



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

April 23, 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 Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence Frewen

Members Absent: County Commissioner Gordon Kelley

Other Present: County Administrator Patrick Jordan, 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

Tiejema led the Invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda and added items regarding historic flagpole, land bank, finance committee membership and M66 corridor

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment

Tracy Hodgkins commented on proposed Have Mercy Homeless Shelter donation and safety.

Steve Hodgkins commented on proposed Have Mercy Homeless Shelter donation and safety.

Person commented on the proposed Have Mercy Homeless Shelter donation and safety.

VI. Action on the Consent Calendar

Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.



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VII. Unfinished Business

Board discussed update on Battle Flag Fundraising. Shane Houghton and Eric Calley presented check for balance of battle flag preservation cost.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed request to have Battle Honors Banner restored along with Historic Flag. Jordan presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Restoration of Battle Honors Flag

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of 2024 Equalization Report. Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard presented the Equalization Report and information on designated assessor.

Motion to Approve 2024 Equalization Report with Adjustment to North Plains Township

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant. Blonde presented the grant and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to update County Investment Policy. Blonde presented the policy and recommended approval. Board discussed tabling item.

Motion to Table

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to rent hydro seeder for Road Department. Pigue Presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve rental of Hydro Seeder

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed approval to rent street sweeper for Road Department. Pigue Presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to purchase motor grader for Road Department. Road Department Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Purchase New Motor Grader

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Christine Kreeger to Land Bank

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Shattuck, Tiejema, Frewen, Finance Committee Membership and duties.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Kelley to M66 Corridor Committee

Motion to Appoint Kelley to M66 Corridor Committee and Tiejema as Alternate.

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Building Department presented written and oral report.

IT Department presented written and oral report.

Road Department presented written and oral report.



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- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Hodges commented on new laptops, and the recent fire at Greenview Point Park.
Frewen commented on upcoming meetings.
Tiejema commented on the Have Mercy 9-90 tax form, Michigan Works meeting.
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.
- XII. Public Comment
Judy Clark commented on finance committee
Tracy Hodgkins commented on the proposed Have Mercy Donation.
- XIII. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 5:15 p.m.
Moved by Shattuck
Supported by Frewen
Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk