



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

March 10, 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

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

Frewen led the invocation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Board discussed agenda and added two items to new business regarding outside employment for a department head and a letter supporting Odessa Township's request for federal funds.

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment

Andrew Dymczyk commented on a potential ballot proposal for emergency services.

Melinda Tolan commented on a potential ballot proposal for emergency services.

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 appointment of Cathy Hesche to a 3-year on the Community Mental Health Services Board.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed reappointment of Nancy Haga to a 3-year term on the Community Mental Health Services Board.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed budget Amendment Approval for PFAS sites with the Health Department. Haleigh Leslie presented the budget amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the request to update authorization of signature for AAAWM. Shaw presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the Resolution for MSU Extension/4H Millage Proposal. William Hendrian presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes – Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No –

Board discussed and reviewed Applications for District 3 Commissioner. Board discussed sequestering candidates during the interviews and allowing zoom for candidates to interview remotely.

Motion to Interview Robert Simpson, Carrie Bucholtz, Tim Ross

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed request to approve outside employment for Finance Director Craton.

Motion to Approve Request

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed request from Odessa Township for letter of support in their bid to obtain a federal grant for the construction of a new fire station.

Motion to Authorize Chairman to Approve and Publish Letter of Support

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

- I. Department Reports
Board received written and oral report from the Sheriff's Office.
- II. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
Frewen commented on MAC webinar.
Wirtz commented on Airport meetings.
Shattuck commented on gravel roads and emergency services proposal.
Hesche commented on rails to trails finance.
Shaw commented on road conditions, veteran's service office and grant review for the Public Defender's Office.
- III. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
No reports of special or ad hoc committees.
- IV. Public Comment
No public comment.
- V. Closed Session
No closed session



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VI. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk