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
October 20th, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Engler in conference room A/B of the Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Hybrid Meeting (In-person/Electronic)

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

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Frank Engler, Steven Weber, Jerry Jaloszynski, James Moreno, Tobin Hope, and Steve Swaney.

Commissioner Absent: Bob Campbell

Also present: County Administrator/Controller Brian Smith and Chief Deputy County Clerk Leann Ellis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Moreno to consider appointing one member to the Department of Health and Humans Services/Medical Care Facility Board for a 3-year term ending October 31, 2029 or until a successor is appointed. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Vicki Block. Chairman Engler called for any more nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Swaney

that the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote cast for Vickie Block. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the October 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; and the October 13, 2026 Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole Minutes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole:

A. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Hope to ratify and place on file the October 2, 2026 Invoice List in the amount of $642,015.98; October 9, 2026 Invoice List in the amount of $1,195,035.11; and the Adjustments List dated October 1, 2026. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

B. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the contract for the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Compliance Grant and Cost Analysis, and also approve Budget Amendment 2027-1BOC, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same in Egrams. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope, and Swaney. Nays: None

C. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the Grant Application between the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs and Isabella County in the amount of $53,460.35 for enhanced veteran services operations, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

D. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the FY 2027 Media Campaign Contract between Isabella County and King Media in the amount of

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$50,000, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

E. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Isabella County Drain Commissioner's 2026 Annual Report, as presented, and file the report with the Isabella County Clerk. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

F. It was moved by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adopt the 2026 Drain Tax Apportionment for the Isabella County tax billing. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

G. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Regional Innovation Project (RIP) Apprenticeship training agreements between Isabella County (as fiscal agent for Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works) and employers beginning October 1, 2025 as presented below, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same.

a. Creative Beginnings
b. Hemlock Semi-Conductor
c. Cambron Engineering
c. Bay Carbon

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

H. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Contract Modification for case management services between Isabella County (as fiscal agent for Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!) and Delta College for a term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

I. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the Going Pro Talent Fund Contracts

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between Isabella County (as fiscal agent for Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!) and Employers as presented below, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the same.

a. J.R. Heineman & Sons Inc (beginning July 14, 2026)
b. Remer Plumbing, Heating & Air (beginning August 6, 2026)
c. Spicer Group, Inc (beginning August 6, 2026)

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

Intergovernmental Affairs: None.

Administrator/Controller: Administrator/Controller Brian Smith stated that they had the mandatory pre-bid meeting in the administration building. They had a total of 42 individuals show up.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

It was Moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to consider authorizing Isabella County Commissioners to receive opt-out payments in lieu of health insurance coverage at the same rate and under the same terms as all eligible county employees, effective January 1, 2027. Motion carried with Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Weber, Moreno, Jaloszynski, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None

Public Comment:

Michelle Larrabee needs information on ITC transmission lines going through the county.

Announcements:

Commissioner Moreno attended the Planning Commission meeting which had a lot of information regarding the battery storage system proposed for the county.

Commissioner Swaney attended the TIFFA meeting where they set new incentive programs for the business's downtown.

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Commissioner Jaloszynski attended the Opioid Advisory Committee meeting where they made decisions on the opioid settlement funds.

Commissioner Jaloszynski attended the Northern Michigan County Association meeting.

Commissioner Engler wanted to remind people about the November 1st, 2026 turkey dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Ellis wanted to remind everyone that Early Voting starts this Saturday October 24th.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jaloszynski and supported by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

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