

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
March 18th, 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, Bob Campbell and Steve Swaney.

Absent: Steven Weber

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

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

General Public Comments (for agenda items only): None

Presentations and Special Reports: None

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to appoint James L. Haton to the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan – Chairperson's request for nominations for one opening on the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan board, to complete a 3- year term ending March 31, 2028, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for James L. Haton. Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to appoint Stacie M. Keipinger to the Commission on Aging Advisory Board – District 3 Representative – Chairperson’s request for nominations for one opening on the Commission on Aging Advisory Board – District 3 Representative to complete a vacated 3-year term 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 Swaney to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Stacie M. Keipinger. Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to appoint Stacie M. Keipinger to the Community Corrections Advisory Board – Chairperson’s request for nominations for one opening on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, as a Communications Media Representative, for a non-expiring term, or until a successor is appointed. Chairman Engler called for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Stacie M. Keipinger. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; the March 11, 2025 Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole Minutes and the March 11, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports.

Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to ratify and place on file the February 14, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$158,559.53; the February 21, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$2,427,744.65; the February 28, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$246,941.62; the March 7, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,680,375.61; the Adjustments List dated February 13, 2025 and the Adjustments List dated February 27, 2025. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the applications from Jason Moore, Frank Engler and Charity Sweet to be seated on the Heartland Material Management Planning

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

3. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 34 with Clark Construction, in the net additional amount of \$16,346.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Administrator/Controller Brian Smith reviewed the change order. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the contract between Isabella County Parks Commission and Isabella Corporation for renovations to the campground bathhouse at Herrick Recreation Area, in an amount not to exceed \$393,000.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adopt Resolution #2025-01, authorizing the submittal of a Recreation Passport Grant application to support the Herrick Recreation Area Cabins Improvement Project, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
6. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Agreement between the Isabella County Trial Court and the Government Employees Labor Council, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
7. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the 2.5% COLA increase for Non-Represented Employees, effective March 22, 2025 with no retro pay, and approve the attached budget amendments, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
8. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the following Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Semiannual Two-Percent requests prioritization for presentation to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe by the required date of March 31, 2025. Administrator/Controller Brian Smith presented the information. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

- Commission on Aging requesting \$587,196.00 for Programs and Services. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
- Isabella County Trial Court requesting \$52,065.00 for Adult Recovery Court Program. Applicant Project Priority: Medium
- 911/Emergency Management requesting \$114,100.00 for Back-Up Dispatch Radio Console. Applicant Project Priority: High
- 911/Emergency Management requesting \$53,305.00 for Command/Control Vehicle. Applicant Project Priority: Medium
- Material Recovery Facility requesting \$132,256.57 for new Roll Off Truck. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
- Isabella County Drain Commission requesting \$275,000.00 for the Weidman Mill Pond Dam Repair and Lake Level Order Update. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
- Sheriff's Office requesting \$100,000.00 for Full Body Scanner. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
- Humane Animal Treatment Society (HATS) requesting \$40,000.00 for Shelter Improvements. Applicant Project Priority: Medium

Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Administrator/Controller: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to accept and place on file the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Supplementary Information to Financial Statements (Federal Awards). Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

General Public Comments:

Patty Carrick from Nottawa Township requested that the two commissioners that Represent the Health Department Board, as them to stop the sewer project at Coldwater Lake and that it is not mandatory.

Aaron Pestel expressed to the Board of Commissioners questioned the board in regards to the material recovery program. He wanted to know if this project is a loss to the revenue, will the other counties take on the revenue loss and or will only Isabella County.

Bree Moeggenberg expressed her concern in regards to Material Management. Bree also stated that the Board of Commissioners should justify the Administrative Building project like Union Township did with choices. She would like to see the board look into and show to the community what it would cost to build brand new at the new jail property and also what it would cost to renovate the administration building.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Engler reviewed the request to consider entering into a Closed Session. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and supported by Commissioner Swaney to enter into a closed session at 6:00 p.m. under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement Strategy. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jalszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Jalszynski and supported by Commissioner Moreno to accept the closed session minutes regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement Strategy. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Swaney, Moreno, Engler, Campbell, and Jalszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Jalszynski and supported by Commissioner Moreno to come out of closed session meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Swaney, Engler, Campbell and Jalszynski. Nays: None.

Announcements:

Commissioner Jalszynski announced that he attended the Northern Michigan Counties meeting. A House Representative was present and stated that would like to see the budget finalized by July 1st, 2025 but realistically it will probably not be until October 1st, 2025. They want school funding to be stable and also road funding. They discussed the Michigan Broad Band and there was a map that showed there is a lot in Michigan.

Commissioner Moreno wanted to remind everyone to attend the Council of Government meeting and that House Representative Jerry Neyer and State Senator Roger Hauck would be present. The guest speak is Chad Gittus, Director of Emergency Management.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and supported by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve and place on file the December 17, 2024 Work Session Meeting minutes; the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes; the December 30, 2024; Special Meeting minutes; the January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting minutes and the January 14, 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 Jaloszynski to move to ratify and place on file the December 13, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,300,816.04; the December 20, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$209,720.01, the December 27, 2024 Invoice List in the amount of \$260,605.76; the January 3, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,164,705.60; the January 10, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$1,169,786.25. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Wellpath First Amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services between Wellpath LLC and Isabella County for a period of October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, 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 Jaloszynski to approve the purchase of a Bobcat S64 Skid Steer Loader from Ellen's Equipment Inc. at a total cost of \$21,975.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the list of financial institutions as required by MCL129.12 for the 2025 year. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve Prime Contract Change Order No. 31 with Clark Construction, in the net additional amount of \$12,975.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Weber, Engler, Swaney, Campbell and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Administrator/Controller: Administrator/Controller Brian Smith gave the following report: Auditors are here this week and next week and things seem to be on track. He also stated that the Materials Recovery Facility will start to be closed on Saturdays starting January 31st through April 1st, 2025 due to there not being a lot of recyclables coming in and mainly yard waste. It was not bringing in enough income for staffing. Looking into the future we are looking at possibly starting this November 15th – April 1st. The MERF will be open on Saturdays following a holiday. There are multiple depos located in Isabella County to use such as Commission on Aging and also in Shepherd. Smith also stated that he is reviewing a budget amendment that will be at the next meeting in regards to the Sheriff Department. This was already approved but we just didn't have that budget amendment form filled out and ready at that moment. Looking

at getting 1st Quarter Amendments done on February 11th, 2025 that way it will help us get everything done so that we can see where we are at. We will also start to get the financial reports out. This will give everyone a report on a quarterly basis so that everyone can see where we are at in the revenues and expenses. He has been reviewing a lot of policies to see if there is anything that needs changed or updated out there. Currently working on a contract policy for items that are small and can be handled by administration. An example is the demolition permit that only cost \$150.00 for the Administration Building through the City of Mt. Pleasant. Really trying to stream line this system a little bit better. We're going to keep the 2025 budget schedule the same as last year with the dates and structure. We may have to have some longer meetings so please keep in mind that we may need to give ourselves some extra time on those days for longer discussion. CMU has a new committee that will assist us all in working together better and it is also a part of their strategic plan. We need a strong CMU and he will keep the commissioners informed of it all. Commissioner Jaloszynski reminded him that we need a goal setting session to review some of the challenges that we are being faced with.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

General Public Comments:

A gentleman asked the board if they are going to use the old jail to house some of the departments and also wondered if the storage of furniture could be placed in the current jail. Could you use the seven million dollars that you saved on the jail to hire 4 more deputies? Can you tear down the current building and rebuild next to the new building. Please get back to me next month with the answers.

Kim Fox asked the commissioners if the skidder was replacement equipment and if there were bids on the skid? Did you replace and get money back on the old skid?

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Engler reviewed the request to consider entering into a Closed Session. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and supported by Commissioner Weber to enter into a closed session at 5:45 p.m. under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement Strategy. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and supported by Commissioner Moreno to accept the closed session minutes regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement Strategy. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Swaney, Moreno, Engler, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Swaney to come out of closed session meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Swaney, Engler, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

General Public Comment: None

Announcements:

Commissioner Hope stated that the skid steer did go out to 3 companies for bids and that the old skid steer was sold and the money was used towards the new one.

Commissioner Engler stated that he was going to attend Union Township meeting tomorrow and reminded the general public to please contact their commissioners if they have concerns or questions.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED