



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

June 25, 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 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 Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
No public comment.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent as amended.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.



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VIII. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Nikolai Zerkle to the Economic Development Corporation / Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a two-year term.

Motion to Appoint Nikolai Zerkle

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed Resolution Opposing MDHHS Approach to Meeting the Federal Conflict Free Access and Planning in Michigan and Urging Collaborative Development of an Alternative Approach. Right Door Director Kerry Possehn presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution Opposing MDHHS Approach to Meeting the Federal Conflict Free Access and Planning in Michigan and Urging Collaborative Development of an Alternative Approach

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed modification of Family Medical Leave Act / Substitution of Paid Leave Policy. Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the modification and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Modification of Family Medical Leave Act / Substitution of Paid Leave Policy

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed modification of Personal Leave Policy. Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the modification and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Modification of Personal Leave Policy as Presented

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed purchase of two Meals on Wheels vehicles for the Commission on Aging. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the purchase request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Purchase of Two Meals on Wheels Vehicles



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Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed Commission on Aging budget amendments. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the budget amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Commission on Aging Budget Amendments

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed signature on real property donation to the Commission on Aging. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the budget amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Signature on Real Property Donation

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed HMA Paving Contract with Michigan Paving. Road Department Director Linda Pigue and Road Supervisor Tanner Roe presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract with Michigan Paving

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed replacement of tandem flatbed trailer. Road Department Director Linda Pigue and Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the updated price quote and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Additional \$1200 For Purchase of Tandem Flatbed Trailer

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed repair of Riverside Garage Wash Bay. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the repair and recommended awarding contract to Central Michigan Building Company and sign contract.

Motion to Approve Contract with Central Michigan Building Company

Moved by Kelley



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Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed repair of Overhead Door Replacement. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the repair and recommended awarding contract to Zylstra Door Company, and sign contract.

Motion to Approve Contract with Zylstra Door Company

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed purchase of one Heavy Duty 1 Ton 550 Series Pickup Truck. Road Department Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Purchase of Heavy Duty 1 Ton 550 Series Pickup Truck

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed purchase of hot mastic material. Road Department Road Supervisor Tanner Roe presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Purchase Hot Mastic Material

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed changes to Commissioners Compensation. County Administrator Patrick Jordan presented a proposal to increase Commissioners compensation for upcoming four-year term. Board discussed compensation in surrounding counties, workload, and limits to per-diem.

Board discussed donation to I'M SAFE Child Advocacy Center. Board discussed merits of donation versus regular appropriation.

Board discussed membership in the National Association of Counties.

Motion to Enroll in the National Association of Counties for 2024 - 2025

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented



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Wirtz Dissented

- IX. Department Reports
No Department Reports.
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Kelley commented on Courthouse Façade Renovations, River Trails, and Road department maintenance program.
- Frewen commented on Administrator's Evaluation.
- Tiejema commented on Michigan Works Committee, Finance Committee Meeting.
- Jordan commented on political event.
- 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 to discuss ongoing labor negotiations.
Motion to Enter Closed Session
Moved by Kelley
Supported by Tiejema
Motion carried by roll call vote
Yes- Hodges, Wirtz, Tiejema, Hesche, Kelley, Frewen
No -
- Closed Session
- Motion to exit closed session
Moved by Wirtz
Supported by Tiejema
Motion carried by voice vote



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XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:28pm

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk