



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

August 27, 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:

Others 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 the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Invocation
Kelley led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed the agenda, removed old business item, added new business items.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Frewen
Supported by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Bob Cusack commented on property sales.
- 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

Milestone Wealth Management made a presentation regarding the County Pension Plan. Board discussed investment policy statement as internal communication device with Wealth Management as opposed to the actual County Investment policy. Board reviewed the investment policy statement.

Board discussed second quarter budget amendments. Blonde presented the budget amendments and recommended approval. Board discussed use of fund balance.

Motion to Approve First and Second Quarter Budget Amendments

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed updated personnel policy. County Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the policy and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amended Personnel Policy

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed Secondary Road Patrol & Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Agreement. Sheriff Charlie Noll presented the grant and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Grant Agreement

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed motion to reconsider vote regarding walk in freezer at the jail.

Motion to Reconsider

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed walk in freezer at the jail. Maintenance Director Rod Steel presented quotes for repair and replacement and recommended replacement.

Motion to Approve Replacement

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Hodges Dissented



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Boad discussed appointment of Gary Pitsch to the materials management committee. Conservation District Director Melissa Eldridge presented and

Motion to Appoint Gary Pitsch

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

MSU Extension Director Bill Hendrian presented a written and oral report.
Conservation District Director Melissa Eldridge presented a written and oral report.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on WMRPC meeting, Mental Health Board Meeting.
Kelley commented on Facilities Committee projects.
Hesche commented on Rails to Trails meeting.
Frewen commented on Road Department Projects and financing.
Tiejema commented on Michigan Works meeting.
Shattuck commented on Public Hearing regarding landfill expansion.
Jordan commented on Medical Examiner contract.
Bernadette commented on the approved budget amendments.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

XII. Public Comment

Bob Cusack commented on property sales.

XIII. Closed Session

No closed session



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XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 4:30 pm

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk