



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

February 26, 2026, 3:00 p.m.  
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

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Frewen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation

Kelley led the invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda and added item to department reports.

*Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried*

V. Public Comment

Jodie Fitzpatrick commented on an upcoming musical event.

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 resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Larry Tiejema upon his retirement.

*Motion to Approve Resolution*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion by roll call vote*

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

*No –*

Board discussed agreement and funding for Public Alert System. Emergency Management Director Sgt. Rick Straubel presented the system and recommended adopting Hyper Reach.

*Motion to Approve Agreement with Hyper Reach*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried*

Board discussed modification to holiday pay for Central Dispatch supervisors. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the modification and recommended approval. Board referred the issue to the Personnel Committee.

Board discussed modification to overtime pay for Central Dispatch supervisors. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the modification and recommended approval. Board referred the issue to the Personnel Committee.

Board discussed Memorandum of Understanding for Dispatcher Union Contract with regards to vacations. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the modification and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried*

Board discussed parallel office manager position prior to vacancy for training purposes. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Position for a Period not to Exceed Six Weeks*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried*



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Board discussed resolution Consolidating the County 911 Document and amendments. Central Dispatch Director Lance Langdon presented the resolution and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Resolution*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion by roll call vote*

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

*No –*

Board discussed 26-17 HMA paving contract bids. Road Department Director Kody Waite presented the contract and recommended accepting the bid from Rieth-Reilly Construction

*Motion to Accept Bid from Rieth-Reilly Construction*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried*

Board discussed 2026 Countywide Tree Removal Contract bids. Road Department Director Kody Waite presented the contract and recommended accepting the bid from Always There Tree Care

*Motion to Accept Bid from Always There Tree Care*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried*

Board discussed updating and refining strategic plan. Board discussed need for more detail in the plan as well as the need to plan farther into the future.

Board discussed MCL 46.412 Vacancy in office of Commissioner and appointment. Board discussed process to fill vacancy and timeline. Board agreed to accept applications for the position until March 9, 2026, Board will select candidates for interviews on March 10, 2026, Board will hold special meeting on March 17, 2026 for interviews, deliberation and appointment of Commissioner.

*Motion to Approve Appointment Process*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried*

### IX. Department Reports

Board received written report from the Maintenance Department.

Board received report from the Building Department.



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- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees  
Frewen commented on MAC podcast, discount prescription program, Ionia County Connect, Montcalm Community College Ionia Guarantee Program, state revenue sharing, and local tipping fees.  
Shattuck commented on local tipping fees.  
Kelley commented on the facilities committee and on upcoming Brownfield Development.  
Shaw commented on the Civil War Flag, jail boilers, and thanked Commissioner Tiejema for his service.
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees  
No reports of special or ad hoc committees.
- XII. Public Comment  
Jodie Fitzpatrick commented on an upcoming musical event.
- XIII. Closed Session  
No Closed Session
- XIV. Adjournment  
Board discussed adjournment.  
*Motion to Adjourn*  
*Moved by Shattuck*  
*Motion carried*

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk