



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

June 23, 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  
Frewen led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
Board discussed the agenda.  
*Motion to Approve the Agenda*  
*Moved by Shattuck*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*
- V. Public Comment  
Heather Melchert commented on new tenure as Road Department Director.  
Phil Hesche commented on Register of Deeds Tami Hewitt's transportation assistance to a local veteran.  
Debbie Waite commented on the Road Department and the creation of a Road Commission.
- 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 a public hearing to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program and a PACE district.

*Motion to Enter Public Hearing*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

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

*No —*

*Public Hearing*

*Ryan Wilson provided overview of PACE Program. Representative of*

*Lean and Green Michigan provided overview of PACE Program.*

*Representatives of Blough Incorporated discussed need for program.*

*Board posed questions and comments to the proponents of program.*

*Judith Clark, Sharon Rohrabacher, Sandy Smiley, Michelle Hoppes,*

*Dennis Pepper, Tim Ross, Sandra Thelen, Sheri Lynn, Mike Rohrabacher*

*Phil Hesche spoke in opposition to the program.*

*Motion to Exit Public Hearing*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed a resolution to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program and PACE district. Ryan Wilson presented the resolution and recommended approval.

*Motion to Adopt the Resolution to Establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program and PACE District*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Amendment to Motion to Modify Resolution to Require an Opt-In for local municipalities, require the Board of Commissioners to approve all projects and require notification to the local municipalities*

*Moved by Frewen*

*Amendment defeated by voice vote*

*Motion defeated by roll call vote*

*Yes —*

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



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Board discussed a presentation and resolution related to an agreement with Opterra Energy Services. Kelley and Maintenance Director Scott DeRuisher presented the resolution and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Resolution the Opterra Resolution*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

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

*No — Hesche*

Board discussed a request to approve and award funds from the Opioid Settlement. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve the Award of Opioid Settlement Funds*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

### IX. Department Reports

Board received report from the Community Mental Health Department.

### X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on committee meetings, township meetings and road department funding.

Kelley commented on committee meetings and employee relations.

Hodges commented on committee meetings.

Shaw commented on Veteran Service office, new road department director, county picnic, school district visits, upcoming budget preparations and union negotiations.

### XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

### XII. Public Comment

Judith Clark commented on the Juneteenth Holiday and employee positions.

Sandra Thelen thanked the Board for their service.

### XIII. Closed Session

No Closed Session



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XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk