

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
August 5, 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, Steve Swaney and Steve Weber.

Absent: None

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 agenda with an amendment of moving the general public comments to go before the addition under new business regarding a closed session to discuss with our attorney, trial and/or settlement strategy in the tax-foreclosure litigation including the pending lawsuit of Thomas Fox, et al. v Saginaw County, et al. (Case No. 1:19-cv-11887), pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). Motion carried.

General Public Comments (for agenda items only): None

Presentations and Special Reports: None

Appointments to Boards and Commissions: None

Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the July 15th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports.

Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to ratify and place on file the July 4, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$240,983.58; the July 11, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$278,916.88; the July 18, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$391,056.50; the July 25, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$314,299.86, and the Adjustments List dated July 10, 2025. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Isabella County Opioid Advisory Committee Bylaws as presented, and authorize the Board Chairperson and County Clerk to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the New Rate Increase for the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility, as presented and outlined in the Fee Based Services/Transactions table. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the request to Increase Processing Fees for the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility from \$60.00 to \$65.00 per ton for clean separated material with less than 10% residual, and \$85.00 to \$90.00 per ton of single commodity material with 10% or above residual, effective October 1, 2025. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the payment of Motorola Milestone 10 in the amount of \$439,746.80, for the radio tower project. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
6. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Prime Contract Change Order No. 37 with Clark Construction, in the net additional amount of \$30,479.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to

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

7. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Prime Contract Change Order No. 38 with Clark Construction, in the net deduction amount of \$937,234.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
8. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the Sixth District – Regional Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of Michigan and Isabella County, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
9. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the approve moving forward with Isabella County assuming the role of the Administrative Unit for the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works, and authorize the Board Chairman of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners to sign any and all related contracts and agreements that are currently in place between Saginaw County and Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works that have the assignment language in the contract. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
10. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Joint Transfer Agreement between Saginaw County, Isabella County and Municipal Employees' Benefit System of Michigan that will cover the MERS Defined Benefit Plan, the MERS Defined Contribution Plan and the MERS Health Care Savings Plan as outlined in the attached Joint Transfer Agreement, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
11. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Health Insurance Cost Share Structure with the Plan C employee share of 0% of the total premium, Plan B employee cost share of 7.5% of the total premium and Plan A employee cost share of 15% of the total premium, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.
12. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the adoption of Bank Reconciliation Policy No. 418 to strengthen internal controls, improve financial accountability, and address repeated audit recommendations. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

13. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the adoption of Vendor Approval Policy No. 419 to address recurring audit comments and enhance consistency, transparency, and internal controls in the procurement and vendor management process. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Administrator/Controller: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Engler reviewed the request to consider entering into a Closed Session. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and supported by Commissioner Jaloszynski to enter into a closed session at 6:03 p.m. session to discuss with our attorney, trial and/or settlement strategy in the tax-foreclosure litigation including the pending lawsuit of Thomas Fox, et al. v Saginaw County, et al. (Case No. 1:19-cv-11887), pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), because discussion on the open record will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of Isabella County and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g), pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Moreno to accept the closed session minutes regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in the tax-foreclosure litigation including the pending lawsuit of Thomas Fox, et al. v Saginaw County, et al. (Case No. 1:19-cv-11887), pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). 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 Moreno to come out of closed session meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Swaney, Engler, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the proposed settlement and inter-county agreement in the Thomas Fox, et al v. Saginaw County, et al case. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Swaney, Engler, Campbell, Weber and Jaloszynski. Nays: None.

General Public Comments:

Robert Nagy, resident of Chippewa Township spoke to the board about his opposition on the Recycling Center. He stated there is enough traffic coming in and out of this community as it is and that we do not need Pods. He also stated that big ticket items such as buildings should be brought to the voters to be voted on.

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Weber and supported by Commissioner Jaloszynski to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED