

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

**December 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jack Shattuck, Clare Colwell, Rob Weick, Gary Pitsch, Melissa Eldridge, Al Almy, Lynn Mason, John Feuerstein, George Chickering, Mark Novak, Sarah Osburn, John Vriese

**Members Absent:** Jorel Davis, Melissa Eldridge

**Other Present:** County Administrator Patrick Jordan, County Clerk Greg Geiger

**I. Call to Order**

Shattuck called the meeting to order, introduced County Administrator Jordan.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Board discussed agenda.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Colwell*

*Supported by Pitsch*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Board discussed agenda.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Mason*

*Supported by Almy*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**IV. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**V. Business**

Osburn began review of draft plan amendments. Committee changed topics and discussed who is responsible for enforcement of host community agreements.

Committee discussed 2004 approval letter of host community agreements.

Committee discussed Johnson Road and Bricker Road in depth. Committee engaged in debate over structure of road.

Committee returned to the topic of tipping fees and engaged in lengthy debate over past tipping fee practices and gate rates.

Committee returned to the topic of recycling and discussed the value of investing in recycling vs investing in roads.

Committee discussed possible recycling plans.

Committee returned to discussion of Johnson Road and designation as Class A road and Pitsch's responsibility to construct road.

Osburn reminded committee that they do not have the authority to approve Pitsch expansion, only set the parameters of the plan and site committee will decide if expansion is consistent with the plan.

Committee returned to discussion of Johnson Road and Pitsch's responsibility for condition of road.

Committee discussed Pitsch's expansion plan and considered denial until Johnson Road issues addressed. Osburn reminded committee that they do not have the authority to approve Pitsch expansion, only set the parameters of the plan and site committee will decide if expansion is consistent with the plan.

Committee returned to topic of host community agreements.

Committee discussed medical waste and hazardous waste.

Committee reviews of draft plan amendments for spelling and grammatical errors.

Committee discussed definition of class II landfills.

Committee discussed the cleanup of chrome in the pitch landfill.

Committee returned to review of draft plan amendments for spelling and grammatical errors.

Committee returned to discussion of host community agreement and if agreements are currently valid.

Committee discussed in detail the total capacity of Pitch landfill and how the tonnage would be distributed across the state.

Committee returned to discussion over tipping fees and gate rates.

Committee set next meeting for January 10, 2023 at 10:00am.

Committee discussed absence of representative from the City of Belding.

**VI. Public Comment**

Valentine commented.

Warner Walls commented.

Committee engaged in discussions with the public over construction of Johnson Road.

**VII. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Feuerstein*

*Supported by Weick*

*Motion carried by voice vote*