



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

November 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner David Hodges, County Commissioner Scott Wirtz, County Commissioner Larry Tiejema, County Commissioner Phil Hesche, County Commissioner Gordon Kelley, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence Frewen

Members Absent:

Other Present: County Administrator Patrick Jordan, County Finance Director Tim Dame
County Clerk Greg Geiger

I. Call to Order
Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
Hodges led pledge of allegiance.

III. Invocation
Tiejema led the Invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed agenda.
Motion to Approve Agenda
Moved by Shattuck
Supported by Frewen
Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment
No public comment.

VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Motion to Add Kelley October Per Diem
Moved by Tiejema
Supported by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote



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Motion to Adjust Closed Session Basis

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Mary Montgomery-Colvin to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council for a 3-year term.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of contract between 64A District Court and First Step Testing Services. Jordan presented the contract and recommended approval. Board discussed bidding process, details regarding services provided, and contract length.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of contract between 64A District Court and Bluewater Counseling and Recovery. Jordan presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of contract between 64A District Court and the State Court Administrative Office for the fiscal year 2024 Michigan Drug Court Grant. Jordan presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote



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Motion to Approve

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of grant funding in the amount of \$19,000 for the Veterans Court Treatment Program.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Board received written report from the Health Department. Board discussed testing for lead poisoning and Narcan vending machine.

Board received written report from the Public Defender's Office.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Kelley commented on 50th Anniversary of the Commission on Aging and the upcoming events.

Wirtz commented on Long Lake Improvement Board and upcoming spring maintenance.

Tiejema commented on Road Department reorganization and Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan meeting and wellness programs.

Frewen commented on DNR State Land.

Shattuck commented on Solid Waste Committee and upcoming Park Board meeting and DNR State Land and possible use as a future gravel pit.

Jordan commented on Road Department and upcoming union negotiations.

Dame commented on Road Department finance staffing.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.



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XII. Closed Session

Board discussed entering closed session to consider an Attorney's opinion on MCL 15.268(1)(h).

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes – Hodges, Tiejema, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No –

Closed Session

Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Proceed as recommended by legal counsel and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the appropriate documents.

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed entering closed session to consider Administrators Employment Contract

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes – Hodges, Tiejema, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No –

Closed Session

Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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Motion to Increase Administrator Salary to \$61.51 Per Hour.

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Approve Contract and Authorize Board Chairman to Sign Contract.

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

XIII. Public Comment

No Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk