

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Chair Calley called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Members present: Dave Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Julie Calley and Scott Wirtz

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Tamie Barker, Ken Bowen, Jim Valentine, Diane Adams, Bob VanLente, Tom Thelen, Joe Cusack, Pat Carr, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Judy Clark, Dan Petersen, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Chair Calley noted the following changes to the agenda: Items A. and B. under New Business would be heard before Unfinished Business and item M. under New Business would be moved to item C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Bob VanLente stated that the Ionia County Republican Party is hosting an informational meeting regarding Proposal 1 on April 20th at 7 p.m. at the Portland Mount Hope Church.

Pat Carr, Chair of the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, discussed CAMWC and encouraged the Board to stay together as a 4- county Michigan Works! Area for the next two years.

Dan Peterson introduced himself as the President of EightCAP, Inc. and the Administrator for CAMWC.

Consent Calendar

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

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

New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adopt the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes- all. The Resolution is as follows:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK RESOLUTION
2015-13**

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 14 - 20, 2015 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 14 - 20, 2015 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.

- B. County Administrator Stephanie Fox distributed a handout showing the Michigan Works! Agencies in Michigan. Fox stated that the State has shifted from having single county agencies to regional workforce development agencies. Commissioner Tiejema discussed the Michigan Works! Program at length. The Board is charged with making a decision on whether to remain with the Central Area Works Consortium or to join the Workforce Development Board of Region 4. The Board decided to hold off on making a decision until more discussion takes place.

Unfinished Business

- A. Physical Plant Director, Joe Cusack, presented the Board with a sketch of a new maintenance building that could be built in the lot behind the current Friend of the Court building. The proposed two-story building would be 2560 square feet per floor and would house the Maintenance and IT Departments and storage. Cusack estimates the cost to be \$135 - \$145 per square foot, not including plumbing or electrical. Commissioner Banks suggested a pole-type building versus an aesthetic building. Chair Calley voiced her concern stating she believes the IT Department should remain in the main courthouse.

New Business (resumed)

- C. Fox advised the Board that Central Dispatch is seeking to hire part-time dispatchers to assist in covering open shifts created by vacation, compensatory time, training, personal and/or sick time off. The subjects sought to be employed are seasoned dispatchers thus minimal training will be required. The part-time dispatchers would be hired at the starting dispatcher wage and would be paid at regular straight time instead of the time and one half overtime rate. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to allow Central Dispatch to hire additional part-time dispatchers as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to adopt the Resolution for CORS Agreement. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION FOR CORS AGREEMENT
Between the Michigan Department of Transportation
And the County of Ionia
2015-14**

BE IT RESOLVED that Contract Number 15- 5183, Control Section 34900, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the County of Ionia is hereby accepted.

The following Official is authorized to sign said Contract:

Julie Calley, Chair, Ionia County Board of Commissioners

- E. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to authorize the placement of a Coca- Cola machine at the Health Department Building and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve Amendment #2 to the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Community Health FY 14/15 and Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Bowen advised the Board that Essential Local Public Health Services Funding was reduced by \$6,489. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Hodges, supported by Wirtz, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department by moving \$10,000 from Inmate Housing revenue to Uniformed Services for training expenses and overtime. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Miller advised the Board that the Village of Clarksville has requested additional contracted patrol within the village up to 8 hours per month. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the agreement between the Ionia County Sheriff's Department/County of Ionia and the Village of Clarksville for additional patrol services in the village. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve filling a deputy position at the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Undersheriff Charlie Noll requested approval to begin the promotion process to fill one of the open Uniformed Services sergeant positions due to the resignations of Michael Seinen and Joseph White. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve filling the Uniformed Services sergeant positions. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Noll advised the Board that the dishwasher in the jail kitchen needs to be replaced along with the protective vinyl wall behind the dishwasher. The dishwasher was purchased in 1989/1990 and the County has paid out \$7,000 in repairs since 2005 on the existing dishwasher. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to authorize the purchase of a new dishwasher in the amount of \$16,359.02 and to replace the protective vinyl wall in the dishwashing area. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the millage authorization request to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve a three- year Farmland Lease Agreement with Ryan Huhn to farm the Main Street property

for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018, and to authorize the signature of the County Administrator. Motion carried by voice vote.

- N. The Board acknowledged the following PA 116's:
1. Doezma Real Estate LLC (Boston Township)
 2. Doezma Real Estate LLC (Berlin Township)
 3. Philip and Mary Seidelman (Ronald Township)
- O. The Board acknowledged the upcoming appointments to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council, Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Jury Board and the Land Bank Authority.

Chairperson's Report

1. Calley and Commissioner Tiejema attended the Governor's Regional meeting.
2. Montcalm and Ionia Counties opened up a Child Advocacy Center at Community Mental Health in Belding. The purpose of the center is to alleviate elongating trauma when a child is a victim and that the child's testimony is recorded so the child only has to talk about the crime once.
3. MTA appreciates the county official updates at their meetings and also it has been requested that more commissioners attend the Bertha Brock Park meetings.
4. Hazardous waste collection is April 25th.
5. The CIS Trail grand opening is April 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Johns Rotary Park Pavilion.
6. Judge Voet received a gubernatorial appointment to the Criminal Justice Policy Commission.

County Administrator's Report

1. Thanked Sergeant Hoskins and the Sheriff's Department for AED training for Department Heads.
2. The Commission on Aging Appreciation Luncheon is April 23rd.

Special Reports

Commissioner Cowling- Cronk stated that DHS Appreciation is Thursday and Friday.

Commissioner Tiejema recognized the new Commission on Aging Director, Tamie Barker.

Public Comment

Ken Bowen, Health Officer, stated that the last two- years of inspections are on the website.

Peter Mengel asked the Board for help in retrieving property that was stolen from him during his incarceration.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

<p>Minutes approved on:</p>
