

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**April 11, 2017**  
3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

**Members present:** Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema, Scott Wirtz, David Hodges, Brenda Cowling-Cronk and Jack Shattuck

**Members absent:** Jim Banks

**Others present:** Dale Parus, Jim Valentine, Ken Bowen, Mark Jewell, Bob VanLente, Miranda Sharp, Kyle Butler, Jason Eppler, Judy Clark, Brandon Sinclair, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Shattuck noted the following changes to New Business on the Agenda: Added Item C. Prosecuting Attorney's request to fill vacancy (all other agenda items moved down one). Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Brandon Sinclair introduced himself as the Michigan Attorney General West Michigan Constituent Representative.

**Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

**New Business**

- A. Ionia City Manager, Jason Eppler, came before the Board to discuss the resolution request regarding water and sewer improvement bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$8 million dollars. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported Tiejema by to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Water and Sewer Improvement Bonds, Series 2017. The Resolution was adopted by

the following Roll Call vote: yes—all. (Due to the length of the Resolution a copy can be obtained in the County Clerk's Office).

- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Contract for Issuance of Ionia County Water and Sewer Improvement Bonds, Series 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to allow the Prosecutor's Office to hire an APA at the basic entry-level to fill the existing vacant position created by the pending departure of APA Stinedurf. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the Health Department to hire an Outreach Worker at a 0.6 FTE, Grade 6, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Health Department to hire a Dietitian at a 0.8 FTE, Grade 10, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Sharp, supported by Wirtz, to approve the contractual allowance total adjustment of \$12,501.19 for the Health Department's fiscal year 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve Amendment #1 to the Local Health Department Grant Contract between Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ionia County Health Department (IChD) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to increase the budget for MDEQ Septage Waste by \$380.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Sharp, supported by Hodges, to waive the dog license fees for both dogs owned by Kendra Billings, based on the tasks they perform as service dogs per Article IV, Section 404 of the Animal Control Ordinance, and as demonstrated by Kendra Billings. Motion carried by voice vote. Clark commented that Ionia County has very few service dogs and that requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- J. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adopt the request from the County of Ionia to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. The Board acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment
  1. Commission on Aging Board - fill vacancy expiring April 2018
  2. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Three three-year terms
  3. Land Bank Authority - One three-year term

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shattuck stated that Commissioner Banks was absent. Chair Shattuck will be absent next week.

### **Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Stephanie Fox congratulated Ken Bowen, Health Officer, on now being recognized as a fully-qualified Health Officer. Fox also reported on the activity around the courthouse with the beginning stages of construction for the new building addition.

### **Public Comment**

Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, advised the Board that it is National Telecommunicator's Week.

### **Adjourn**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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