



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

October 22, 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.
Motion to Approve Agenda
Moved by Frewen
Supported by Tiejema
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Andy Vredenburg commented on the materials management host agreement.
Al Almy commented on the materials management host agreement.
Steven Pitsch commented on the materials management host agreement.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.



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VIII. New Business

Board conducted a public hearing for the 2025 Budget.

Motion to Enter Public Hearing for 2025 Budget.

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Discussion regarding reimbursement for Courts, discussion regarding jail funding, possible revenue supplements, specific funding questions.

Discussion regarding partial workweek. Discussion regarding Ionia County Economic Alliance. Discussion regarding budget process. Board comments on the quality of the budget.

Public Hearing Closed

Board discussed adoption of 2025 Budget Resolution.

Motion to Adopt 2025 Budget Resolution

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No - Hesche

Board discussed adoption of 2025 Road Department Budget Resolution.

Motion to Adopt 2025 Road Department Budget Resolution.

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No -

Board discussed adoption of Ionia County Pension Plan. Investment overview and specific investment strategy.

Motion to Approve Recommendations

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed retaining Foster Swift to represent Ionia County in the appeal of PA233. Attorney from Foster Swift presented the lawsuit and recommended County join action.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed approval of solid waste plan amendment. Conservation District Director Melissa Eldridge presented the plan amendment with Attorney from Solid Waste Committee. Board discussed amendment at length, including possible options moving forward. Board discussed certain parties' opposition to the amendment, conflicting goals of the Solid Waste Committee members. Board discussed revisiting issue at later meeting.

Board discussed engineering services at Road Department. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bids and recommended Spicer Engineering.

Motion to Accept Bid from Spicer Engineering

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to repair bridges 4031, 4054 and 4056. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended accepting bid from Anlaan Corporation.

Motion to Accept Bid from Anlann Corporation for Bridge Repair

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for fire monitoring alarm systems. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Board received written and oral report from County Drain Commissioner Robert Rose.



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- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Commented
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.
- XII. Public Comment
Hodges commented on early voting.
Kelley commented on Facilities Committee, Brownfield meeting.
Wirtz commented on Long Lake Improvement Board.
Frewen commented on Road Department meeting, Finance Committee Meeting.
Tiejema commented on Finance Committee, Local Development Committee.
- XIII. Closed Session
No closed session.
- XIV. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 6:16 pm
Moved by Shattuck
Supported by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk