



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

April 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Members Absent:

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
Hodges led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Board discussed the agenda.
Motion to Approve the Agenda
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote
- V. Public Comment
Jani Millard commented on the emergency services proposal.
Don Matlo commented on the emergency services proposal.
Sharon Darby commented on the emergency services proposal.
Chad Perkins commented on the emergency services proposal.
Matt Bennett commented on the emergency services proposal.
Mike Rohrabacher commented on the emergency services proposal.
Sharon Rohrabacher commented on the emergency services proposal.
Charles Babcock commented on the emergency services proposal.
Phil Hesche commented on the emergency services proposal.
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar
Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.



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VII. Unfinished Business

Board discussed a public hearing and resolution to annex certain lands to the Village of Muir.

Frewen opened public comment

Discussion regarding annexation

Frewen closed public comment.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Hesche, Kelley, Frewen

No — Wirtz, Shattuck

Board discussed a resolution submitting an emergency services millage proposal.

Motion to Approve Resolution for Emergency Services Millage

Moved by Kelley

Motion defeated by roll call vote

Yes —

No — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

VIII. New Business

Board discussed the reappointment of Gordon Kelley, Commissioner Liaison, to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term.

Motion to Appoint Gordon Kelley

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the appointment of Terry Frewen to the Audit Committee.

Motion to Appoint Terry Frewen

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the appointment of Gordon Kelley to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring in 2027.

Motion to Appoint Gordon Kelley

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed the appointment of Phil Hesche to the Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term.

Motion to Phil Hesche

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the reappointment of Mary Montgomery-Colvin to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council for a three-year term.

Motion to Appoint Mary Montgomery-Colvin

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the appointment of a representative to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors. Board will revisit issue at a later meeting.

Board discussed the appointment of a representative to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors.

Motion to Appoint David Hedges

Moved by Frewen

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a resolution approving administration changes related to the pension company acquisition. Jack Kasko presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution Changing Broker Dealer from Commonwealth Management to Cetera Wealth Services

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No —

Board discussed a review of pension plan investments presented by Walkins Ross and Milestone.

Board discussed approval of the 2026 Equalization Report. County Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard presented the report and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Equalization Report as Assessed

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed a request for approval of the GIS fee schedule. Morgan Loucks and Anthony Meyaard presented the fee schedule and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Fee Schedule and Review Every Five Years

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of Amendment #4 to the agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to add \$10,000 for a new Maternal Infant Health Program grant. Haleigh Leslie presented the amendment and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval to apply for the Tobacco Free Michigan Grant. Haleigh Leslie presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of an addendum to the agreement for the Regional Perinatal Care System Quality Improvement Initiative. Haleigh Leslie presented the addendum and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval to submit an application for 2029 Michigan County Road Administration Board Local Bridge Program funds. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen

No —



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Board discussed a request for approval to purchase dump trucks. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Purchase Two Dump Trucks from MiDeal

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval to purchase a new lowboy trailer. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Purchase Lowboy Trailer

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval to replace the parking and driveway for Central Dispatch. Lance Langdon presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve up to \$65,000

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of an employee 40-hour work week policy. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 40-Hour Workweek

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to accept a bid for the county farmland lease on Airport property. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the bid and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Wirtz

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to accept a bid for the county farmland lease on Main Street property. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the bid and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by voice vote



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Board discussed a resolution recognizing May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Shattuck

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Shattuck, Frewen

No — Kelley

Board discussed a resolution honoring National Police Week.

Motion to Approve Resolution

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Shattuck, Frewen

No — Kelley

IX. Department Reports

Board received report from the Building Department.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on MACC activities.

Hesche commented on Veterans' Affairs Committee and budget.

Kelley commented on resolutions and M-66 Corridor Committee.

Shaw commented on 40-hour workweek, yard work at courthouse and the county audit.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XII. Public Comment

Phil Hesche commented on resolutions of appreciation.

John Piercefield commented on the Road Department.

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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