



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jack Shattuck, Chairman

February 11, 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

Frewen led the invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda, moved Building Department Report to prior to new business, added item regarding Administrator duties

Motion to Approve Agenda

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Add Agenda Item

Moved by Hesche

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment

No public comment.

VI. Action on Consent Calander

Board approved consent calendar by unanimous consent.



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VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. Department Reports

Board received written and oral report from the Building Department.

IX. New Business

Board discussed the powers of the Interim County Administrator. Board agreed Interim County Administrator does not have authority to hire and fire. Board discussed purchasing limit of \$10,000 of budgeted funds.

Board discussed appointment of Jeff Montgomery to the Airport Zoning Board for a one-year term.

Motion to Appoint Jeff Montgomery to the Airport Zoning Board for a One-Year Term

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the Michigan Earned Sick Leave Act and an modified personnel policy. Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the policy and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Policy as Presented

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request for 2020 Census urban boundary change. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Changes to Road Classification

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed bid to cut and remove trees from Trees LLC. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the bid and recommended acceptance.

Motion to Accept Bid from Trees LLC



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Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed PA116 Farmland Preservation Application for Mary and Phillip Seidelman.

Motion to Approve PA116

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request to hire Facilities Director. Shaw presented the applicant and recommended hiring.

Motion to Hire Scott DeRuischer as Facilities Director

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Wirtz Dissented

Board discussed Resolution for Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund. Shaw presented the Resolution and recommended adoption. Board discussed options requiring annual renewal or maintaining levy in perpetuity until further action by the Board.

Motion to Adopt Resolution without Requiring Annual Renewal

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes – Wirtz, Tiejema, Hesche, Shattuck, Frewen

No – Kelley

Board discussed approval of the Ionia County Health Department's Plan of Organization. Shaw presented the Plan and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Ionia County Health Department's Plan of Organization

Moved by Frewen

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request to change the name of the Ionia County Abuse Initiative to Ionia County Hope and Recovery. Shaw presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Hesche

Motion carried by voice vote

Kelley Dissented

Board discussed payroll step increase for Dispatch Supervisor. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Supported by Tiejema

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

Board discussed renewal of Motorola Service Agreement. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Tiejema

Supported by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Hesche Dissented

X. Department Reports

Board received written and oral report from the Animal Control Department.

Board received written and oral report from the Clerk's Office.

XI. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Shattuck commented on County Administrator Search.

Wirtz commented on Airport Board Meeting.

Hesche commented on Resolution for Soldiers and Sailors Fund.

Frewen commented on Facilities Committee and on State funding.

Shaw commented on staffing.

XII. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.



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XIII. Public Comment

No public comment.

XIV. Closed Session

No closed session.

XV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 5:01

Moved by Wirtz

Supported by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk