



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jack Shattuck, Chairman

November 25, 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 Gordon Kelley, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence Frewen

Members Absent:

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, moved item regarding resolution for health insurance exemption.
Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended
Moved by Tiejema
Motion carried
- V. Public Comment
Katie DeBoer commented on candidacy for Michigan State Senate.
Tom Walker commented on the budget.
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar
Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.



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VIII. New Business

Board discussed opening the 2026 Budget Hearing.

Motion to Open 2026 Budget Hearing

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

2026 Public Budget Hearing

Motion to Close 2026 Budget Hearing

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed the 2026 Budget Resolution.

Motion to Approve the 2026 Budget Resolution

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No – Hesche

Board discussed the 2026 Budget Resolution.

Motion to Approve the 2026 Budget Resolution

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board received written and oral report from Jack Kasko regarding the Ionia County Pension Plan Investments. Board received written and oral report from Chris Veenstra regarding the Ionia County Pension Plan Investments

Board discussed Resolution to Modify Authorized Individuals on Pension Plan.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Remove Patrick Jordan and Bernadette Blond and Add Chad Shaw and Rox Craton as Authorized Individuals on Pension Plan

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –



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Board discussed Resolution on Exemption Option for Publicly Funded Health Insurance. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution on Exemption Option for Publicly Funded Health Insurance.

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed insurance and benefit package proposal for 2026. Human Resources Director Priscilla Walden presented the proposal and recommended adoption.

Motion to Approve Benefit Package Proposal

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried

Board discussed Veteran's Court grant and budget amendment. 64A District Court Administrator Kim Clark presented the grant and budget amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Veteran's Court Grant

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed Sobriety Court grant. 64A District Court Administrator Kim Clark presented the grant recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Sobriety Court Grant

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed Adult Recovery Court grant. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the grant recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation grant. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the grant recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Grant

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried



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Board discussed authorization of signatures for fiscal year 2026 Office of Community Corrections grant. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 2026 Community Corrections Grant

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed contract with Cognitive Consultants for Ionia County Community Corrections. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried

Board discussed contract with TRICAP for Ionia County Community Corrections. 8th Circuit Court Administrator Selina Schmidt presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried

Board discussed Resolution to Adopt Brownfield Plan for Building Belding. Brownfield Director Julianne Burns presented the plan and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Adopt Brownfield Plan for Building Belding

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by roll call vote

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

No –

Board discussed provider network agreement. Health Department Director Haleigh Leslie presented the agreement and recommended approval

Motion to Approve

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried

Board discussed Ionia Belding PFAS Site Special Project. Health Department Director Haleigh Leslie presented the project and recommended approval

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried



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Board discussed hot mastic material for the Road Department. Road Department Director Linda Pigue recommended purchase.

Motion to Approve Purchase of Hot Mastic

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

Board discussed 800mhz radios for the Road Department. Road Department Director Linda Pigue recommended purchase.

Motion to Approve Bid for 800mhz Radios from Digicom

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried

Board discussed agreement with Henn Lesperance PLC. Road Department Director Linda Pigue presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Agreement with Henn Lesperance PLC

Moved by Tiejema

Motion carried

Board discussed appointment of Dr. Petre Rahaman and Deputy Medical Examiner. County Administrator Chad Shaw recommended the appointment.

Motion to Appoint Dr. Petre Rahaman

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried

IX. Department Reports

Board received written report from the Public Defender's Office

Board received written report from Central Dispatch Department.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Hodges commented on the holiday season.

Tiejema commented on the AAAWM budget.

Kelley commented on committee reports, and EightCap funding.

Frewen commented on DHHS meeting, finance committee reports, facilities committee presentation, and Road Department policy meeting.

Shaw commented on Building Review, union negotiations, historic flag, WIC funding, Emergency Management funding.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.



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XII. Public Comment

Katie DeBoer commented on Delinquent Tax Funding and foreclosures.

Shawn Frisbee commented on 4H funding.

Shattuck commented on the holiday season.

XIII. Closed Session

No closed session.

XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk