



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jack Shattuck, Chairman

January 28, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present: 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: County Commissioner David Hodges

Others Present: Interim County Administrator Chad Shaw, County Finance Director Bernadette Blonde, County Clerk Greg Geiger

- I. Call to Order
Shattuck called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Shattuck led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Invocation
Tiejema led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed agenda, Closed Session will be moved to 4:15 pm, central dispatch items referred to personnel committee.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Tiejema
Supported by Frewen
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Karen Histed commented on dust control bid.
Phil Hesche commented on Fire Resolution.
- VI. Action on Consent Calander
Board approved consent calendar by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.



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VIII. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Mary Lou Mulick to Tax Allocation Board for a one-year term.

Motion to Appoint Mary Lou Mulick to the Tax Allocation Board for a One-Year Term

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the appointment of Ryan Wilson to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for a one-year term.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of David McCord, Diana Almy and Kathleen Cook to the Parks Advisory Board for a two-year term.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointment of Edna Albert to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Motion to Appoint Edna Albert

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed Resolution Honoring the Saranac Community Fire Department and the Fire Departments of Ionia, Kent, and Montcalm Counties. Paul Opsommer of State Representative Gina Johnson's Office presented a tribute in honor of the Fire Departments and the Family Farm associated with the fire.

Motion to Adopt Resolution

Moved by Hesche

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed request to increase the adoption fees at the Ionia County Animal Shelter. Animal Shelter Director Carly Quinn presented the request and recommended approval. Board discussed raising rate to \$160.00 for dogs. Board discussed grants available to the animal shelter.

Motion to Approve Proposed Increase for Adoptions

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for Board Chairman's signature on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan authorization of signature document for reporting and contracting purposes. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the requested and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Board Chair Jack Shattuck's Signature on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Documentation

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for ratification of Commission on Aging Director's signature on Fiscal Year 2026 application for funding from Michigan Department of Transportation. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the requested and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request for ratification of Commission on Aging Director's signature on Michigan Department of Corrections Agreement 2022-0075 P4 R1. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the requested and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to approve contract for road patrol hours between Ionia County and the Village of Pewamo. Sheriff Charlie Noll presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract with Village of Pewamo for Additional Road Patrol

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to approve Road Department Transportation Asset Management Plan. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the plan and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 2024 Transportation Asset Management Plan

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed bid for limestone from Yellow Rose. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bid and recommended accepting.

Motion to Approve Limestone Bid from Yellow Rose

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed bid for dust control from S&M Tire Fills. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bid and recommended accepting.

Motion to Approve Dust Control Bid from S&M Tire Fills

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed bid for HMA paving from Capital Asphalt. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bid and recommended accepting.

Motion to Approve HMA Paving Bid from Capital Asphalt

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to purchase two pickup trucks. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Authorize Road Department Director to Purchase Two Pickup Trucks at a Cost of not to Exceed \$93,000

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for credit card. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval. Board discussed current policy and availability of cards to other departments. Board discussed recommending issue to Finance Committee.

Motion to Refer to Finance Committee

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request to pay vendors for service contracts. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval. Board discussed value of bringing contracts up as needed as opposed to together annually.

Motion to Approve Payment to Central Square for Maintenance

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed recommendation from Personnel Committee to nullify pay raises issued contrary to the 2025 budget or legal and policy requirements. Kelley presented the recommendation.

Motion to Reject Pay Increase for Finance Director

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by roll voice vote

Frewen Dissented

Motion to Nullify Raises Implemented After 2025 Budget was Adopted

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by roll voice vote

IX. Closed Session

Board discussed entering closed session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Closed Session



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Motion to Exit Closed Session

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Ratify Tentative Agreement with SEUI 64A District Court Union

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

X. Department Reports

Board received written and oral report from Central Dispatch.

Motion to Receive Report

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

XI. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on Facilities Committee and District Court Probation Remodel.

Kelley commented on Facilities Committee and Facilities Director search, Personnel Committee and Administrator search, WMRPC meeting, federal funding changes and potential budget cuts.

Hesche commented on Personnel Committee and Resolution for Firefighters.

Shaw commented on workload.

XII. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XIII. Public Comment

Lance Langdon commented water damage at central dispatch.

Motion to Allow County Administrator to Spend up to \$16,000 for Central Dispatch Repair

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.



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Motion to Adjourn at 5:15 pm

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk