



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

January 9, 2024, 3:00 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 Terry Frewen

Members Absent:

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Geiger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation

Hodges led the invocation.

IV. Organization of Board and Committees

Board discussed nomination for Chairman.

Nomination of David Hodges for Chairman

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Nomination carried by roll call vote

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

Nomination of Terence Frewen for Vice Chairman

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Hesche

Nomination carried by roll call vote

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

Board discussed adoption of Board rules, specifically changes to the meeting schedule. Jordan presented proposed meeting schedule of two meetings at 3:00pm on the second and forth Tuesday of each month.

Motion to Approve Schedule as Presented

Moved by Frewen



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Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Wirtz, Tiejema, Kelley dissented

V. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda and added item regarding the purchase of pickup trucks for the Road Department.

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

VI. Public Comment

Geiger commented on upcoming election commission meeting

VII. Action on the Consent Calendar

Approved by unanimous consent

VIII. Appointments

Board discussed appointments to standing committees.

Audit Committee; Tiejema, Shattuck, Wirtz

Facilities Committee; Hesche, Kelley, Hodges

Grievance Committee; Hesche, Hodges, Frewen

Personnel Committee; Frewen, Kelley, Tiejema

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointments to boards and committees.

Area Community Services Employment and Training Council; Tiejema

Bargaining Committee Representative; Shattuck

Community Corrections Advisory Board; Wirtz

Department of Human Services Board; Frewen

Lake Boards

- Long Lake Board; Wirtz

- Jordan Lake Board; Shattuck

- Morrison Lake Board; Hesche

MAC Workers' Compensation Board; Shattuck

MSU Extension District Extension Council; Shattuck

Road Liaison; Kelley, Frewen



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Southwest Michigan Alliance for Region Three; Shattuck, Hodges
Tax Allocation Board; Hesche

West Michigan Regional Planning Committee; Kelley, Hodges

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Cohl, Stoker, and Toskey, P.C. as legal counsel.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Chad Shaw as Administrative Health Officer.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Bert Gale as Building Codes Official.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Anthony Meyaard as Equalization Director.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

X. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Linda Pigue and Dennis Sitzler to the Board of Public Works.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema



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Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Roland Self and Jani Millard to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of David Hodges, Ally Cook, and Don Benjamin to the Park Advisory Board

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Judy Geiger and Angela Stephens to the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of contract with Cognitive Consultants. Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of resolution authorizing MDOT Contract 23-5361 Nash Highway from I-96 to Grand River Avenue. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –



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Board discussed approval of resolution authorizing MDOT Contract 23-5360 David Highway at Libhart Creek. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed approval to update County Commissioners Per Diem Policy. Jordan presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Policy

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed accepting donation for the Commission on Aging. Board discussed needing more details. Item to be tabled and reviewed at a future meeting.

Board discussed purchase of two certified pre-owned trucks for use by the Road Department. Road Department Director Linda Pigue and Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the requested and recommended approval.

Motion to purchase two certified pre-owned 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup Trucks, one V8 vehicle for \$37,790 and one V6 vehicle for \$31,700 for the Ionia County Road Department.

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

XI. Reports of Officers, Board, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on strategic plan, zoom meetings and trail program.

Tiejema commented on the road department, safety Committee, sidewalks on M66 Hill, cooperation with township supervisors, Jail project, use of ARPA funds.

Frewen commented on MAC legislative priorities, septic service legislation, DHHS, and the possible finance committee.

Shattuck commented on contact with local officials.



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- XII. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

- XIII. Public Comment
Gina Johnsen commented on federal funds, legislation, local control regarding renewable energy, funds for Portland wastewater treatment plant, Ionia County Conservation District, infrastructure and safety, elections, regulatory mandates.

- XIV. Closed Session
Board discussed entering closed session for the purpose of discussing the Health Department Union Contract Agreement.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Closed Session

Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Health Department Union Agreement and Authorization for Board Chair to Sign.

Motion to Approve Agreement and Authorize Signature

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote



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XV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk