

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
September 2nd, 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, Steve Swaney and Steve Weber.

Absent: Jerry Jaloszynski, Bob Campbell

Also present: County Administrator/Controller Brian Smith and Executive Assistant Julie McKinley.

Approval of Agenda:

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

General Public Comments (for agenda items only):

Aaron Pestel spoke on MSU Extension's agenda item. He is a big fan of 4H but he is not a fan of the amount Isabella County is spending for it and proposes that the half time FTE Program Coordinator is sufficient for what is needed from a 4H perspective.

Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing:

Chairman Engler moved to open the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing with Commissioner Hope seconding the motion at 5:01 p.m. Chairman Engler asked for a roll call to open the Public Meeting. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, Weber. Nays: None.

Pat Schafer spoke on his concerns regarding the Coldwater Lake sewer project and asked that the Board of Commissioners come out to the next township meeting to speak to the people.

Brad Hall spoke in regards to his concerns regarding the Coldwater Lake sewer project and believes the properties within the special assessment district should not have to bear the cost to provide the sewer system to Coldwater Lake Family Park alone and asks that Isabella County also contribute to the operation and maintenance of the system at Coldwater Lake Family Park, and believes an adjustment in the parks fee schedule is needed.

Patricia Carrick spoke on Coldwater Lake sewer project and asked the Board of Commissioners to please come out to some of the meetings.

Aaron Pestel spoke on the upcoming budget, and wanted clarification on where he could find the rent costs that are being paid within the budget, in addition to a plan for road patrol and asked that Isabella County consider a path that does not require a loan for the Administration Building, and would like to consult the voters. He appreciates the changes made to the budget regarding healthcare shares with employees and asks that the Board consider charging market rate for buildings that are rented out, as well as considering downsizing the MRF.

Chairman Engler moved to close the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing with Commissioner Moreno seconding the motion at 5:17 p.m. Chairman Engler asked for a roll call to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.

Presentations and Special Reports: None

Appointments to Boards and Commissions: It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to nominate Jerry Jaloszynski to the Opioid Advisory Committee. Commissioner Hope noted that Jerry Jaloszynski would be a good fit with all of his work on the bylaws.

Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve and place on file the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; the August 26, 2025 Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole minutes. Motion Carried with Yeas: Commissioners Swaney, Hope, Weber, Moreno, Engler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee Reports.

Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to ratify and place on file August 15, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$190,801.50; the August 22, 2025 Invoice List in the amount of \$155,799.53; and the Adjustments List dated August 14, 2025. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the budget request for FY26 Child Care Funds in the amount of \$2,230,322.58, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the form DHS-2091. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Motorola Acceptance Document for four Body Worn Camera units, at a cost of \$11,540.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Sheriff Michael Main was present to explain. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
4. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant Work Agreement, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
5. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Agreement for Extension Services between Michigan State University and Isabella County for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$173,519.00, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
6. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority for Mount Pleasant Public Schools, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
7. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the Isabella County 2026 Holiday Schedule, as presented. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.
8. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the Participation in the Proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements with Purdue Pharma, the Sackler Family, Sandoz, and the generic manufacturers listed within this staff report, and authorize the

Administrator/Controller to execute all necessary documents to ensure Isabella County's participation and receipt of funds. It is further recommended to consider approving Resolution #2025-10, which reflects updates to the State-Subdivision Agreement to consolidate prior agreements and mandates annual reporting to the Michigan Attorney General beginning FY2026, and authorize the Board Chairperson and County Clerk to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Engler, Swaney, and Weber. Nays: None.

ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10
September 2, 2025

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ENTRY OF STATE-SUBDIVISION
AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the County of Isabella has been directly impacted by the ongoing opioid epidemic, which has created significant challenges for local communities; and

WHEREAS, in response to these impacts, Isabella County has taken legal action and/or participated in coordinated litigation efforts against certain opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers alleged to have contributed to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, settlements have been reached through negotiations between the settling entities, the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee–designated negotiating committee representing approximately 4,000 local governments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the national settlement agreements and related bankruptcy resolutions provide for the allocation of settlement funds between participating states and their local subdivisions, including Isabella County; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State–Subdivision Agreement specifies the method of allocation and requires that no less than 70% of all settlement proceeds be used exclusively for Opioid Remediation purposes, as defined by the settlement terms; and

WHEREAS, the amended Michigan State–Subdivision Agreement further requires that all participating subdivisions file annual reports beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 with the Michigan Department of Attorney General, detailing all settlement funds received, expenditures made, and allocations committed; and

WHEREAS, Isabella County's participation in the State–Subdivision Agreement is necessary to receive its share of settlement and/or bankruptcy proceeds from current and future opioid-related litigation or settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the execution of the amended Michigan State–Subdivision Agreement governing the allocation of funds from all opioid litigation settlements and bankruptcy proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners authorizes participation in and execution of any substantially similar state–subdivision agreements that govern the allocation of opioid litigation or bankruptcy proceeds obtained from any other settling entities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents consistent with this resolution, subject to review and approval as to form by the County Attorney or by counsel retained for matters relating to opioid litigation.

Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Administrator/Controller: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

General Public Comments:

Karen Schafer spoke regarding sewer system concerns and is concerned that it will cause people to be kicked out of their homes.

Robert Nagy spoke on his concern for the changes to the Material Recover Facility and what it might do to our community. He had questions on the Administration Building and how much is being paid in rent, how much it would be to tear it down or sell it. He said there is a need for more red lights and curb cuts, as well as an update on the Jail regarding the number of local inmates that were housed this month, the cost to run the jail and wondered why we don't read letters to the editors.

Announcements: Commissioner Moreno stated that he will be attending the Michigan Climate Action Summit and will not be here for next week's meeting, and that the public is still welcome to attend.

Commissioner Engler reminded everyone that the Household Hazardous Waste Drive will be held on September 13, 2025 at the fairgrounds from 8:00am-12:00pm and that the tire collection pickup will be held October 4, 2025 at the fairgrounds from 8:00-12:00pm, but to get there early because it fills up quick.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and supported by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED