



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

January 13, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Organizational Meeting Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner Scott Wirtz, County Commissioner Phil Hesche, County Commissioner Gordon Kelley, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence Frewen

Members Absent: County Commissioner David Hodges, County Commissioner Larry Tiejema

Others Present: County Administrator Chad Shaw, County Clerk Greg Geiger

I. Call to Order

Geiger called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Geiger led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Organization of Board of Commissioners

Board discussed election of Chairman.

Nomination of Frewen

Nominated by Shattuck

Frewen Elected by Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Board discussed election of Vice Chairman.

Nomination of Kelley

Moved by Frewen

Kelley Elected by Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Board discussed Bylaws

Motion to Adopt Bylaws

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried

V. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda



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Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried

VI. Action on Consent Calendar

Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.

VII. Appointments

Board discussed Appointments to board and committees.

Motion to Appoint

Audit Committee – Frewen, Tiejema, Wirtz

Facilities Committee – Kelley, Hodges, Wirtz

Finance Committee – Frewen, Hodges, Tiejema

Grievance Committee – Frewen, Kelley, Hesche

Personnel Committee – Kelley, Hesche, Shattuck

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint

Airport Board – Frewen

ACSETC – Wirtz

Bargaining Committee – Shattuck

Board of Public Works – Shattuck, Hesche

Commission on Aging Board – Tiejema

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Wirtz

Community Mental Health Services Board – Hodges

Department of Human Services Board – Frewen

Emergency Management Advisory Council – Frewen

Ionia County Economic Alliance – Kelley

Lake Boards – Wirz, Shattuck, Hesche

MAC Workers Compensation Board – Shattuck

Mid-West Trail Authority – Hesche, Wirtz

MSU Extension Council – Hodges

Park Advisory Board – Shattuck

Road Department Staff Meetings – Kelley, Hodges, Hesche

SMART – Hesche, Frewen

Tax Allocation Board – Finance Committee Chair

WMRPC – Hodges, Kelley

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried



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Motion to Appoint

Legal Counsel – Cohl, Stoker, and Toskey, P.C.

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint

Administrative Health Officer – Haleigh Leslie

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint

Building Codes Official – Nick Keck

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint

Equalization Director – Anthony Meynard

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint

Medical Examiner – Dr. Michael Markey

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried

VIII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

IX. New Business

Board discussed appointment of Jeff Montgomery to the Airport Zoning Board for a one year term, the appointment of Matt Kuhns to the Airport Zoning Board for a two year term, and the appointment of Wirtz to the Airport Zoning Board for a two year term.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried

Board discussed appointment to the Board of Public Works. There were no interested applicants.



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Board discussed appointment of Hodges, Ally Cook, and Bernard Russell to the Park Advisory for two year terms.

Motion to Appoint

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried

- X. Department Reports
No Department Reports
- XI. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Frewen commented on being elected Chairman and on a recent local meeting.
Kelley commented on upcoming veterans' event.
Shaw commented on boiler replacement for the Jail.
- XII. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No reports of special or ad hoc committees.
- XIII. Public Comment
No public comment.
- XIV. Closed Session
No Closed Session
- XV. Adjournment
Board discussed adjournment.
Motion to Adjourn
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk