



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

March 24, 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 M. 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 the agenda and amended appointments to Veteran's Affairs
Committee
Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Shane Houghton commented on Veterans' Service Office.
Eric Calley commented on Veterans' Service Office.
Tim Ross commented on Veterans' Service Office.
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar
Board amended Shattuck's per diem and milage.
Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.



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VIII. New Business

Board discussed a presentation from Steve Currie, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties, on county-related legislative and policy matters.

Board discussed a call to special election. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the matter and recommended approval.

Motion to call a Special Election to Fill the Vacancy in District 3 with a Primary Election to be held August 4, 2026, and a General Election to be held November 3, 2026, in accordance with MCL 46.413

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the renewal of the Motorola Service Agreement. Lance Langdon presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Motorola Service Agreement Renewal and Authorize Director Langdon to Sign

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant for the Public Defender Office. Walter Downes presented the grant and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the FY27 MIDC Grant for the Public Defender's Office

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a resolution certifying the county road system mileage pursuant to Act 51. Cody Waite presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Resolution for Act 51 Certifying County Road System Mileage

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Wirtz, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No — Hesche



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Board discussed a resolution approving and authorizing the signing of Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 26-5032 for the Bell Road Bridge over Duck Creek. Cody Waite presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Signing of MDOT Contract 26-5032

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No —

Board discussed a request for approval of a motor-grader rental agreement. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Motor-Grader Rental Agreement

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of as-needed construction services. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve As-Needed Construction Services From Buck Garland

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to sign an updated agreement with the Easton United Methodist Church for the Blue Skies Adult Day Program. Carol Hanulcik presented the agreement and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Updated Agreement with Easton United Methodist Church for the Blue Skies Adult Day Program

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval to sign a Letter of Intent for the County Veteran Service Grant and to authorize the creation of a County Veterans' Affairs and Veterans' Service Office. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Letter of Intent for the County Veteran Service Grant and Creation of the County Veterans' Affairs/Veterans' Service Office

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed a request to form the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee.

Motion to Approve the Formation of the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed appointments to the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee. Appointments considered include Joel Vanslambrouck, Shane Houghton, and Patrick Dixon, Christina Kremm

Motion to Approve Appointments to the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Board received a report from the Public Defender Department.

Board received a written report from the Register of Deeds Department.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on committee meetings and on the ICEA.

Kelley commented on committee meetings, WMRPC Data Centers, and cost increases.

Hesche commented on veterans' service office.

Shaw commented on veterans' service office, long term building plan.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XII. Public Comment

Gina Johnsen commented on legislative proposals.

XIII. Closed Session

No Closed Session



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XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk