



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

August 13, 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

Others Present: County Administrator Patrick Jordan, County Clerk Greg Geiger

I. Call to Order

Hodges called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Hodges led the pledge of allegiance.

III. Invocation

Hodges led the invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed the agenda.

Motion to Approve Agenda, added item regarding walk in freezer at jail.

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment

Gary Pitsch commented on appointments to Materials Management Planning Committee.

Melissa Eldridge commented on appointments to Materials Management Planning Committee.

Lisa Coe commented on a local road issue.

VI. Action on the Consent Calendar

Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent as amended.



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VII. Unfinished Business

Board discussed changes to Commissioner's compensation. Jordan presented the changes and recommended approval. Board tabled discussion for future meeting.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Don Johnson, Steve Blayer, Dan Tietema, Michael T. Lamphere, Kristie Warner, John Feuerstein, Doug Hyland, Lynelle Wilson, Dan Schoonmaker, Christian Jensen and Jack Shattuck to Materials Management Planning Committee. Conservation District Director Melissa Eldridge presented the candidates and recommended approval.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Linda Willson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Emerging Threats Agreement with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Health Department. Heath Department Director Chad Shaw presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

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Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed approval of Speech Therapy Referral Agreement. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request by Prosecutor's Office to represent local municipality. Prosecutor Kyle Butler presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement Between Ionia Township and the Ionia County Prosecutor's Office

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of contract amendment for Commission on Aging. Jordan presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve AAAWM Contract Amendment

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to provide motor grader training for Road Department employees. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve up to \$10,000

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to dispose of Road Department surplus equipment. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Bid to Sell Surplus Equipment

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request to accept steel beam guardrail and post bids. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended accepting bid from RMD Holding.

Motion to Accept Bid from RMD Holdings

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to accept plastic culvert bids. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended accepting bid from Vandervelde Sales & Service.

Motion to Accept Bid from Vandervelde Sales & Service

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to reject metal culvert bids. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended rejecting all bids.

Motion to Reject Bids

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to reject rotating carbide moldboard bit bids. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended rejecting all bids.

Motion to Reject Bids

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to reject grader and snowplow blade bids. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended rejecting all bids.

Motion to Reject Bids

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed recommendation from Finance committee for request for proposals regarding the management of the pension plan. Jordan presented the recommendation. Board discussed use of third party to assist in drafting of policy.

Board discussed purchase of walk-in freezer for jail. Maintenance Director Rob Steel presented the request the recommended approval. Board discussed the merits of repair versus replacement. Steel recommended bid from Keyes Refrigeration

Motion to Accept Bid from Keyes Refrigeration

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion defeated by roll call vote

Yes - Wirtz, Tiejema, Kelley

No - Hodges, Hesche, Frewen

IX. Department Reports

Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented written report.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hesche commented on complaints regarding central dispatch.

Board discussed complaints regarding central dispatch.

Board discussed repair of walk-in freezer for jail.

Frewen commented on personnel committee.

Jordan commented on number of hours for employee and North Plains Township meeting regarding transmission lines.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

XII. Public Comment

Robert Van Lente commented on role of a Board.

XIII. Closed Session

Board discussed entering closed session to discuss Union Contract.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –



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Closed Session

Motion to exit closed session

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed ratification of contract with road department teamsters' union.

Motion to Ratify Contract

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:28 pm

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk