



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

April 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 Terence Frewen

Members Absent: County Commissioner Jack Shattuck

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

- I. Call to Order  
Hodges called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance  
Hodges led pledge of allegiance.
- III. Invocation  
Hodges led the Invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
Board discussed agenda.  
*Motion to Approve Agenda*  
*Moved by Frewen*  
*Supported by Tiejema*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*
- V. Public Comment  
No public comment.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar  
*Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.*
- VII. Unfinished Business  
No unfinished business.



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### VIII. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Melissa Eldridge and Ryan Wilson to the Economic Development Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for three-year terms.

*Motion to Appoint Melissa Eldridge and Ryan Wilson*

*Moved by Frewen*

*Supported by Kelley*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval of Fiscal Year 25 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant for the Public Defender's Office. Public Defender Walt Downes presented the grant submission and recommended approval. Board discussed the merits of State funding for the Public Defender's Office and not the Prosecutors Office.

*Motion to Approve Grant Submission and Authorize Electronic Signature*

*Moved by Tiejema*

*Supported by Frewen*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed approval to Donate to Have Mercy Homeless Family Facility. Jordan presented the donation and recommended approval. Board discussed the merits of donating to Have Mercy.

*Motion to Approve \$47,440 Donation from ARPA Interest Fund*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Supported by Hesche*

*Motion defeated by roll call vote*

*Yes – Hodges, Hesche, Kelley*

*No – Wirtz, Tiejema, Wirtz*

Board discussed Resolution accepting Parking Lot Donation from Independent Bank for Commission on Aging. Commission on Aging Direction Carol Hanulcik presented the resolution and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Resolution to Accept Donation Pending Legal Review and Split Parcel*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Supported by Frewen*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

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

*No –*



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### IX. Department Reports

Ryan Wilson presented a written and oral report on behalf of the Ionia County Economic Alliance.

Probate Judge Robert Sykes presented written and oral report on the Family Division of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Probate Court, and Juvenile Court.

Lance Langdon presented a written and oral report for Ionia County Central Dispatch.

### X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on Commissioners' laptops.

Kelley commented on ARPA fund, General Fund, Road budget, Courthouse Façade renovations, parking lot payment, and flag ceremony.

Hesche commented on the Township Association Meeting.

Wirtz commented on the Webber Dam and Airport Zoning Board.

Frewen commented on the ICEA meeting, Township Association Meeting, Ionia County Bridges, and Road supervisors.

### XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

### XII. Public Comment

Kim Cain commented on the donation to the Have Mercy Homeless Shelter.

Greg Geiger commented on the recent passing of the Orange Township Clerk Linn Plett.

### XIII. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn at 4:44 p.m.*

*Moved by Tiejema*

*Supported by Kelley*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk