

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**April 26, 2016**

7:00 p.m.

Central Dispatch Building

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

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

**Others present:** Charlie Noll, Dan Balice, Walt Downes, Mel Haga, Lynette Seiler, Chris Berdice, Jon Caswell, Jack Elliott, Suzanne Kreeger, Judy Clark, Dale Parus, Lisa Insley, Nicholas Grenke, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board voicing his concern about spending money on a new building and also stated his dissatisfaction with a county judge. Dan Balice stated his support of a new building.

**Did You Know?**

Commissioners Cowling-Cronk and Calley both shared facts of interest.

**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 2016 - \$1,393,003.58
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$82,745.60

Commissioner Banks requested to add his January, February and March 2016 per diem vouchers to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Hodges corrected his per diem for the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting from \$50 to \$25. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve Commissioner Banks' vouchers and Commissioner Hodge's amended voucher. Motion carried by voice vote. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Appointments

1. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint Kenneth Thompson to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Julianne Burns, Linda Willison and Bill Kavanagh to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Land Bank Authority - Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges, to appoint Clare Colwell to the Land Bank Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

- A. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the Resolution Submitting Millage Proposal - Ionia County Libraries. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR  
IONIA COUNTY LIBRARIES  
2016 - 4**

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County ("County") Board of Commissioners has the powers granted by 1917 Act 138 and 1851 Act 156; including the authority to levy a tax to raise funds permitted and authorized by law for library purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, the County placed a proposal on the ballot to provide funds for local public libraries in Ionia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the County and its residents that revenue be authorized for the purpose of providing funds for library services to the people of the County and for all library purposes authorized by law, the proceeds of which will be distributed to Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library, Ionia Community Library, Lake Odessa Community Library, Lyons Township District Library, Portland District Library and Saranac Public Library pursuant to a library services contract; therefore, the County has determined to request from voters of the County a millage of 1.2339 mills, of which .9339 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2017 and .3 mill is new additional millage for the above purposes for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the 2018 levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners determines that it is in the best interests of the County that such millage be voted on at an election to be held in the County on August 2, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The County Board of Commissioners resolves to present to the electors of Ionia County the renewal and additional new tax as described in the

millage language attached as Exhibit A at the August 2, 2016 election and, therefore, the County Board of Commissioners approves the ballot language attached as Exhibit A and certifies it for inclusion on the August 2, 2016 ballot.

2. The Chairman of the Board is authorized and directed to promptly submit this resolution along with the above ballot language to the County Clerk for inclusion on the August 2, 2016 ballot.

3. Further, any resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

- B. Interim Commission on Aging Director, Lynette Seiler and Commission on Aging Board Chairman, Mel Haga, requested approval to fill three part-time positions at the Commission on Aging. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to authorize filling the Nutrition Site Hostess/Coordinator, Nutrition Program Transporter and the Nutrition Program Food Service Aide positions. Motion carried by voice vote. The Board thanked Seiler for returning to the County on an interim basis to help with the duties and responsibilities. Haga thanked the County Administrator for her assistance during this transitional period.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to authorize the interim Commission on Aging Director to apply for the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan funding. Seiler presented a handout showing where the funding is applied. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Haga announced that an offer has been made and accepted by Carol Hanulcik as the new Commission on Aging Director. Haga stated that Hanulcik came highly recommended and is able to start on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Haga further stated that Seiler will be available for training. In addition, Haga stated that improvements in the line of communication with AAA and AAAWM have been addressed. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to authorize filling the Commission on Aging Director position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges, to authorize the Ionia County Sheriff's Department to purchase two (2) 2017 Ford Explorers, with an amount not to exceed \$57,714. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Chair Shattuck acknowledged the filing of a PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Sheldon Reiff for property located in Lyons Township.
- G. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the proposal from Mulder & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$5,800 for site surveys of the Courthouse and the Friend of the Court properties. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the 2016 SCAO/MDCGP Sub-Contract agreement between the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Adult Drug Court and an Addendum to the Viewpointe Counseling Sub-Contract with a new clinician/therapist, Antoine Trent, LMSW and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Kreeger requested that the Adult Drug Court

Coordinator position, which is a grant funded position, be added to the County's Position Allocation List as a 1.0 FTE, Grade 9. Kreeger explained that the position started out as a part-time position and as funding increased, the hours of the position gradually increased as well. The Drug Court Coordinator works 80 hours per pay period and at the beginning of 2016, the Coordinator enrolled in the County's health care plan, but was not given any other benefits. Kreeger described the duties of the Coordinator and requested that the position be added to the Position Allocation List and further authorize granting personal and vacation benefits. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to authorize the Adult Drug Court Coordinator to the Position Allocation List as a 1.0 FTE, Grade 9, and further authorize personal and vacation benefits to Carmon Ferman retroactive to January 1, 2015. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees**

Stephanie Fox thanked Lynette Seiler for helping out with the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Tiejema thanked Fox for her help and support to stabilize the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Calley thanked Commissioner Hodges for participating in Career Day at Portland.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott requested that the Board put the matter of a new building to a vote and put it on the August ballot.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on