



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jack Shattuck, Chairman

October 28, 2025, 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 Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence Frewen

Members Absent: County Commissioner Gordon Kelley

Others Present: County Administrator Chad Shaw, County Finance Director Roxy Craton, 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

Hodges led the invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda, added item regarding cancellation of December 23, 2025 meeting.

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

V. Public Comment

Terry Frewen, Katie Holcomb, Angela Wandell, Haylee McClain, Cynthia Walkington, Linda Dingerson, Leslie Warner, Julie Chapin, Amy Herbruck, Jenny Albert, Max Conley, Chris Smith, Carolyn Smith, Max Pfund, David Nash, Connie Nash, Riley Miller, Nathan Vandercock, Ally Myers, Paula Kruger, Teagan Frisbee, Chad Listerman, Katie Ockert, Abby Miller, Vicki Newton, Emma Foy, Ryan Foy, Sunny Hagland, Judy Huyhn, Erin Terrian, Sophia Schrauben, Phil Hesche Jr., Nate Pickett, Bill Hendrian, Amanda Reed, Bob Van Lente, Larry Tiejema, Phil Hesche Sr., Jack Shattuck, and David Hodges commented on MSU Extension and 4H program funding.



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VI. Action on Consent Calendar

Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed approval of 2025 Apportionment Report and adoption of 2025 Apportionment Resolution.

Motion to Approve 2025 Apportionment Resolution

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed approval of three PA 116 applications for Kuperus Family Farms. Geiger presented the applications and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Applications for Kuperus Family

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed approval of PA 116 application for Cody Stowell. Geiger presented the applications and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Application for Cody Stowell

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed request to renew Health Department contract with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Shaw presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract with EGLE

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed request for Health Department grant funding from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Shaw presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried



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Board discussed Approval of Amendment #2 with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Shaw presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried

Board discussed MSU Extension Director Bill Hendrian's request to increase MSU Extension funding. Hendrian presented information on MSU Extension history and services. Board discussed original proposed budget amounts, past budgeted amounts, budget workshops, and need for further discussion.

Board discussed request to approve dust control contract 25-11 with SM Tire Liquidfill. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract with SM Tire Liquidfill

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed Resolution to Exempt Ionia County Taxes from Capture by a Tax Increment Financing Plan #1. Shaw presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Exempt Ionia County Taxes from Capture by a Tax Increment Financing Plan #1

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed Resolution to Exempt Ionia County Taxes from Capture by a Tax Increment Financing Plan #2. Shaw presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Exempt Ionia County Taxes from Capture by a Tax Increment Financing Plan #2

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed December 23, 2025 meeting. Board discussed cancellation and need for further discussion.



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- IX. Department Reports
Board received written report from the Sheriff's Office.
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Wirtz commented on the Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting.
Hodges commented on the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Director interviews.
Tiejema commented on the AAAWM and the Michigan Works meeting.
Frewen commented on the ICEA meeting, and the recent MAC podcast on tax overbid.
Shaw commented on the Civil War Flag and WIC layoffs at the Health Department.
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No reports of special or ad hoc committees.
- XII. Public Comment
Tom Walker, Chris Smith, Katie Holcomb and Linda Digerson commented on MSU Extension and 4H program funding.
- XIII. Closed Session
No closed session.
- XIV. Adjournment
Board discussed adjournment.
Motion to Adjourn
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk