

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.
101 WEST MAIN STREET
IONIA, MICHIGAN

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND ZOOM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
 - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment** (Three-minute time limit per-speaker – please state name/organization)
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting (s)
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Request Approval of the 8th Circuit Swift and Sure Sanction Probation Program SCAO Grant for 2023 Fiscal year- Selina Schmidt
 - B. Request Approval of the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court SCAO Grant Contract for 2023 Fiscal year- Selina Schmidt
 - C. Request Approval to add an additional part-time caseworker position at Commission on Aging- Carol Hanulcik
 - D. Request Approval of Sleet Sand bid-John Niemela
 - E. Request Approval of Priority Health Insurance Proposal for 2023-Jason Eppler
 - F. Request Approval of Resolution for Exemptions Option for Public Funded Health Insurance- Jason Eppler
 - G. Request Approval to Increase in Compensation for Health Insurance Opt-Out- Jason Eppler
 - H. Request Approval to Continue Having Employees Pay 5% of Health Insurance Premiums- Jason Eppler
 - I. Request Approval of Resolution Requesting Economic Impact Study- Decommissioning of Dams-Jason Eppler
- IX. Department Reports**
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**
 - A. Chairperson

- B. Board of Commissioners
- C. County Administrator

- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees**
- XII. Public Comment (3-minute time limit per speaker)**
- XIII. Closed Session-Review an Attorney -Client Privileged Written Opinion**
- XIV. Adjournment**

Board and/or Commission Vacancies

- Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Four- three-year terms.
- Board of Public Works-Two-three-year terms
- Central Dispatch-One-two-year Emergency Medical Representative and one-two-year Township Board Representative
- Parks Advisory Board- Two-Two-year terms, Member-at-Large from Lyons Area
- West Michigan Regional Planning Commission-Two-One-year term
- Land Bank Authority- two-three-year term
- Solid Waste Planning Committee-three-two-year term, one serving as industrial waste generator representative, one management industry, and one regional Solid Waste Planning Agency rep.

Appointments for consideration in the month of November 2022:

- None

Appointments for consideration in the month of December 2022:

- Central Dispatch Board of Directors
- Substance Abuse Initiative
- West Michigan Regional Planning Commission

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Approval of the 8th Circuit Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program SCAO Grant
Contract for the 2023 Fiscal Year
November 8, 2022

CONTACT:

Selina Schmidt

DESCRIPTION:

Approve the annual grant contract with the State Court Administrative Office for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$36,337.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

8th Circuit Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, Michigan Department of Corrections

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

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LEGAL REVIEW:

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DEADLINE:

Immediately.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

Approval of the annual contract for the 8th Circuit Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program with the State Court Administrative Office for the fiscal year of 10/01/22-09/30/2023. The Contract itself will have to be submitted through DocuSign.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Approval of the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court SCAO Grant Contract for the
2023 Fiscal Year
November 8, 2022

CONTACT:

Selina Schmidt

DESCRIPTION:

Approve the annual funding with the State Court Administrative Office for fiscal year 2022-2023. This fiscal year, the funding is provided by the annual Michigan Drug Court Grant Program in the amount of \$132,000.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

8th Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court, Michigan Department of Corrections

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

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LEGAL REVIEW:

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DEADLINE:

Immediately.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

Approval of the annual contracts for the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court with the State Court Administrative Office for the fiscal year of 10/01/22-09/30/2023. The Contracts themselves will have to be submitted through DocuSign.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator Recommends approval.

**IONIA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Request to add an additional part-time caseworker position at Ionia County COA
November 8, 2022

CONTACT:

Carol Hanulcik

DESCRIPTION:

Our agency is requesting Board of Commissioners' approval to add a new part-time caseworker position to our staff. Caseworkers perform an integral role at COA. They perform the assessments required by our funding sources, they provide information and referrals to services seniors need that are delivered by other agencies, and they protect clients from harm – by making referrals to Adult Protective Services when needed and by maintaining contact - reassessments are required at least every 6 months for seniors who receive our core services - Meals on Wheels, Homemaker Services and Respite Services.

Since I joined COA in 2016, we have seen a dramatic, upward curve in the number of assessments required and performed, from 621 in FY 2016 to 895 in FY 2022. Our team has managed the increase in the last 2 years thanks largely to the temporary allowance to perform assessments over the phone instead of in client homes.

Since we returned to home visits earlier this year, we have struggled to keep up, even with the bulk of the interview still being conducted over the phone. Also, during the last 2 years we have seen increased client needs and isolation. In order to give each client the attention needed, we feel we need additional staff hours to perform this vital role.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

none

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

I estimate there will be an additional cost of approximately \$20,000 per year. Our budget should be able to bear this cost. Our fund balance could also be used to cover this cost

LEGAL REVIEW:

none

DEADLINE:

As soon as possible. We need these additional staff hours now and recruiting, vetting and onboarding requires many weeks.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to approve the request of the Commission on Aging Director to create and fill an additional, part-time caseworker position at an FTE of .53 or approximately 20 hours per week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend we create this additional position. In order to meet the needs of Ionia County Seniors, and fulfill our obligations to our funding partners, we need these additional staff hours. Our COA board also supports our adding this additional position.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator Recommends approval.

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

ACCEPT BID FOR SLEET SAND

CONTACT:

John Niemela, Managing Director
Road Department

DESCRIPTION:

The Road Department advertised to accept bids to supply and haul sleet sand to the Ionia and Jordan Lake garages. Sleet sands is used during our winter operations. We sent bid packages to four company's and received bids from three of the four. A bid tabulation sheet is included.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

LEGAL REVIEW:

Not applicable.

DEADLINE:

November 8,2022.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

The County Board is asked to approve a motion to award the bid for Contract # 22-1 Sleet Sand to CL Trucking & Excavating.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

County Administrator recommends approval of this request.

Ionia County Road Commission
 Contract # 22-15 2NS Sleet Sand
 Monday October 31, 2022 @ 1:30 P.M.

Tabulation

Contractor	Price per Ton Ionia	Price per Ton Jordan Lake	Terms
CL Trucking & Excavating LLC Ionia, MI	1st yr. - \$6.85 2nd yr. - \$7.20 3rd yr. - \$7.55	\$7.35 \$7.72 \$8.10	Net 30. Fuel surcharge add \$.15/ton for each \$.50/gal over \$5.50
Timpson Transport Lowell, MI	no bid	no bid	
Top Grade Aggregate Hamilton, MI	\$9.10	\$10.15	net 30. Fuel surcharge, add \$.20/ton if fuel goes over \$5/ gal. Add \$.20/ton for for each \$.50 over \$5/gal.
Yellow Rose Grandville, MI	\$12.50	\$12.50	net 30

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Approve Priority Health Insurance Proposal for 2023 Health Insurance Coverage

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Currently, the County's self-insured health insurance plan for employees is provided by Priority Health. The plan year is the calendar year so the current coverage contract expires December 31, 2022. In preparation for providing coverage for 2023, proposals were recently received from both Priority Health and Blue Cross/Blue Shield with coverage to remain at the lowest minimum annual deductible plan as permitted by the IRS and with the self-insured deductible remaining at \$70,000 per insured individual.

As was the case for 2022, the Priority Health plan is again cost advantageous to both the County and its employees. Although the fixed cost of the Priority Health plan is increasing by about \$60,000 for 2023, comparatively, it remains \$150,000 less than the Blue Cross/Blue Shield proposal.

For reference, the minimum annual deductible as set by the IRS will increase from \$1,400 to \$1,500 (single) and from \$2,800 to \$3,000 for two-person/family.

Although the Board has not approved the FY2023 budget, the draft budget, which the Board will receive soon, anticipated a 10% increase in premiums. The Priority Health proposal anticipate an 8.2% increase in premium, below the 10% outlined in the draft budget.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

All.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2022

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to accept the proposal submitted by Priority Health for providing health insurance for County employees for 2023 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the necessary contract documents.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

County of Ionia - Illustrative Rates

Effective Date: January 1, 2023
 Projected Enrolled Contracts: 185
 Projected Enrolled Members: 474

Brief Plan Design Summary - For Detailed Plan Summary Please Reference Schedule of Benefits.

Plan Design	Current
Product:	PPO
Subproduct:	HSA
INN Coinsurance:	100%
OON Coinsurance:	80%
INN Deductible (Family 2x):	\$1,500
OON Deductible (Family 2x):	\$3,000
INN Coinsurance Maximum / HSA TrOOP (Family 2x):	\$2,250
OON Coinsurance Maximum / HSA TrOOP (Family 2x):	\$4,500
Office Visit Copay:	Deductible Applies
Specialist Copay:	Deductible Applies
Urgent Care Copay:	Deductible Applies
Emergency Room Copay:	Deductible Applies
Ambulance Copay:	Deductible Applies
Rx Plan:	3-Tier \$10/\$20/\$40-Contraceptives - Mail Order 1- Closed Formulary

1400
2800
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Illustrative Rates*	Current
Enrollment	185
Single	\$732.36
Double	\$1,611.19
Family	\$2,123.84

Current
676.79
1488.94
1962.70

*Illustrative Rates are based on fully incurred Expected Liability. Includes fully incurred Paid Claims, Stop-loss, and Administrative Fees.

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Approve Resolution for Exemption Option for Publicly Funded Health Insurance

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Public Act 152 of 2011, the Publicly Fund Health Insurance Contribution Act, contains three options for a local government to consider in complying with the requirements of the Act. These three options are as follows:

1. Implement the Hard Cap Option: This option limits a local government's total annual health care cost for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act.
2. 80%/20% Cost Share Option: This option limits a local government's share of the total annual health care cost to no more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body.
3. Exemption Option: This option permits a local government to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual two-thirds vote the governing body. This is the option that was selected by the Board for 2022.

The County's 2023 total estimated annual health care costs for employees are in excess of the Hard Caps option. The 80%/20% option would place a significant financial burden on employees.

As referenced in the staff report regarding the Priority Health proposal, the total estimated annual health care cost (95% County; 5% employee) is included in the proposed County budget.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

All.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2022

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to approve a prepared Resolution for the exemption option for the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

**IONIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF IONIA COUNTY
ADOPTING THE EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011,
THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 of 2011 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Act contains options for complying with the requirements of the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

1. Implement the Hard Cap Option: This option limits a local government’s total annual health care cost for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act.
2. 80%/20% Cost Share Option: This option limits a local government’s share of the total annual health care cost to no more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body.
3. Exemption Option: This option permits a local government to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual two-thirds vote the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners elects to comply with the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption Option for the health insurance coverage year of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date: _____, 2022

Greg Geiger, Ionia County Clerk

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Approve Increase in Compensation for Health Insurance Opt-Out

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Currently, the County provides employees who opt-out of County health insurance, compensation of \$3,000 per year. Considering the increase in the cost of coverage, and to continue to make this option attractive to employees who receive coverage from another source, it is proposed that the annual compensation amount be increased to \$3,250, an increase of about the same percentage as the increase in the cost of the health insurance premium.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

All.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2022

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to set the annual amount paid to any employee opting out of County health insurance coverage at \$3,250 for 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Approve Continuing Having Employees Pay 5% of Health Insurance Premiums

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Currently, employees are required to pay 5% of their health insurance premium. This is paid by the employee through a deduction as part of each payroll. It is proposed that employees continue to pay 5% of the premium for 2023.

Comparatively, employees will pay as follows:

	<u>2022 Annual Cost</u>	<u>2023 Annual Cost</u>
Single	\$406.08 (actual)	\$439.41 (estimated)
Two-Person	\$893.36 (actual)	\$966.71 (estimated)
Family	\$1177.62 (actual)	\$1274.30 (estimated)

For reference, many employees subscribe to dental and vision insurance, which premiums are paid 100% by the employee. The 2023 rates for these coverages are remaining at 2022 levels.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

All.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2022

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to continue to require County employees to contribute 5% of their annual health insurance coverage premium.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Approve Resolution Requesting Economic Impact Study - Decommissioning of Dams

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Allegan County recently shared a Resolution that its Board of Commissioners adopted concerning the decommissioning of thirteen Consumers Energy dams, eleven of which are in West Michigan. One of the dams proposed to be decommissioned is the Webber Dam located on the Grand River in Ionia County. Several of you have requested that this Board take action similar to Allegan County, and Commissioner Banks has prepared the attached Resolution.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

All.

LEGAL REVIEW:

None.

DEADLINE:

November 15, 2022

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move to approve a prepared Resolution regarding the completion of an economic impact study concerning the decommissioning by Consumers Energy of thirteen dams that it owns in the State of Michigan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF IONIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION

Moved by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in a news release dated August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will "... gather opinions from the public about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generating facilities; and

WHEREAS, within said news release, Norm Kapala, vice president of generation operations at Consumers Energy, stated, "We need to perform due diligence now as the licenses to operate our dams begin to expire in 12 years. We do not want to assume we know how individuals and communities feel about our dams as we develop plans to either continue investing in or remove any of our river hydro facilities," and acknowledged, "We are keenly aware dams have great significance for local communities and impact recreation for Michigan residents and visitors statewide. Public input will be an important component in our long-term strategic planning regarding the future of our dams"; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy owns and operates the Webber Dam, located in Lyons, Michigan in Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, to learn the economic impact of decommissioning the 13 potentially-affected dams across our great State of Michigan, it is imperative that we obtain reliable and objective data relative to the operating costs and full economic impact of each dam to their respective communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners requests the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission take the necessary and immediate measures to secure funding and assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to conduct a full economic impact study of each dam (eight of which exist within the West Michigan region); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assistance of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) is also requested to secure the necessary funding and services from the MEDC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Boards of Commissioners of the other counties in which Consumers Energy dams exist, and each state Representative and Senator whose district encompasses Ionia County.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date: _____, 2022

Greg Geiger, Ionia County Clerk

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

Closed Session – Review an Attorney-Client Privileged Written Opinion

CONTACT: Jason Eppler, Interim County Administrator

DESCRIPTION: Closed session to review an attorney-client written opinion.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:

None.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Prepared written opinion.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):

I move that the Board of Commissioners meet in closed session pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act to review with the County's Attorney an attorney-client privileged written opinion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrator recommends approval.