

**Minutes  
Isabella County Board of Commissioners  
REGULAR BOARD  
HYBRID MEETING (IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC)  
Isabella County Commission on Aging Building  
2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
February 4th, 2025  
5:00 p.m.**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Engler in conference room A/B of the Commission on Aging, 2200 South Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Hybrid/Meeting (in-person/Electronic).

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Chairman Engler.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:** Tobin Hope, James Moreno, Frank Engler, Jerry Jaloszynski, Steve Weber, Bob Campbell and Steve Swaney.

**Also present:** County Administrator/Controller Brian Smith, and County Clerk Minde B. Lux.

**Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to accept the minutes with the addition to the agenda by adding under new business American Heart Month Proclamation 2025. Motion carried.

**General Public Comments (for agenda items only):**

Patricia Sandel spoke in regards to applying for the Material Recovery Facility Advisory Board and how she would be a great candidate for this position with her qualifications and service to the community.

Sheila Salmon spoke in regards to the information that she presented at the last meeting to the Board of Commissioners. The environment's health and safety are affected by the renewable energy issue. If solar energy is so good then why are services being cut in Isabella County.

**Presentations and Special Reports:** None

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Kati Mora to the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Work's Workforce Development Board, to complete a 2- year term ending June 30, 2026, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kati Mora. Motion carried.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Hope to appoint Timothy A. Warner for one opening on the Isabella County Board of Public Works for a vacated 3-year term ending December 31, 2025, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Timothy Warner. Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to appoint John Zang for one opening on the Commission on Aging Advisory Board District 7 Representative, to complete a 3-year term ending December 31, 2027 or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Weber to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Zang. Motion carried.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Sharon Brown for one opening on the 911 Advisory Board County Citizen Representative, to complete a 2-year term ending December 31, 2026. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sharon Brown. Motion carried.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Patricia Sandel for an opening on the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Advisory Board for 2-year terms ending December 31, 2026 or until a successor is appointed. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to appoint Anne L. Jensen for an opening on the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Advisory Board for 2-year terms ending December 31, 2026 or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Patricia Sandel and Anne L. Jensen. Motion carried.
6. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Russell Hyde for one opening on the Isabella County Planning Commission for a vacated 3-year term ending December 31, 2025, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner

Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Russell Hyde. Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to appoint Terry Kunst for one opening on the Veterans Affairs Committee for a 4-year term ending June 1, 2028, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Kunst. Motion carried.
8. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to appoint Miklos Ferber for one opening on the Isabella County Construction Board of Appeals as an Architectural/Engineering Representative for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Miklos Ferber. Motion carried.
9. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Amy Shawboose for one opening on the Human Rights Committee as a Tribal Representative, for a 3-year term ending September 1, 2027, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Amy Shawboose. Motion carried.
10. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Laura Gourlay for one opening on the Human Rights Committee as a Public Schools Representative, for a 3-year term ending September 1, 2027 or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Laura Gourlay. Motion carried.
11. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to appoint Nicole S. Hagle for nominations for two openings on the Human Rights Committee as At- Large Representatives, for 3-year terms ending September 1, 2027 or until a successor is appointed. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Robert Beinkowski for nominations for two openings on the Human Rights Committee as At- Large Representatives, for 3-year terms ending September 1, 2027 or until a successor is appointed. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to appoint Danny McQuarters for nominations for two openings on the Human Rights Committee as At- Large Representatives, for 3-year terms ending September 1, 2027 or until a successor is appointed. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by

Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a 5 vote ballot to Nicole S. Hagle and a 4 vote ballot to Danny McQuarters with Robert S. Beinkowski receiving 2 votes. Nicole S. Hagle and Danny McQuarters are nominated by receiving the top two votes. Motion carried

### **Consent Agenda:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve and place on file the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes; and the January 28th, 2025 Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to move to ratify and place on file the January 17, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$255,053.81; the January 25, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$268,283.51, and the Adjustments List dated January 16, 2025. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Budget Amendment #2025-05 to increase the budget \$101,196.29 to reflect Deputy/Sergeant/Detectives severance due to permanent layoff, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Budget Amendment #2025-06 to increase the budget \$161,149.93 for Deputy/Sergeant/Detectives vacation and sick payouts due to permanent layoff, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Budget Amendment #2025-07 to appropriate funds of \$30,976.00 to General Fund for WatchGuard V300 units and in-car video systems, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 32 with Clark Construction, in the net credit amount of \$11,290.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the

same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

6. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Hope to move to approve the Emergency Management Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG) and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
7. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to move to approve the amended Renewable Ready Communities Award in the amount of \$395,000, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
8. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to move to approve and place on file the 2024 Isabella County Planning Commission Annual Report as presented. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
9. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to adopt Zoning Amendment #25-01, which amends the language of the Isabella County Zoning Ordinance related to Workable Battery Energy Storage Systems and Renewable Energy Ordinance Amendments, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
10. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve Addendum F to the current Region VII Area Agency on Aging Purchase of Service Provide Agreement, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
11. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve to schedule an Isabella County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting for the purpose of goal setting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the immediately prior Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole is brought to closure, in room A of the Isabella County Commission on Aging located at 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

**Intergovernmental Affairs:** None

**Administrator/Controller:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve to recognize the month of February in Isabella County as AMERICAN HEART MONTH by proclamation as presented by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

**General Public Comments:**

Ray McCall from Wise Township would like an amendment for Hazardous Waste so that Isabella County is not responsible under #9 on the agenda.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried.