

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Central Dispatch Building  
**April 25, 2017**  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Anthony Meyaard, Dale Miller, Judy Clark, Bob VanLente, Goose Elliott, Ken Bowen, Judith Transue, Nelson Brown, Karen McFadden, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the Agenda: Add vouchers for Tiejema and Hodges to Item E. Under the Consent Calendar and to add a request from the Sheriff for Cars between items G. and H. under new Business (all other items move down one). Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott distributed a copy of a letter that he submitted to Attorney General Bill Schuette to the Board (on file in the Clerk's Office). Elliott commented on the Board spending money and breaking the law. In addition, Elliott stated that the new courthouse building should have went up for a vote of the people.

Goose Elliott commented on tearing down the old jail and that the County is still functioning with one less building.

**Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of March 2017 - \$952,150.54
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$78,031.17
- E. Approve March 2017 Vouchers for Tiejema and Hodges

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

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Appointments

1. Commission on Aging—Dennis Sitzer and Richard Pohl submitted applications to be appointed to the Commission on Aging Board, to fill the vacancy expiring September 2018. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Dennis Sitzer to the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. The Board received applications for three three-year terms to serve on the Economic Development Authority. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to reappoint Mark Bender, Robert VanLente, and Jonathan Dinehart to the Economic Development Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema to appoint Andrew Gardner to a three-year appointment to the Land Bank Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Equalization Director, Anthony Meyaard, presented the 2017 Ionia County Equalization Report (on file in the Clerk's Office) to the Board. Meyaard stated that both assessed values and taxable values have increased. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the 2017 Ionia County Equalization Report as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to approve the Community Corrections American Interlock Agreement. Motion carried by voiced vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to approve the contract for State FY18 between Ionia County and Deborah Davis to provide Cognitive Behavior treatment services (classes) to be funded by Community Corrections funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the 3-year agreement with Orleans Township for additional Sheriff's Office Services and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to approve the 4-year agreement with Otisco Township for additional Sheriff's Office Services and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the SmartStart Ignition Interlock Contact. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the FY18 Community Corrections grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2018 Ford Explorers not to exceed the cost of \$57,714.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve an increase in hours by four hours per week (28, increasing to 32) for the 10/01/2016-09/30/2017 grant year for the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court Case Manager Jaclyn Adams effective retroactive to April 1, 2017, the commencement of the 3<sup>rd</sup>

quarter of the fiscal year of the funding grant, until the conclusion of the grant year. Motion carried by voice vote.

- J. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the Subcontract as proposed for the 10/01/2016-09/30/2017 grant year between the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program and Comprehensive Recovery Services, Inc. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to approve the Subcontract as proposed for the 10/01/2016-09/30/2017 grant year between the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program and Karen S. McFadden by signing same. Approval for allowance of the subcontract was granted at the January 10, 2017 meeting for coordination services only and to also approve Karen S. McFadden to be paid \$28.00 per hour on a part-time basis for services of coordination and administration and some case management services supplemental to MDOC supervision. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the Subcontract as proposed for the 10/01/2016-09/30/2017 grant year between the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Hybrid DWI/Drug Court and Karen S. McFadden by signing same and approval for allowance of the subcontract was granted at the January 10, 2017 meeting, Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. County Treasurer, Judith Clark came before the Board to discuss the financing for the new courthouse project. Clark stated that she received 3 bids for a ten-year loan. Chemical Bank had the best interest rate at 2.39% with no fees. The County would make a principal payment once per year and interest payments twice per year, with the first payment being due May, 2018. Clark additionally negotiated a no prepayment penalty with the bank. Tiejema questioned the amounts of the payments on loan with this term. Banks, Shattuck and Hodges all expressed concerns as well. After much discussion, the Board requested Clark to prepare an amortization schedule. Moved by Cowling-Cronk supported by Banks to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to discuss financing for the new courthouse. Motion carried by voice vote.
- N. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to allow Ken Bowen, Health Officer, to engage in outside employment with Cengage, a textbook/digital learning company. Bowen will serve as a consultant on Environmental Health subject matter for college-level learning materials. The employment will not exceed five hours per week, nor will it interfere with Bowen's County work schedule. Motion carried by voice vote.
- O. Moved by Banks, supported Hodges to authorize the County Administrator to act as certifying officer for the proposed CDBG Grant application on behalf of Herbruck's Poultry Ranch. The Resolution (2017-04) 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).

P. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported Wirtz to authorize the County Administrator to act as certifying officer for the proposed MDARD Grant application on behalf of Herbruck's Poultry Ranch. The Resolution (2017-05) 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).

**Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shattuck informed the Board that he received a complaint from a resident in North Plains Township regarding the Road Commission.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on the Board spending money and violating their Oaths of Office. He also stated that the new courthouse building should have been voted on by the people.

Bob Cusack commented on specific court offices being closed during the lunch hour and on the Road Commission.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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