



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Hodges, Chairman

November 26, 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
Hodges led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed the agenda
Motion to Approve Agenda
Moved by Wirtz
Supported by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Robert Sitzlerlitz commented various topics.
- VI. Action on the Consent Calendar
Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.
- VIII. New Business



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Board discussed Emergency Management Performance Grant Work Agreement. Emergency Management Director Sgt. Straubel presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed Ionia County Recreation Plan Resolution. Dave Bee presented the resolution and recommended adoption.

Motion to Adopt Ionia County Recreation Plan Resolution

Moved by Shattuck

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

No –

Board discussed FY 2025 SCAO Grant Contract for the 8th Circuit Court Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed FY 2025 SCAO Grant Contract for the 8th Circuit Court Adult Recovery Court Program. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed entering into Host Agency Agreement with the AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed Amendment #3 to the Agreement with My Community Dental Care Services. Health Department Director Chad Shaw presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Amendment

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed 3rd quarter budget amendments. County Finance Director Bernadette Blonde presented the amendments and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendments

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed proposal to extend auditing service contract. County Finance Director Bernadette Blonde presented the proposal and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Proposal

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to purchase new tractor for Bertha Brock Park. Shattuck presented the request and recommended approval. Commissioners discussed quoting process and availability of information.

Motion to Approve Purchase

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Kelley Dissented

Frewen Dissented

Board discussed agreement with University of Michigan Health Sparrow for Medical Examiner and Transport Services. County Administrator Patrick Jordan presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed proposal to increase County Commissioner compensation. County Administrator Patrick Jordan presented the proposal and recommended adoption. Commissioners discussed merits of proposals.

Motion to Adopt Proposal

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion defeated by voice vote

Wirtz Dissented

Hesche Dissented

Shattuck Dissented

Frewen Dissented

IX. Department Reports

Board received written and oral report from the Commission on Aging.

Board received written report from the Public Defender's Office.

Board received written report from Central Dispatch.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on Thanksgiving.

Kelley commented on Road Department, Personnel Committee, Solid Waste Plan Amendment.

Hesche commented on Rails to Trails meeting.

Tiejema commented on direct care workers.

Jordan commented on Eagle Mega-site.

Blonde commented on Finance Meeting.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No Special or Ad Hoc Committee reports.

XII. Public Comment

Robert Sitzerlitz commented on government efficiency.

XIII. Closed Session

Board entered closed session to discuss strategy and negotiation as it relates to a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Shattuck

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

No –



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Closed Session

Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed letter of understanding with Road Department Union.

Motion to Approve Letter of Understanding

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Shattuck Dissented

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk