

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 17th, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Call To Order by Vice-Chairman Hope 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 Vice-Chairman Hope.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Frank Engler

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

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski to amend the agenda by removing item #6 under Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole and adding it to the April 7th, 2026 Regular Board meeting agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the agenda as amended. 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 March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; and the March 10, 2026 Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole 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 27th, 2026 Invoice List in the amount of \$287,098.09; March 6th, 2026 Invoice List in the amount of \$4,479,383.10; and the Adjustments List dated February 26th, 2026. Administrator/Controller Brian Smith reviewed each invoice. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Campbell, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Weber. Nays: None.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the Proposal for Reimbursement in the amount of \$32,061.86 for the Shea Property Dog Intake as presented. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Campbell, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Weber. Nays: None.
3. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the MPSCS Integration Agreement II between the State of Michigan and Isabella County, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Campbell, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Weber. Nays: None
4. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Christopher S. Patterson of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes PLC for services related to a forthcoming Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Campbell, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Weber. Nays: None
5. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Spicer Group for services related to an application for Special Land Use and Site Plan Review for a forthcoming Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Swaney, Campbell and Weber. Nays: None
6. **REMOVED** Budget Amendment 2026-14BOC to increase budget for On-Call Stipends (previously approved by the Board of Commissioners on 10/7/2025) and Authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same.
7. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the following Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Semiannual Two-Percent requests for presentation to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe by the required date of March 31, 2026. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Campbell, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Weber. Nays: None
 - Commission on Aging requesting \$572,544.00 for Programs and Services. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
 - Sheriff's Office requesting \$30,000.00 for Religious Jail Services. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
 - Sheriff's Office requesting \$36,900.00 for TruNarc Drug Identification. Applicant Project Priority: High

- Parks and Recreation requesting \$40,000.00 for the Herrick Campground Gatehouse Improvement Project. Applicant Project Priority: High
- Drain Commission requesting \$137,500.00 for the Weidman Millpond Dam Repair and Lake Level Order Update.
- Material Recovery Facility requesting \$29,088.10 for new Skid Steer Loader with attached grapple bucket.
- Isabella Conservation District requesting \$28,400.00 for the Tire Recycling Collection Program. Applicant Project Priority: Low
- Isabella Conservation District requesting \$57,600.00 for the Electronic Waste Recycling Program. Applicant Project Priority: Critical
- Humane Animal Treatment Society requesting \$30,000.00 for Program Services.

Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Administrator/Controller: Administrator/Controller Brian Smith gave a shout out to Finance Director Chris Witmer for covering two meetings during his absence.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- A. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Child Care Fund Amendment as stated, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the DHHS 2091. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Jaloszynski, Moreno, Swaney, Campbell and Weber. Nays: None
- B. It was moved by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to ratify the tentative agreement reached with the POAM Corrections Bargaining Unit, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Swaney, Campbell and Weber. Nays: None
- C. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded Jaloszynski to ratify the tentative agreement reached with the POAM 911 Dispatchers Non-Supervisors Unit, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Swaney, Campbell and Weber. Nays: None
- D. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to ratify the tentative agreement reached with the POAM 911 Dispatch Supervisors Unit, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Hope, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Swaney, Campbell and Weber. Nays: None

General Public Comments:

Aaron Pestel spoke in regards to not having any money in the county budget. He reviewed the 2% requests and found it difficult to understand why these would be asked for from the tribe instead of things the county needs such as the administrative building remodel.

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED