



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

November 12, 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 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
Hodges led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed the agenda, removed unfinished business item regarding Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Kelley
Supported by Tiejema
Motion carried by voice vote
Frewen Dissented
- V. Public Comment
Dorothy McKenna commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Christy Valentine commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Daniel Schoonmaker commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Lisa Coe commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
John Vriese commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Clare Colwell commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Al Almy commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
David Hodges commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.
Larry Tiejema commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.



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Phil Hesche commented on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.

John Vriese commented the Solid Waste Plan Amendment.

VI. Action on the Consent Calendar

Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed 2025 insurance and benefit package. Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the proposal and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 2025 Insurance and Benefit Package and Accept All Recommendations

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed Resolution for Exemption Option for Publicly Funded Health Insurance. Jordan presented the Resolution and recommended adoption.

Motion to Adopt Resolution

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed request to replace former Finance Director Tim Dame with current Finance Director Bernadette Blonde as authorized individual for Pension Plan Resolution

Motion to Approve Change in Authorized Individual

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request to replace bucket truck for Road Department. Road Department Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Replace Bucket Truck

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to dispose of Road Department surplus equipment. Road Department Fleet Supervisor Wes Schafer presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Dispose of Surplus Equipment including Current Bucket Truck

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to purchase radiant heat for the Jordan Lake Truck Barn. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Purchase

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed MDOT TWA emergency joint repair on I-96. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval to award contract.

Motion to Approve and Authorize Signature

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed MDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval to award contract.

Motion to Approve and Authorize Signature

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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- IX. Department Reports
Board received written and oral report from the Ionia County Road Department.
Board received written and oral report from the Ionia County Sheriff's Office.
Board received written report from the Ionia County Health Department.
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Frewen commented on MDHHS meeting.
Tiejema commented on TIF meeting, AAAWM, Michigan Works,
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.
- XII. Public Comment
No public comment
- XIII. Closed Session
No closed session.
- XIV. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 5:35 pm
Moved by Frewen
Supported by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk