Fox\*, Finance Director Linda Pigue\*, Clerk Greg Geiger\*  
*\*Denotes virtual presence*

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Hodges called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Chairman Hodges led the invocation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Board discussed agenda.

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**IV. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**V. Action on the Consent Calendar**

Board discussed the Consent Calendar.

*Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent*

**VI. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**VII. New Business**

Board presented a Resolution honoring Register of Deeds Diane Adams on her retirement after nearly 33 years of service. Board members expressed their appreciation and well wishes on her future endeavors. Register of Deeds elect Rhonda Lake expressed her gratitude and presented the Resolution as well a gift from State Representative Julie Calley, an American Flag which was flown above the Michigan State Capitol and framed with a certificate of authenticity. Register of Deeds Adams expressed her gratitude and reflected on her time serving Ionia County.

*Resolution Honoring Register of Deeds Diane Adams*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Resolution carried by roll call vote (7-0)*

Board presented a Resolution honoring Probate Register Christine Ray on her retirement. Board members thanked Probate Register Ray for her service and dedication.

*Resolution Honoring Probate Register Christine Ray*

*Moved by Commissioner Banks*

*Supported by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Resolution carried by roll call vote (7-0)*

Board discussed approval and authorization of signature on amendment 1 to the Agreement between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Ionia County Health Department. Director Bowen provided details on the amendment and answered questions.

*Motion to Approve and Authorize Signature*

*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*

*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval of budget amendment for the Ionia County Health Department. Director Bowen provided details on the amendment and answered questions.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*

*Supported by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval of food service agreement addendum II between Canteen Services and the Ionia County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Noll provided details on the addendum and answered questions.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Supported by Commissioner Banks*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval to fill the position of Jail Administrator following the retirement of Jail Administrator Hess. Sheriff Noll answered questions regarding the position.

*Motion to Approve Position*  
*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*  
*Supported by Commissioner Tiejema*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval to fill the position of Jail Corrections officer Sheriff Noll answered questions regarding the position.

*Motion to Approve Position*  
*Moved by Commissioner Shattuck*  
*Supported by Commissioner Wirtz*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed the appointment of a committee to oversee the Ionia County Road Department. Board discussed the role of the Board of Commissioners in overseeing departments, the role of the County Administrator in overseeing departments. Board debated the advantages and disadvantages of such a committee. Board discussed the current advisory committees and their future use. Board discussed allowing the new board seated in January to appoint an ad-hoc committee.

Board acknowledged the appointment of Edna Albert to the Commission on Aging Board.

Board discussed approval of budget amendment for the Register of Deeds Officer. Register of Deeds Adams answered questions.

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

Board discussed approval and authorization of signature on renewal of Smart911 License & Service Agreement and to allow associated annual payment. Director Valentine explained the agreement and answered questions.

*Motion to Approve and Authorize Signature*  
*Moved by Commissioner Tiejema*  
*Supported by Commissioner Shattuck*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed cancellation of December 22, 2020 meeting.

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

Board discussed the Park Foundation Endowment. Board discussed language of the contract. Board discussed financial details of original endowment, donations, interest, and use of funds. Board agreed to not utilize funds and instructed Finance Office to alter budget accordingly.

**VIII. Department Reports**

Emergency Management Department Director Stan Hoskins presented report and answered questions.

Treasurer Clark presented report and answered questions.

The Right Place Liaison Travis Alden presented report and answered questions.

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

Chairman Hodges reported on the Road Department.

Commissioner Tiejema reported on Michigan Works partnership

County Administrator Fox reported on County Dashboard and Open Enrollment.

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

No special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

**XI. Public Comment**

Clerk Geiger made a comment regarding Oaths of Office.

**XII. Closed Session**

No Closed Session.

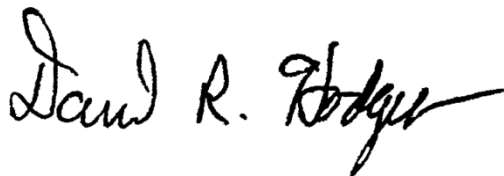
**XIII. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Commissioner Wirtz*

*Supported by Commissioner Banks*

*Motion carried voice vote*



David Hodges, Board of Commissioner Chairman



Gregory Geiger, County Clerk