IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

September 8, 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 Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment
Kevin McGraw donated an AED to the Veterans Service Office.

VI. Action on Consent Calendar
Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.

VII. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed the reappointment of Deb Campbell and Edna Albert to the Commission on Aging Board, each for a three-year term.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Deb Campbell and Edna Albert to the Commission on Aging Board, each for a three-year term.
Moved by Hesche
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for board signature on a Contract Amendment with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan and approval of the accompanying Budget Amendment. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the AAAWM Contract Amendment and accompanying Budget Amendment.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of Commission on Aging budget amendments to add Direct Care Worker premium funds received January through June to the 2026 budget and to add Meals on Wheels America grant funding to the 2026 budget. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the amendments and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the Commission on Aging budget amendments.
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for signatures on a Contract/Agreement with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan for fiscal year 2027. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve signatures on the AAAWM Contract/Agreement for fiscal year 2027.
Moved by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed ratification of the Commission on Aging's signature on Michigan Department of Transportation Agreement 2027-0094. Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to ratify the Commission on Aging's signature on MDOT Agreement 2027-0094.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to establish the road name Rolling Acres Drive for a private road. Road Department representative Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the road name Rolling Acres Drive for the private road.
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval to establish the road name Lone Pine Circle for a private road. Road Department representative Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the road name Lone Pine Circle for the private road.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of a contract renewal for maintenance of the Michigan Department of Transportation Bellamy Creek Roadside Park. Road Department representative Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for maintenance of the MDOT Bellamy Creek Roadside Park with Thomas Lawncare.
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of a contract renewal for maintenance of Michigan Department of Transportation carpool lots. Road Department representative Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for maintenance of MDOT carpool lots with Thomas Lawncare
Moved by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of a loader rental for the Road Department. Road Department representative Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the loader rental for the Road Department.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed renewal of a contract with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Health Department representative Haleigh Leslie presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to approve renewal of the contract with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed approval of airport hunting lease bids. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the bids and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the airport hunting lease bids.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a proclamation declaring August Billy Strings Month.

Motion to adopt the Proclamation declaring August Billy Strings Month.
Moved by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

Board received written report from the Public Defender's Office.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on the MDHHS meeting.
Kelley commented on 9/11 ceremony, City of Ionia planning commission meeting regarding data centers, proclamations and resolution.
Shattuck commented on Airport meeting.
Shaw commented on Administration Building rebricking, Billy Strings concert, Belding Labor Day celebrations.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XII. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

XIII. Closed Session

No Closed Session

XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk