IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

September 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner David Hodges, County Commissioner Scott Wirtz, County Commissioner, 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, removed item regarding PASER Rating Van and added items from the Health Department.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

V. Public Comment

Brandon Strong commented on candidacy for the Michigan Legislature.
Lori Schearer commented on candidacy for 8th Circuit Court.
Carmen Koeppen commented on road issue in Lake Odessa.

VI. Action on Consent Calendar

Board discussed the consent calendar.

Motion to Approve the consent calendar.
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Board discussed the reappointment of Judith Transue to the Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term.

Motion to Appoint Judith Transue
Moved by Hesche
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal request. Shaw presented the information and recommended the Board deny the appeal.

Motion to Deny Appeal
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to renew the agreement with Virtual Academy. Natalie Hearld presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve and Administrator to Review Continuation of Contract
Moved by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of a PA 116 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Agreement. County Clerk Greg Geiger presented the applications for Ferris (26-001-FA, 26-002-FA, 26-003-FA) and Seidelman (26-004-FA, 26-005-FA, 26-006-FA, 26-007-FA) and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Seidelman Applications
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Approve Ferris Applications
Moved by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request to accept the MI Wish Grant for a Wanco Automated Flagger Assistance Device. Heather Melchert presented the request and recommended approval.

Motion to Approval of Purchase
Moved by Kelley
Motion carried by voice vote

Motion to Approval MI Wish Grant
Moved by Shattuck
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of the 2026 Budget Amendments. Heather Melchert presented the amendments and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve 2026 Budget Amendments
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of Drug Free Communities Continuation Grant for the Health Department. Health Department Director Hayleigh Leslie presented the grant and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Continuation Grant with the National Center for Injury Prevention
Moved by Wirtz
Motion carried by voice vote

Board discussed a request for approval of Contract Renewal with MidState Health Network. Health Department Director Hayleigh Leslie presented the contract and recommended approval.

Motion to Approve Contract with MSHN
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

IX. Department Reports

No department reports.

X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Frewen commented on finance committee, county picnic, 9/11 memorial, MAC webinar and data center policy informational meeting.
Hesche commented on a road issue and meeting in Lake Odessa.
Kelley commented on facilities update, road department budget update, personnel committee update, county picnic and 9/11 memorial.
Shaw commented on E911 meeting, county picnic and the animal shelter.

XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

No reports of special or ad hoc committees.

XII. Public Comment

Carmen Koeppen commented on a road issue in Lake Odessa and a potential housing development.

XIII. Closed Session

No Closed Session

XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn
Moved by Hodges
Motion carried by voice vote

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Greg Geiger, County Clerk