

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 12, 2016
Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m.

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

Members present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jim Banks
Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Ken Bowen, Loren Gage, Walt Downes, Georgia Sharp, Bob Van Lente, Kyle Butler, Tony Meyaard, Judy Clark, Jim Valentine, Nicholas Grenke, Melissa Eldridge, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Calendar

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the three (3) PA 116 Farmland Agreements filed by Victor and Luanne Wisniewski for properties located in Boston Township as outlined in the PA116 Farmland Applications, local file numbers 16-002, 16-003 and 16-004FA. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Information regarding the Green Day was available in the Board packet for the Commissioners to review. Michelle Spicer was unable to attend the meeting to give her presentation.
- B. Tony Meyaard, Equalization Director, presented the Board with the 2016 Equalization Report in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 211.34 as amended. The report lists various values, county wide statistics and

values of each assessing jurisdiction and school districts by property classification. Meyaard explained that Orange Township received a factor in their commercial class which required a 2.926% increase to each parcel in the class. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the 2016 Equalization Report as presented. Meyaard stated that the report will be posted to the County's website for anyone who would like a copy. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Park Manager Loren Gage announced that The Friends of Bertha Brock Park has donated \$20,000 to the Park's Designated Contribution Account for the purpose of construction of a front pavilion and small playground equipment. Loren stated that three bids were received and requested approval to accept the bid from F. Thomas Builders for \$15,436 and to further approve using \$4,564 for the purchase of playground equipment. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the construction of a new pavilion at Bertha Brock Park by F. Thomas Builders at a cost not to exceed \$15,436 and further authorize the amount of \$4,564 to purchase playground equipment with the funds to come from the Designated Contribution Fund and to further approve the corresponding budget amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Calley, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the renewal of a one year amendment to the Agreement with Veolia Environmental Services, LLC, to handle the transportation, collection, recycling and disposal of wastes generated through the Ionia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and to further authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Provider Group Affiliation Agreement between Blue Care Network of Michigan, Blue Care of Michigan, Inc., BCN Service Company and Ionia County Health Department and to authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the BCN Advantage Amendment to the Provider Group Affiliation Agreement between Blue Care Network of Michigan, Blue Care of Michigan, Inc., BCN Service Company and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

- F. The week of April 12, 2016 is recognized as National Telecommunicator Week. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution recognizing and paying tribute to the County's telecommunicators. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The resolution is as follows:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK RESOLUTION
2016-3**

We gather here to pay tribute to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service to our community.

WHEREAS, the week of April 10 - 16, 2016 has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in tribute to all public safety communications personnel; and

WHEREAS, Ionia County Central Dispatch is a vital link in the protection of life and property in Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch are a vital and highly valued part of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their excellent and dedicated service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that they be highly commended and praised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, declares the week of April 10 -16, 2016 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Ionia County and expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service; and that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy be forwarded to the dispatch center.

- G. Prosecuting Attorney, Kyle Butler, requested authorization to fill an Assistant Prosecutor position. Butler gave a presentation showing the caseload and other duties of the prosecutor's office. In addition, Butler presented a comparison of the Ionia County Prosecutor's Office to other counties. Moved by Calley, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the amendment to the Village of Saranac contract for additional sheriff office services. Due to a decrease in health insurance costs, the hourly rate was reduced. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the establishment of a budget for the new drug forfeiture fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

- J. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve filling the Payroll Clerk position at a Grade 8, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to authorize filling the part-time Administrative Clerk position at the Commission on Aging. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Calley, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the millage authorization request form that will be submitted to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Vice Chair Banks acknowledged the upcoming appointments to be made to the Area Agency of Western Michigan Advisory Council, the Economic Development Corporation and the Land Bank Authority.

County Administrator's Report

- 1. Fox stated she is working on preparing a RFP with the Physical Plant Director, Sharyn Overton and Landmark Group for the construction manager position.

Other Reports

Commissioner Calley acknowledged the County Officials that were at the Michigan Township Association meeting Monday night at Sebewa Township.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Banks, Vice Chairperson

Tonda Rich, Clerk