



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

May 28, 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 Terence Frewen

Members Absent:

Other Present: County Administrator Patrick Jordan, County 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, added closed session item, and modified order of new business.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Tiejema
Supported by Frewen
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.
- VIII. New Business



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Board discussed Resolution in honor of Rhonda Lake. Hodges presented the Resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution in Honor of Rhonda Lake

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed Resolution in honor of Suana McDaniels. Hodges presented the Resolution and recommended approval

Motion to Approve Resolution in Honor of Suana McDaniels

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed appointment of Cindy Cotter to the Park Advisory Board for a two-year term.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of the 2024 L-4029 Tax Rates. Equalization Director Tony Meyaard presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 2024 L-4029

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed renewal of contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for inmate insurance. Sheriff Noll presented the contract and recommended renewal.

Motion to Renew Contract

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed extension of chip seal and fog seal contract. Road Department Director Pigue presented the contract and recommended extension.



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Motion to Extend Contract

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed extension of crack seal contract. Road Department Director Pigue presented the contract and recommended extension.

Motion to Extend Contract

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed ARPA fund allocation to the Road Department. Kelley presented a request for \$200,000 for designated Road Department Projects and recommended approval. Road Department Director Pigue presented additional information on future Road Department budgets.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed replacement of Road Department's bay one rear lift host. Road Department Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed replacement of Road Department's state trunkline pickup truck. Road Department Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Board received report from Public Defender's Office.

Board received report from the Commission on Aging.



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- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Hodges commented on personnel committee schedule and Board salaries.
- Kelley commented on rails to trails bylaws and membership.
- Frewen commented on David Highway Bridge, Grand River Highway overlay, grant funding for M66 sidewalk, Finance Committee's role, National Association of Counties.
- Tiejema commented on Finance Committee's role, capital fund budget, MERS program.
- Jordan commented on opioid steering committee, Morrison Lake Improvement Board, Reuters interview regarding Avian Flu,
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.
- XII. Public Comment
No public comment
- XIII. Closed Session
Board discussed entering Closed Session
Motion to Enter Closed Session
Moved by Shattuck
Supported by Kelley
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 Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote
- Board discussed merging Sheriff's Office MERS pension division.
Motion to Merge Pension Divisions
Moved by Frewen
Supported by Tiejema



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Motion carried by voice vote

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk