

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 12, 2014

Regular Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Amended

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Lynn Mason, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling- Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Dave Hodges, Marie Hodges, Tom Thelen, Bob Cusack, Bob Van Lente, Doug DeVries, Jim Valentine, Tim McGuire, Judy Clark, Charlie Noll, Karen Bota, Dale Miller, Don Jandernoa, Jack Elliott, Don Ransom, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added a new item "A" and item L. under New Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the failed road millage proposal that was on the August 5, 2014 ballot, as well as, court security. Bob Cusack voiced his concern about the recent tax sale.

Consent Calendar

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

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

New Business

- A. Tim McGuire with the Michigan Association of Counties gave a brief update on the membership benefits Ionia County receives. McGuire commented on Revenue Sharing and the *Cunningham* case regarding court costs.
- B. Don Jandernoa gave an update on the Green View Point Park and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to install a fishing deck on the park's flat south east river bank

and to also install a plaque to solicit voluntary contributions for the park. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to accept the bid from Keiff Roofing, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$148,634 for a replacement roof at the jail with the funds to come from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the FY14 Emergency Management Performance Grant with the State of Michigan that reimburses the county for funds expended on emergency management related activities and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the merchant agreement with Government Payment Service, Inc. for processing credit card payments and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the agreement with BS&A Software for hosting the County's parcel information site and to further ratify the signature of Judy Clark, County Treasurer. *Commissioner Tiejema gave recognition to the townships that helped to finance the BS&A Software for this site.* Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the FY15 Secondary Road Patrol & Traffic Accident Prevention Program Application that funds a deputy position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Tom Byle, Vice Chair of the Whites Bridge Historical Society, requested the Board's support, in writing, that would be included in a portfolio that will be handed out to foundations and corporations for donations and fundraising purposes to rebuild the covered Whites Bridge. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to issue a letter of support for the Whites Bridge Historical Society. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve the grant agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners for the project described as "Install Fencing- Perimeter (Phase 1) - Construction" at the Ionia County Airport - Contract No. 2014- 0916, Federal Project No. B- 26- 0048- 2813, and authorize the signature of Chairperson Julie Calley. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Deb Thailson to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board and Cori Anderson as an alternate member. Due to the unknown with the formation of this Board, the appointment of Thailson and Anderson are temporary until the end of the year. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. The Chair acknowledged that one application has been received for two positions on the Commission on Aging Board. The appointments will be made at the August 26th regular board meeting.

- L. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, has announced his retirement at the end of August. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to authorize the posting for the Physical Plant Director position. A brief discussion took place concerning who the Director reports to and the job description. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson’s Report

- A) With the State’s Proposal 1 passing at the August Primary, this is good news for the County;
- B) Veterans Day at the Ionia Free Fair was represented by our Veterans Court, CMH, Soldiers and Sailors Relief and the Commission on Aging;
- C) Thanked Don Jandernoa for all his hard work and dedication he has given to Green View Point Park.

Other Reports

Commissioner Mason stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, August 16th for the Rail Trail in Belding.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the jail roof. David Hodges introduced himself as the newly elected Commissioner for District 1.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: