

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 9, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
101 WEST MAIN STREET
IONIA, MICHIGAN**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND ZOOM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
 - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment** (Three-minute time limit per-speaker – please state name/organization)
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting (s)
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Reappointment to Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - Melissa Eldridge, Three-year term
 - Ryan Wilson, Three-year term
 - B. Request Approval of FY25 MIDC Grant for Public Defender Office- Walter Downes
 - C. Request Approval to Donate to Have Mercy Homeless Family Facility-Patrick Jordan
 - D. Resolution Acceptant Parking Lot Donation from Independent Bank for Commission of Aging-Carol Hanulcik
- IX. Department Reports**
 - A. ICEA
 - B. Juvenile/Probate Court
 - C. Central Dispatch
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Board of Commissioners
 - C. County Administrator

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

XII. Public Comment (3-minute time limit per speaker)

XIII. Adjournment

Board and/or Commission Vacancies

- Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Two- three-year terms.
- Central Dispatch-One-two-year Emergency Medical Representative and one-two-year Township Board Representative
- Solid Waste Planning Committee-one-two-year term serving as industrial waste generator representative, one-two year term serving as General Public Representative
- Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council-one three-year term
- Land Bank Authority- one-three-year term

Appointments for consideration in the month of April 2024:

- Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Land Bank Authority

Appointments for consideration in the month of May 2024:

- NONE



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

March 26, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present: 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: County Commissioner David Hodges

Other Present: County Administrator Patrick Jordan, County Assistant Finance Director Bernadette Blonde, County Clerk Greg Geiger

- I. Call to Order
Frewen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Frewen led pledge of allegiance.
- III. Invocation
Kelley led the Invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed agenda and added items to new business and department reports.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Tiejema
Supported by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Kim Cain gave a 22 minute public comment on homelessness and her local business, and her request for a donation of approximately \$47,000.
Phil Hesche commented on his support for the \$47,000 donation.
Kelley commented on possible funds to be used for the \$47,000 donation.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

Board discussed approval of Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board Intergovernmental Agreement. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

VIII. New Business

Board discussed re-appointment of Captain Andrew Dinehart to the Community Mental Health Service Board.

Motion to Re-Appoint

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of CSHCS Care Coordination Agreement Amendment. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amendment

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of My Community Dental Centers Services Agreement Amendment #2. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amendment

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Amendment #2. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amendment

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

Board discussed approval of Regional Perinatal Care System Quality Improvement Initiative. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the initiative and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Initiative

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Continuation of Funding Request to AAAWM. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Act 51 Resolution Certifying County Road System Mileage. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the resolution and recommended adoption.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed approval of Bid for Sandvic Bits and Board. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bid and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of MDOT Bellamy Creek Roadside Park Maintenance. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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David Hodges, Chairman

Board discussed approval of Roadside Mowing Contract. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Street sweeping. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of EGLE Storage Tank Contamination Closure Report. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Accept Proposal

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed purchase of plastic culverts. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Purchase

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed resolution for Bridge Applications. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed approval of Budget Amendment. Assistant County Finance Director Bernadette Blonde presented the Budget Amendment and recommended approval.



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

Motion to Approve Budget Amendments
Moved by Kelley
Supported by Tiejema
Motion carried by voice vote

- IX. Department Reports
MSU Extension presented report.
Public Defender's Office presented report.
Central Dispatch presented written report.
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Frewen commented on Flag ceremony and recognition of Hesche for donation of replica flag, County Road Association meeting, EightCap meeting, and DHHS audit.
Kelley commented on Flag ceremony, County Road Association meeting, and road funding.
Jordan commented on County Road Association meeting, Opioid Steering Committee, and the recent emergency management funding seminar.
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.
- XII. Public Comment
Linda Pigue commented on funding of homeless shelters.
- XIII. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 4:51 p.m.
Moved by Shattuck
Supported by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote

David Hodges, Chairman

Greg Geiger, County Clerk

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Approval of FY25 MIDC Grant for Public Defender Office
April 9, 2024

CONTACT:

WALTER J. DOWNES, Chief Public Defender

DESCRIPTION:

The Public Defender Office is requesting approval of FY25 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) grant for indigent criminal defense services, and authorization of electronic signature by County Administrator for the grant in EGrAMS.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

NONE

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

No impact on the County budget as the MIDC local share remains the same amount for FY 25 at \$225,161.77.

LEGAL REVIEW: none

DEADLINE:

April 22, 2024 with EGrAMS grant submission.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

Approve FY25 MIDC grant budget for the Ionia County Public Defender Office, and authorize electronic signature by County Administrator in EGrAMS for the grant application.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Cost Analysis Summary for Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Renewal - FY 2025
Agency: Ionia County
Application: Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Renewal - FY 2025

3/29/2024

	Category	Total	State Grant	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES				
Program Expenses				
1	Personnel	554,851.10	554,851.10	
2	Fringe Benefits	190,789.17	190,789.17	
Total Program Expenses		745,640.27	745,640.27	
Contractual				
1	Contracts for Attorneys	34,000.60	34,000.60	
2	Contracts for Experts and Investigators	90,000.00	90,000.00	
3	Contracts for Construction	27,500.00	27,500.00	
4	Contracts Other	38,116.00	38,116.00	
Total Contractual		189,616.60	189,616.60	
Other Expenses				
1	Equipment	0.00	0.00	
2	Training/Travel	25,595.00	25,595.00	
3	Supplies/Services	120,030.39	120,030.39	
Total Other Expenses		145,625.39	145,625.39	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		1,080,882.26	1,080,882.26	
INDIRECT EXPENSES				
Indirect Costs				
1	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	

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3/29/2024

	Category	Total	State Grant	Narrative
	Total Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,080,882.26	1,080,882.26	

Source of Funds

	Category	Total	State Grant	Local Share	Other Funding Sources	Narrative
1	Source of Funds					
	State Grant Contribution	855,720.49	855,720.49	0.00	0.00	
	Local Share Contribution	225,161.77	0.00	225,161.77	0.00	
	Program Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Previous Year Unspent Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total Source of Funds	1,080,882.26	855,720.49	225,161.77	0.00	
	Totals	1,080,882.26	855,720.49	225,161.77	0.00	

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

April 9, 2024

CONTACT:

Patrick Jordan, County Administrator

DESCRIPTION:

Donation of support for Have Mercy Homeless family facility.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

One-time donation of \$47,440 for completion of family homeless facility
At 346 S. 4th St, Ionia, Michigan. County will use interest earnings from our ARPA
deposits to enable this donation.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Attorney has approved the legal ability to donate to this project. Agreement being prepared.

DEADLINE:

None

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

Motion to award \$47,400 to Have Mercy (501c3) for completion of family-centered homeless
Facility at 346 S. 4th St.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administrator recommends.

IONIA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Ionia County Commission on Aging requests acceptance of parking lot donation from
Independent Bank for COA Parking and potential expansion.

April 9, 2024

CONTACT:

Carol Hanulcik, Director

DESCRIPTION:

Following the Board of Commissioners meeting on January 9, 2024, our agency proceeded on obtaining a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA). Fishbeck completed the study on March 20th and did not identify any concerns with the property.

For years this lot was leased to COA at no cost by Independent Bank, who has graciously offered to donate the lot for COA's continued use. COA depends on this lot for parking agency vehicles and we hope to expand into a portion of the lot during renovations which are in the planning phase.

We are requesting that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution accepting the property donation from Independent Bank.

A portion of the ESA follows, the full report can be viewed at this link [240407 Ionia CC on Aging](#)

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

Minimal if any impact from donation.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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DEADLINE:

We are looking to move forward on this as soon as possible.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to approve the request of the Commission on Aging Director, to accept the donation of the parking lot from Independent Bank for COA Parking and potential expansion.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval so we can move ahead. We depend on this parking for our agency vehicles and adding to our footprint would be a major plus for COA operations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

County Commissioner Recommends Approval of this Request.

Resolution No. _____

Resolution Accepting Donation

WHEREAS, Ionia County is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to _____; and

WHEREAS, the following entity has offered to contribute the donation set forth below to Ionia County:

Donor

Independent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose address is 4200 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525

Item

1. Lot 2 of Ingall's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof. P.P. No.: Parent Parcel (201-050-000-475-00)

WHEREAS, the terms of conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

1. For the sum of One And No/100 (\$1.00)

WHEREAS, All such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law, and for the use and benefit of the Ionia County Commission on Aging, for their work supporting the senior citizens of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners finds that is appropriate to accept the donation offered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donation described above is accepted and shall be used as allowed by law.
2. The County Clerk is hereby directed to issue receipt to the donor acknowledging the County's receipt of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners this 9th day, in the month of January in the year 2024.

Approved:

Ionia County Board of Commissioners

_____, Chair

Attest

Ionia County Clerk

Greg Geiger



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ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Welcome

For over twenty years, ICEA has collaborated with business and community leaders to ensure long-term economic prosperity for Ionia County. Ionia County residents recognize the positive impact this work has on our communities, from the increase in quality employment opportunities to the economic multiplier effect that growing businesses have on other business sectors throughout our economy.

In a recent example of one of our projects, ICEA helped The Looking Glass River Project in the City of Portland secure \$200,000 to develop a plaza through the State's RAP 2.0 program. We are bringing awareness and exposure to local companies, engaging with over 50 businesses and organizations, and providing assistance to hundreds of companies, such as guiding C3CNC through the process of receiving a PA 198 Tax Abatement from the City of Belding. We are creating a pipeline of talent with renewed initiatives such as business tours for Belding, Ionia, Portland, and Saranac high school students and co-hosting career fairs with our partners. These are just a few examples of the many ways investment in ICEA is producing tangible outcomes for our business community.

I am pleased to present this annual report to share more about our many impacts on the Ionia County community over the past year.

*Ryan
Wilson* “

Ryan Wilson
Executive Director

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What businesses are saying

Message from the Chair

Twelve years ago, the Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) formed a strategic partnership with The Right Place, Inc. to drive long-term job creation, investment and overall economic prosperity in Ionia County. Since then, ICEA has significantly increased its capabilities, and become an even more valuable resource to the Ionia County business community. ICEA provides Ionia County businesses with the tools, resources, and support they need to flourish.

In addition to directly supporting the business community, ICEA also works on long-term initiatives to create strong foundations for sustainable economic growth. Examples include our continued work to bring broadband internet to the entire county, working with developers on more housing options, and assisting municipalities with placemaking projects.

ICEA looks beyond the more immediate gains of economic development through investments in strategic, long-term initiatives within the county. Infrastructure, work-ready talent, and quality of life are all critical factors in creating healthy foundations for continued growth.

The Partnership

ICEA is a public-private partnership, and receives financial support from both communities and businesses to sustain this partnership and enable long-term building of economic prosperity in Ionia County. We look forward to our continued work together to create the next generation of economic growth in our community.

Precia Garland

Precia Garland
Chair, ICEA

Our Mission

Long-term, sustainable economic growth is the goal of the ICEA. By supporting existing businesses in Ionia County while attracting new business to the area, ICEA provides a firm foundation for future growth of the county.

Our Board

- **Precia Garland** (Chair), *City of Ionia*
- **Ethan Ebenstein** (Vice-Chair), *Ionia County Intermediate School District*
- **Dan Mitchell** (Treasurer), *Mercantile Bank*
- **Amber Rood** (Secretary), *The Daily News*
- **Dave Bee**, *West Michigan Regional Planning Commission*
- **Jenny Dinehart**, *Independent Bank*
- **Terry Frewen**, *Ionia County Board of Commissioners*
- **S. Tutt Gorman**, *City of Portland*
- **Amy Herbruck**, *Herbruck's Poultry Ranch*
- **Steve Holt**, *ICEA Board Member*
- **Patrick Jordan**, *Ionia County*
- **Linda Reetz**, *Sparrow-Ionia Hospital*
- **Jon Stoppels**, *City of Belding*
- **Jessica Tramontana**, *Consumers Energy*
- **Rose Willson**, *Union Bank*



2023 At A Glance



4 new investors



50+ company visits



300+ company assists



\$110,000+ total raised



Our Investors

Thank you to the 2023 Investors that made all of this work possible.

21 Private Investors

APEC • Cargill Kitchen Solutions • Belding Area Chamber of Commerce
C.L. Trucking and Excavating • Coldwell Banker Frewen Realty
Consumers Energy • Commercial Bank • Extruded Aluminum
Herbruck's Poultry Ranch • Independent Bank • ITC Holdings
Jordan Manufacturing • Mercantile Bank
Michigan One Community Credit Union • PFCU • Sparrow-Ionia Hospital
The Daily News • Union Bank • United Way • West Michigan Works
Wolbers Possehn Pools, Ponds, and Landscapes

19 Public Investors

Belding Public Schools • Boston Township • City of Belding
City of Ionia • City of Portland • Easton Township • Ionia County
Ionia County Community Foundation • Ionia County Intermediate School District
Ionia Public Schools • Lakewood Public Schools • Montcalm Community College
Odessa Township • Portland Public Schools • Saranac Community Schools
Village of Lake Odessa • Village of Muir • Village of Pewamo • Village of Saranac

2023 Highlights



Discover Manufacturing

ICEA coordinated business tours with multiple area high schools. The goal of these business tours is to create a pipeline of talent by exposing high school students to the many different careers in their community. In 2023, ICEA worked with Belding High School, Ionia High School, the Ionia County Career Center, Lakewood Area Schools, and Portland High School to gain exposure to multiple businesses in the Ionia area. Looking ahead to 2024 and beyond, ICEA will be planning tours for all local schools on a consistent basis.

3rd Annual MIPitch Event

ICEA partnered with area Chambers and the Montcalm Economic Alliance for the third annual MIPitch event. \$15,000 was awarded to five promising start-ups with The Ionia City Market taking 1st place. Three of the five finalists were businesses in Ionia County. The event, which was attended by over 80 people, is designed to encourage entrepreneurship in Ionia and Montcalm Counties, which is a key economic growth strategy for the region.



2023 Highlights

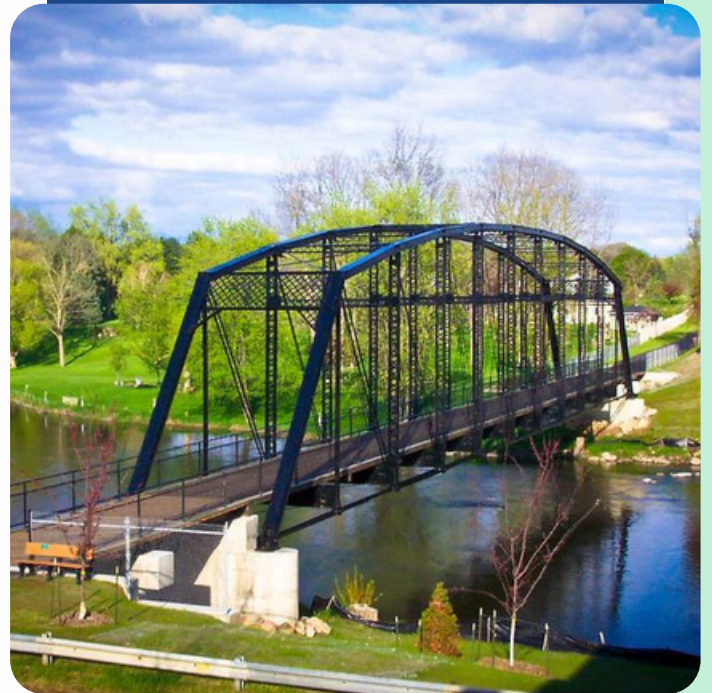


Business Tours for High School Teachers

In March, ICEA set up tours of 4 local Belding businesses for Belding High School Teachers to visit and learn about what they do and the opportunities available to their students in the community. This was coordinated with Belding High School Principal Michael Ostrander to take place on a scheduled professional development day for the staff.

Looking Glass River Plaza via Rap 2.0

ICEA helped The Looking Glass River Project in the City of Portland secure \$200,000 to develop a plaza through the State's RAP 2.0 program. The project involves creating a plaza area that will serve as a gathering space for the downtown area and an overlook for Two Rivers Park across the river.



Business Support

Partnering with The Right Place, the ICEA supports businesses in Ionia County, providing services including but not limited to:

- State & Local Incentives
- Confidential Site Location Searches
- Local Supply Chain & Partner Opportunities
- Manufacturing Innovation & Operational Improvement

Priority Focus Areas

Aligning with The Right Place strategies, ICEA focuses on the following industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Food Processing & Agribusiness
- Information Technology
- Health Sciences

In addition to the above, the ICEA Board has prioritized work in the following areas:

- Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction
- Talent Development, Retention, and Attraction
- Strategic Foundations (infrastructure, quality of life, etc)

Our Client Response



“Our shared collaboration with Ryan Wilson and ICEA is very beneficial to our organization. Ryan is a respected liaison between businesses, developers, local and state officials, and entities such as the MEDC. Ryan brings a proactive versus reactive approach to potential investment opportunities and project incentives in Ionia county. Being a native of the county, Ryan is well connected personally and professionally throughout the region, helping streamline introductions and communication between all parties. His leadership and advisory approach in connecting strategic partnerships allows for essential collaboration early in the project process. We highly value our relationship with Ryan, ICEA, and look forward to their continued support.”

Bill Lee
VP of Business Development
Veneklasen Construction



ICEA Ionia County Economic Alliance

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Ionia County Economic Alliance: Economic Development Strategic Plan 2024-2026

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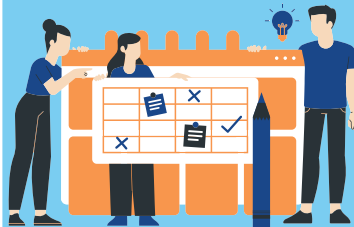
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**Facilitate
Collaboration and
Partnership
Between Various
Community
Organizations
and Municipal
Leaders in Ionia
County**



**Maximize
Community
Placemaking
Activities**



**Retain and
Grow
Businesses in
Key Industry
Sectors**



**Identify and
Act on
Opportunities
to Develop
Skills Among
Young People**



**Bolster
Housing
Options Across
the Economic
Spectrum**

1



Facilitate Collaboration and Partnership Between Various Community Organizations and Municipal Leaders in Ionia County

- Meet with every local unit of government in Ionia County.
- Have a representative every local unit of government attend at least one ICEA meeting/event in a calendar year.
- Host at least one meeting annually with all local levels of government, separate from ICEA Stakeholder meetings. Identify specific topics for meetings such as master planning, workshop on grants, zoning, etc.

2



Maximize Community Placemaking Activities

- Collaborate with county communities to develop placemaking projects to enhance their appeal to current residents as well as to visitors.
- Assist those communities in identifying grant opportunities for placemaking initiatives.

3



Retain and Grow Businesses in Key Industry Sectors

- 3 Year Metric Goal
 - 900 Business Assists
 - 90 Retention Visits, focusing in the Manufacturing, Ag, Tech, and Health Sciences sectors.
- Visit with at least 5 entrepreneurs annually, providing resources
- Continue development of MIPitch initiative
- Develop and maintain a list of potential development opportunities throughout the county
- Host at least three developer-focused events

4



Identify and Act on Opportunities to Develop Skills Among Young People

- All 5 school districts and approximately 150 Students participating in Business Tours annually
- Coordination with local partners to set up business visits into the schools
- Launch tech-related initiative during Tech Week
- Leverage employer network to assist in increasing enrollment in workforce training programs throughout Ionia County
- Work with local school districts and/or career center on career fairs

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Bolster Housing Options Across the Economic Spectrum

- Leverage the results of the Montcalm and Ionia County Housing Plan conducted by Montcalm-Ionia United Way to identify and either form or partner with a housing-focused organization to increase housing stocks in the county
- Host Developer Day event to promote potential housing project locations

2023

ANNUAL REPORT

8TH CIRCUIT COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

JUVENILE DIVISION AND YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

**FAMILY DIVISION OF THE 8TH CIRCUIT COURT
JUVENILE DIVISION – YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU STAFF**

Presiding Judge	Honorable Robert S. Sykes, Jr.
Director of Juvenile Services	Mark Jewell
In-Home Probation Officer	Kim Wheeler
Probation Officers	Kristine Purnhagen Sara Wassenaar
Youth Service Bureau Caseworkers	Kristin Yalacki Vacant (Since 7/24/2021)
Juvenile Register	Shirley Austin
Deputy Register	Mariah Heintzelman

2023 STATISTICS FOR 8TH CIRCUIT COURT-JUVENILE DIVISION

138 Juveniles appeared before the Juvenile Division regarding delinquency.

191 DL petitions were filed in 2023. There were 88 petitions filed on 49 juveniles who had previously offended (34 of whom committed their first offense prior to 2023) and 103 new petitions.

There was a total of 221 charges broken down as follows:

<u>DELINQUENCY CHARGE BREAKDOWN</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>FELONIES:</u>			
Assault	3	21	8
Resisting & Obstructing Police	0	0	4
B&E (Home Invasion) w/intent	3	8	3
CSC - Felony	11	7	10
Child Sexual Abusive Material-possession	0	0	1
Accosting a Child for Immoral Purposes	0	1	0
Larceny/Stolen Property	5	7	1
MDOP	2	7	5
MDOB	0	0	4
UDAA/unlawful use	4	2	8
Drug Offenses	1	1	0
Weapons Violation (Dangerous Weapon/CCW)	0	2	4 (1/3)
Unlawful Imprisonment	0	1	0
Interfering w/ Elec. Comm.	0	1	1
Arson	0	1	1
Extortion	0	1	0
OWI Causing Serious Injury	0	1	0

Fleeing & Eluding	0	0	1
Stealing/retaining Financial Trans. Device	0	0	1
False report of a Felony	0	0	3
School Threat	0	0	1
Lying to a Police Officer	0	0	1
FELONY TOTALS:	30	66	57

MISDEMEANORS/CIVIL INFRACTIONS/STATUS OFFENSES:

Assaults / Domestic Violence	11	24	28
Alcohol related	15	21	12
CSC – misdemeanor	3	16	0
Disorderly	1	0	3
Larceny/Stolen Property	2	11	2
MDOP / MDOB	13	35	20
Retail Fraud	2	4	12
Curfew	12	2	9
Truancy	2	1	11
Runaway	7	9	5
Tobacco	0	11	2
Weapons Violation	0	1	3
Trespass	1	1	1
Illegal Entry / Breaking & Entering	3	9	3
Traffic	15	10	18
Fleeing & Eluding	0	0	2
Drug Offenses (marijuana 1 st civil)	6	20	31
Malicious Use of Service by Comm. Carrier	0	0	1
School Threat	1	6	1

Arson	0	3	0
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	0	1	0
False Information / Lying to a Peace Officer	0	3	0
Incorrigible	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MISDEMEANOR TOTALS:	109	197	164

STANDARD & INTENSIVE PROBATION:

During 2023, 36 juveniles were placed on standard probation with 8 of them being transferred to intensive probation.

DISPOSITIONS

Admission	49
No Contest Plea	6
Traditional Waiver	5
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney/Court	55 (37/18)
Dismissed as Incompetent	1
Consent Calendar	54
Transferred to county of residence	10
Diversion-not authorized	20
Not Yet Disposed	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	221

OCYS BASIC GRANT

The Basic Grant was established by Act 280 of the Public Acts of 1978. The grant was raised from \$15,000 to \$56,520 and is totally reimbursed by the Office of Children and Youth Services. Last year's grant increase marks the first increase in approximately 30 years. The grant is provided to counties with a population less than 65,000 to: 1) supplement existing juvenile justice services, 2) provide for the development of new juvenile justice services, 3) to provide for development of prevention and diversionary services.

In 1990, the Court began utilizing the Basic Grant to assess minors under the jurisdiction of the Court for underlying mental health issues. In 2023, there were 43 youth who were assessed through this program.

2023 CHILD PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS

28 child protection petitions were filed, which involved 34 children.

15 children were removed from their parent(s)' care. 1 child was returned to their parent(s)' care.

5 children (some of whom came under Court jurisdiction prior to 2023) were made permanent wards following the release or termination of their parent(s)' rights.

0 children reached the maximum jurisdictional age of 18.

4 children were placed in guardianship.

Out of the 28 petitions filed involving 34 children, 9 petition were dismissed involving 12 children.

ADOPTIONS

30 finalization hearings were held in 2023.

10 Permanent Court Wards were adopted

2 children were adopted by family members.

4 children were adopted by stepparents

5 children were adopted via direct placement.

1 child was adopted by their guardians

0 children were adopted via a private agency.

8 adults were adopted.

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT – 2023

TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED: 190

TOTAL CHILDREN RE-REFERRED: 5

SOURCE:		OUTCOME:	
Court	0	Successful Intervention	11
Schools	137	Successful Intervention W/ Infractions	33
Police Agencies	2	Little to No Success	17
DHHS	6	Court Involvement	1
Parent	7	No Response	80
TRD	4	Still Providing Services	14
County Prosecutor	36	Rejected	37
City Prosecutor	0	Relocated	1
SEX: Male – 93 Female – 96 Transgender - 1		REASON FOR REFERRAL:	
AGE:		Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
		School Truancy (10 yo and over)	110
6 and under	8	Educational Neglect (Under 10 yo)	21
7 to 10 years	27	Support (10 yo and over)	18
11 years	10	Prevention (Under 10 yo)	7
12 years	20	MDOP Under \$200	1
13 years	25	Assault & Battery	1
14 years	23	Felonious Assault	1
15 years	30	School Threats	2
16 years	27	Runaway	7
17 years & over	20	Domestic Assault	7
		Distributing Obscene Material	2
		Cyberbullying	1
		Property Offense (Felony)	1
		Weapons in School	1
		MIP –Diversion	3
		Child Sexually Abusive Material	4
		Indecent Exposure	1
		Breaking & Entering	1

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU:

The Youth Service Bureau provides a viable and productive alternative for dealing with youth who have either undertaken criminal-type behavior for the first time or who may be experiencing difficulties at home and/or school. These are the type of youth who generally do not belong in the Juvenile Justice System, and can be best served by providing support, guidance, counseling, etc., in a supportive environment. The Youth Service Bureau provides the youth with a second chance without suffering the stigma of a Court record and the label of "delinquent" to follow them back into their respective communities.

The Youth Service Bureau has continued to prove to be cost efficient. The diversionary process by nature is designed to keep children out of the juvenile justice system.

CHILD CARE FUND NARRATIVE

Expenditures from the Child Care Fund were made in the following areas:

Foster Care: The Court places minor children who have been subjected to neglect or abuse at the hands of their parent(s), guardian, or custodian. The Court, on occasion, also places juvenile delinquents into licensed foster homes to modify behaviors that would then enable them to return home to their parents' care and custody. In 2023, \$30,504.31 was expended for licensed foster care, which is about a 12% decrease from the amount in 2022 of \$34,635.07.

Institutional Care: Institutional placements may be ordered for youth whose delinquency poses a danger to the community, or for neglect/abuse wards whose behaviors are too concerning or dangerous to be maintained in foster care placement. Residential placements may be as short as a few days in secure detention or if several years in a secure residential facility.

In 2023, \$170,940.39 was expended for Institutional Care. This increased by about 31% from the 2022 amount spent of \$117,034.23. The 2023 average daily cost to Ionia County was \$118.38.

Chargebacks: The State of Michigan implemented "State Pays First" in 2020. Chargebacks are expenditures for those youth who have been both committed and referred to the Department of Health & Human Services for placement. The County is "charged back" 50% of this cost of care.

Total Child Care Fund expenditures in 2023 amounted to \$258,361.38. This is an increase by about 21% from the 2022 expenditures of \$204,090.51. The Court continues to monitor these expenditures closely and works diligently with other agencies in the community to address the issues that affect the Child Care Fund.

In-Home Care: The reimbursement rate for In-Home Care Expenditures increased from 50% to 75% in October 2023. As part of the Juvenile Justice Reform Laws taking effect in October 2024, a number of programs that are already being provided will also be eligible for 75% reimbursement going forward.

The Court is placed in the position of having to balance the need for rehabilitation versus public safety. Often the public, victims, schools, law enforcement, etc., place significant pressure on the Court to respond in certain ways to a specific offender. It is in these cases that the Court must make those difficult decisions. The Juvenile Division is the only court that is responsible financially for any placement that is made.

2023 CHILD CARE FUND REPORT-PLACEMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION WARDS & DELINQUENT JUVENILES

<u>PLACEMENT TYPE</u>	<u># OF YOUTH</u>	<u># OF DAYS</u>	<u>FINAL COST TO IONIA COUNTY</u>
Licensed Foster Care (NA)	11	2348	\$30,504.31
Private Agency Foster Care (NA)	0	0	\$0
TOTAL FOSTER CARE	11	2348	\$30,504.31
Independent Living Care (DL)	1	252	\$3,156.08
Other County Detention (DL)	3	146	\$21,410.00
Private Institution in State (DL)	5	952	\$114,187.96
Private Institution in State (NA)	2	346	\$35,342.43
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL CARE	10	1444	\$170,940.39
TOTAL FOSTER CARE, INSTITUTIONAL & INDEPENDENT LIVING EXPENSES			\$204,600.78
IN-HOME CARE EXPENSES (DL):			\$37,733.60
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES (NA)			\$6,027.00

2023 CCF Total Expenditures: \$248,361.38

These totals reflect only those youth that are paid for through the Child Care Fund.

This does not reflect children who were eligible for federal Title IV E funding.

Monthly Report

February Activity

911 Calls— **1622**

Administrative Calls— **6621**

Text to 911— **9**

911 Hang up Calls— **167**

Calls for Service Initiated — **4828**

Total Mental Health Calls — **44**

Suicidal Calls — **7**

988 Calls Received — **1**

988 Calls Transferred — **0**

CPR Performed — **8**

Stroke Related Calls — **12**

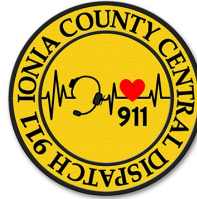
Child birth calls — **0**

Unit Responses / Activities

Law Enforcement— **2727**

Fire— **396**

EMS— **624**



Special Programs Available

Share Medical Information with your 911 call.



www.emergencyprofile.org

What 3 Words— App that provides location information to a 10 meter square.

What3words.com



what3words



Statistics—Dispatch Activities for all Agencies

March - 4828			
CALL FOR SERVICE TYPE	TOTAL	CALL FOR SERVICE TYPE	TOTAL
911 Hang up Call	167	Lost Property / Found	21
988 Calls	1	MDOP	17
Abandoned Vehicle	18	MED 1	250
Active Violence Incident	1	MED 2	69
Alarm	41	MED 3	128
Ambulance Transport	114	Medical Call / Amb Dispatch	6
Assault	26	Mental Health	44
Assist Jail	0	Missing Person	11
Assist Medical	1	Motor Vehicle Theft / UDAA	3
Assist Other Agency	9	Non Criminal	76
Assist Outside Agency	10	OWI / OUID	12
Bomb Threat	0	PDA Traffic	136
Burglary	6	Phone / Internet Harassment	29
Burn Permit	70	PIA Traffic	28
Civil Dispute	75	PPO Violation	6
Conservation / Wildlife	27	Property Check	4
CSC - Criminal Sexual Conduct	15	Repossession	5
Disorderly Conduct	46	Request - Wrecker	4
Domestic Assault	24	Road Closure	2
DPW Request	13	Robbery / Hold up	0
Drugs	12	Spam to Center	700
Duplicate Call	4	Structure Fire	17
Family Abuse / Neglect	35	Suspicious Situations	183
Fire All Other	45	Test Call / System Test	46
Fireworks	1	Thunder Storm/Tornado Warning	0
Follow Up	196	Traffic / Officer Stop	159
Fraud	28	Traffic Offense All Other	1031
General Assist	251	Tree Down	8
Grass / Wildland Fire	15	Trespassing	37
Health & Safety / Animal	75	Vehicle Fire	3
Hit and Run	14	Verbal Domestic	17
Homicide	0	Vin Inspections / All Inspections	8
Juvenile Problems & Runaways	31	Warrant Arrest / Fugitive	88
Kidnapping	0	Weapons Offenses All	15
Larceny	41	Wires Down / Arching	6
Liquor / MIP	1	Unclassified	246

Central Dispatch Activities

- We moved into the new call center on the 15th, Work still continues with our remodel project, phase 2.
- Fire Radios, All Fire Departments have moved to the new radio 800 MHz equipment.
- Supervisors have moved to 12 hour shifts with a supervisor now attached with all 4 teams.
- Don completed his probationary period working night shift.
- Chase & Mya completed their shadow phase of training and are now working a shift from Noon to Midnight, covering our peak hours.
- We did a testing process for Dispatch applicants with testing set for Mid April.

Information received from callers is often incorrect. This often results in the 911 Dispatcher providing incorrect location or other information to First Responders.

Inside 9-1-1 Focus Stories

2024 has been an exciting time so far for the staff. The new call center has been completed with only a few minor technology issues that have been addressed very quickly. Our Senior Dispatcher Becky was the first staff member to log in and start dispatching in the new call center. Her coworkers then shut down their work stations one at a time and moved to the new center.

While the programs they use day in and day out remained the same, it has taken a little time for them to become familiar with the new workstation lay out. Each work station has been set up the same as the others, so there is no difference from one station to the other as they had in the old call center.

The old call center has also started its transformation as we begin phase 2 of the project. The old call center area will become a training room,

meeting room, and Emergency Operations Center.

As this project completed phase 1, another project has reached its conclusion. Ionia County Fire departments are now all on 800MHz radios, using the state radio system known as the MPSCS.

We will be decommissioning the old VHF equipment very soon as the various communities complete the upgrade to their tornado siren systems from VHF to 800MHz as well.

Plans have been started to continue our 911 Field Day in September, to teach students about 911/Dispatch and about all our other public safety partners and what they do in their professions.

We look forward to the completion of phase 2 of our remodel project with plans for an open house/ribbon cutting to celebrate the staff and their new work space.

Ionia County Central Dispatch

Mission: To enhance the quality of life in Ionia County for all people, providing professional, efficient, courteous, and responsive public safety communications.

Vision: To be the example for other Public Safety Dispatch Centers providing exceptional service.

Our Values: D.I.S.P.A.T.C.H.E.R.

D. Detail-oriented: Able to pay close attention, notice the minor details.

I. Innovative: Share new ideas that can improve ICCD for the better, embrace change.

S. Strong Work Ethic: Consistently performing our job to the best of our ability.

P. Professionalism: Communicating respectfully, effectively, and appropriately leading by example.

A. Adaptability: Flexibility, responding effectively to changes or various situations.

T. Teamwork: Work together toward a collective goal with good communication, patience, and dedication.

C. Caring: Feeling or showing concern for or kindness to others.

H. Honesty: Uprightness, fairness, truthfulness, sincerity, or frankness in communications and deeds.

E. Empathy: Connecting with someone, sensing people's emotions or feelings.

R. Respectful: Being appreciative, considerate, polite and gracious to all those we serve and serve with.

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FOIA Requests - 911 Records Only-No Police Repts.
Form available at: <http://ioniacounty.org/foia>
Send or Email to: CentralDispatch@ioniacounty.org

Agency Individual Responses / Activity

Belding Fire—67	Total YTD 226
Berlin-Orange Fire— 38	Total YTD 110
Clarksville Fire— 17	Total YTD 49
Freeport Fire— 1	Total YTD 4
Hubbardston Fire— 8	Total YTD 22
Ionia Department Public Safety Fire— 86	Total YTD 268
Lake Odessa Fire— 32	Total YTD 106
Lyons-Muir Fire— 14	Total YTD 46
Orleans Fire—18	Total YTD 46
Pewamo Fire— 12	Total YTD 31
Portland Fire— 21	Total YTD 58
Ronald Fire— 22	Total YTD 48
Roxand Fire— 4	Total YTD 5
Saranac Fire— 50	Total YTD 138
Sunfield Fire— 6	Total YTD 20
Life EMS— 532	Total YTD 1555
Portland EMS— 92	Total YTD 294
Animal Control— 31	Total YTD 107
Belding Police— 263	Total YTD 789
Department of Natural Resources Law— 1	Total YTD 6
Ionia County Sheriff's Office— 870	Total YTD 2438
Ionia Department Public Safety Law— 435	Total YTD 1164
Lake Odessa Police— 45	Total YTD 141
Michigan State Police— 840	Total YTD 2026
Portland Police— 273	Total YTD 651

Central Dispatch CFS Activity

