

Board/Committee Appointment Information List

Amateur Radio Emergency Services - This is a volunteer position that coordinates Amateur Radio Operators in Ionia County as an Emergency Communications Resource under the Office of Emergency Management. This is a three-year appointment and is made in September.

Area Agency on Aging – A planning, funding, and advocacy organization for nine west Michigan counties, including Ionia County. The agency’s overall purpose is to improve the quality of life for older adults. More specifically, the agency helps older adults remain independent and in their own home as long as possible. The agency funds a variety of in-home and supportive services such as home delivered meals, personal care, respite care, and transportation.

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors – Responsible for making policy decisions for the agency. Approve the agency budget, funding recommendations for older adult services, and the agency’s Annual Implementation Plan. Two representatives are appointed from each of the nine counties, with one of the two being a county commissioner. Appointments are for two years and are made in January.

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council – Advocacy is a primary responsibility for Advisory Council members. Members discuss federal and state legislative issues, take positions on issues, and encourage grassroots advocacy in support of those positions. Appointments are for one year and are made in April.

Board of Public Works – This Board is the administrative body which oversees the Ionia sewer project and other public improvements, secures bonds for municipalities and oversees management of construction projects. Appointments are for three years and are made in January.

Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium – Provides leadership and services, and promotes quality and excellence for the advancement of Michigan’s workforce development system and its customers and professionals. Appointments are for one year and are made in January.

Central Dispatch Board of Directors – Serves as the policy making body for Central Dispatch operations. Membership on the board is determined by by-laws which were adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Appointments are for two years and are made in December.

Commission on Aging Board – Initiates and formulates Commission on Aging program policies; works with State and Federal government on various programs/grants; promotes well being of older Americans in Ionia County. Appointments are for three years and are made in September.

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Develops comprehensive corrections plans each year for funding from the State of Michigan. The plans identify local policies and practices as well as programs and services which will help achieve their goals to help offenders and open more bed space for more serious

offenders. Membership on this board is determined by by-laws which were adopted by the Board of Commissioners. There are no set terms for these appointments.

Community Mental Health Services Board – Serves as the board to the Community Mental Health Authority. Board administrates the Michigan Mental Health Code, employs director, sets Community Mental Health budget, approves contracts, purchases property and equipment. Appointments are for three years and are made in March.

Construction Board of Appeals – Hears appeals and renders determinations regarding decisions of the Ionia County Building Department in regards to the Construction Code Act. Appointments are for two years and are made in October.

Department of Human Services Board – Joint board made up of three members from Ionia County and three members from Montcalm County, which oversees the administration of the social service programs within the county. Appointments are for three years and are made in October.

Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Has the ability to borrow money and issue bonds or notes for economic development projects that benefit Ionia County residents and businesses. Board members also serve on the Ionia County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which works for the redevelopment of contaminated sites, and currently manages an EPA grant to conduct brownfield assessments in the County. Appointments are for three years and are made in April.

Emergency Management Advisory Council – Provides a forum for representatives of local government, private businesses, and public organizations to participate in community emergency planning and Emergency Management activities. There are no set terms for this Council and appointments are made as vacancies arise.

Jury Board – Assists the Courts in recruiting prospective jurors. Appointments are for six years and are made in April.

Park Advisory Board – Serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Commissioners in all matters affecting Bertha Brock Park. The Board is responsible for establishing general policies for park operations, evaluating park programs, gathering citizen input in planning, preparing a comprehensive Recreation Plan, and researching additional funding mechanisms for parks. Appointments are for two years and are made in January.

Planning Commission – Reviews and plans for future development in the County. Appointments are for three years and are made in January.

Road Commission – Serves as the policy making body for the Ionia County Road Commission. Appointments are for six years and are made in October.

Substance Abuse Initiative –Serves as the advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners on substance abuse issues, including but not limited to programming, funding, creating public awareness and advising and consulting with the Board on substance abuse initiatives in the county. Appointments are for two years and are made in December.

Tax Allocation Board – Allocates appropriate millage rates for County, Townships, and Intermediate School District. Appointments are for one year and are made in January.