



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

July 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 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 Tiejema
Supported by Frewen
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Lynda Sower commented on an election issue in Otisco Township.
Cara Johnson commented on an election issue in Otisco Township.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Hesche request Item C payments of Common Cash and General Fund Payroll for the month of June 2024 for \$2,134,467.89 to be moved to unfinished business.

Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent as amended.



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VII. Unfinished Business

Board discussed Common Cash and General Fund Payroll for the Month of June 2024 for \$2,134,467.89. Board discussed the purchase of furniture for MSU Extension.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

VIII. New Business

Board discussed the 2023 Audit and Financial Statements. Auditor Paul Matz of Rehmann Financial presented the Audit Report.

Motion to Accept the 2023 Audit

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed updates on Ionia County Pension. Financial Planner Jack Kasko of Milestone Wealth Management presented the update.

Board discussed approval of Amendment #3 on the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the Amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amendment #3

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to renew software and maintenance agreement with Central Square for Central Dispatch. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented



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Board discussed request for electrical work for Central Dispatch. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Request not to Exceed \$10,000

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed Ionia Fire Radio System Loan Program. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented details of the loan. Board discussed the merits of a loan vs the use of ARPA funds.

Motion to Approve Seven Year Loan

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed approval of Contract with Prein and Newhof for Consulting and Engineering Services for the Ionia County Airport. Maintenance Director Rod Steel presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for Engineered Drawings and Specifications from Central Michigan Builders for the District Court Probation Office remodel. Maintenance Director Rod Steel presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed awarding Airport Manager Contract to Matt Kuhns. Wirtz presented the contract. Board discussed role as independent contractor vs employee.

Motion to Award Contract to Matt Kuhns

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed awarding contract for Greenview Point Park Fishing Deck. County Administrator Patrick Jordan presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Award Contract

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented a written and oral report.

Building Department Director Burt Gale presented a written and oral report.

Public Defender's Office presented a written report.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on County Picnic.

Kelley commented on audit report and local redevelopment project.

Frewen commented on DHHS Meeting and road department meeting.

Tiejema commented on AAAMW meeting.

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 a legal opinion.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

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 5:55 pm

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk