

**Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus Agenda
6:00 pm, February 25, 2025
Board Room, Third Floor
Ingham County Courthouse, 366 S. Jefferson, Mason and
virtually at <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/86246962326>**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Appointments

<i>Board / Commission</i>	<i>Appointee</i>	<i>Expire</i>	<i>Applicants</i>	<i>Appointed by</i>
Fair Board	1 vacancy		Ted O'Dell	BOC/HS
Women's Commission	7 vacancies		Barbara Roth Kristen Brown Molly Nevins	BOC/CS
Senior Citizens Advisory Council	1 vacancy		Julie Rudd i Pat Munshaw i Cheryl VanDeKerkhove i Ellen Zienert	BOC/HS
Community Health Center Board	11 vacancies		Dennis Litos Jason Blanks Yolanda Pope Ceirra Hoch	BOC/HS

i – interviewed c- committee recommended r - requests reappointment n – not interested in reappointment nr – no response

5. Liaison Committee Report
6. Commissioner Concerns
7. Caucus Treasurer Report/Ads and Sponsorships (Comm. Johnson)
8. Other Issues
9. Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting
10. Adjournment

Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus Meeting
February 11, 2025
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Sebolt, Cahill, Grebner, Johnson, Lawrence, Peña, Pratt, Polsdofer, Tennis, and Willis.

Members Absent: Morgan and Trubac.

Others Present: Commissioner Maiville, Commissioner Schafer, Commissioner Ruest, Becky Bennett, Gregg Todd, Jared Cypher, Matt Nordfjord, Anika Ried and others.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lawrence at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse, 341 South Jefferson, Mason, MI. Virtual public participation was offered via Zoom at <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/86246962326>.

Commissioner Lawrence stated, without objection, that the Letter of Support for Ingham County Fairgrounds Grandstand would be added as Agenda Item 8a.

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. CAHILL, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEBOLT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2025 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Morgan and Trubac.

3. Limited Public Comment

None.

4. Appointments

MOVED BY COMM. TENNIS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEBOLT, TO APPOINT JEREMIAH DUNGIEN TO THE PARKS COMMISSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Commissioners Morgan and Trubac.

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. PEÑA, TO REAPPOINT DIANNE HOLMAN AND MAXINE THOM TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Commissioners Morgan and Trubac.

5. Liaison Committee Report

6. Commissioner Concerns

None.

7. Caucus Treasurer Report/Ads and Sponsorships

The Democratic Caucus Treasurer's Report was included in the minutes as Attachment A.

Commissioner Johnson reminded the Democratic Caucus members of their dues.

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Commissioners Morgan and Trubac.

8. Other Issues

- a. Letter of Support for Ingham County Fairgrounds Grandstand

MOVED BY COMM. POLSDOFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. PEÑA, TO APPROVE THE LETTER.

The Letter of Support for Ingham County Fairgrounds Grandstand was included in the minutes as Attachment B.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Commissioners Morgan and Trubac.

9. Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus

Report Period: 1/28/25 - 2/11/25

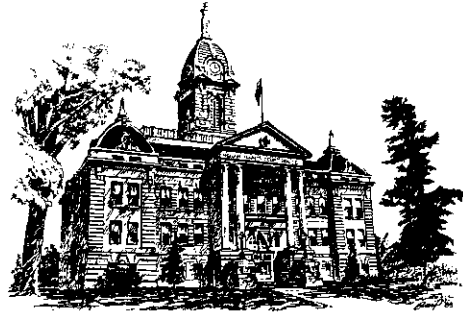
Beginning Balance	\$197.35	\$197.35
Total Income	\$300	
Subtotal		\$197.35
Dues	Comm. Willis Comm. Lawrence	\$150 \$150
Total Expenditures		
Subtotal	\$497.35	\$497.35
Ending Balance	\$497.35	\$497.35

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

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February 11, 2025

Senator Sarah Anthony, Chairperson
Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48900

Re: Support for Ingham County Fairgrounds Grandstand

Dear Senator Anthony,

In December 2022, the Fairgrounds received a significant federal grant of \$2,500,000 aimed at constructing a new grandstand. To oversee this project, WTA Architects was awarded the contract for design and management, while Tri-Terra was engaged for environmental reviews. The review process was successfully completed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). As Multiply Advisors, the grant management team, prepares to submit renderings and estimated costs to HUD, they must also provide detailed information regarding the sources of funding needed to cover any project costs exceeding the grant amount.

Securing these extra funds has proven to be challenging. Consequently, WTA Architects were instructed to scale back the original design to accommodate the available budget from the grant. While the revised designs conform to the grant's financial limits, they fail to meet the community's full needs. The original design encompassed 2,378 seats, a roof, bathroom facilities, multipurpose rooms, snack bars, and separate ticket booths. All of these aspects are crucial to providing a comprehensive and enjoyable experience for Fair attendees.

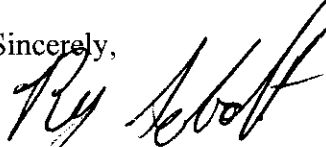
Targeting a completion date of July 1, 2026, the Ingham County Fair aims to open the new grandstand in time for the 2026 Fair, scheduled for August 3-8. To accomplish this, the Fair Board is actively seeking additional funding from the State of Michigan, private companies and community foundations.

Economically, the Fairgrounds is imperative to the City of Mason, as over 100,000 people visit the Fairgrounds each year in addition to the tens of thousands of fair week patrons. The addition of a permanent grandstand will allow the Fairgrounds to host more events throughout the year and increase the visitors to the grounds who will then eat, shop and stay locally.

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners fully support the new construction of the grandstand at the Fairgrounds and their request for additional funding from the State of Michigan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Sebolt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ryan Sebolt, Chairperson
Ingham County Board of Commissioners