



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

July 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 Terence M. Frewen

Members Absent: County Commissioner Jack Shattuck

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
Carmen Kopen commented on potential development in Lake Odessa.
Haylie Cobb commented on potential development in Lake Odessa.
- 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 the Public Hearing for Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Emergency Repair/Program Income.

Motion to Enter Public Hearing

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Public hearing opened, Board discussed overview of grant. Board posed questions to Grant Administrator. Board discussed future grant projects.

Motion to Exit Public Hearing

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed the request for approval to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income funds.

Motion to Approve the Use of CDBG Program Income Funds

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a resolution requesting approval of the 2026-2031 State Trunkline Maintenance Signatory. Heather Melchert presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Resolution

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Kelley, Frewen

No — Hesche

Board discussed a resolution to authorize contract signatories for Contract 26-2568. Heather Melchert presented the resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Resolution

Moved by Kelley

Motion carried by roll call vote

Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Kelley, Frewen

No — Hesche



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Board discussed the request for approval to purchase three pickup trucks for the Ionia County Road Department. Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of Three Pickup Trucks for the Ionia County Road Department

Moved by Hodges

Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to amend the 2026 Road Department budget. Heather Melchert presented the amendment and recommended approval. Board took no action.

IX. Department Reports

Board received report from the Building Department.

Board received report from the Public Defender.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on the primary election and early voting, township meeting, blight enforcement, village meeting, apartment project, finance committee meeting and upcoming budget.

Hesche commented on Veterans' Service office, rails to trails meeting, and personnel meeting.

Kelley commented on brownfield redevelopment committee and the M66 corridor committee.

Hodges commented on political candidates and MSU extension.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XII. Public Comment

Carmen Koppen commented on potential development in Lake Odessa.

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