

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**December 10, 2013**  
4:00 p.m.

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 and Julie Calley

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Tom Thelen, Dale Miller, Loren Gage, Jim Valentine, Carmon  
Ferman, Don Ransom, Charlie Noll, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda  
Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added items B. & C. to the Consent Calendar for the approval of the Closed Session minutes I & II from November 26, 2013; moved New Business Item I. County Administrator's Evaluation to Closed Session A; Added Item B. Corrections Command Unit Negotiations as Closed Session B and added Item I. Acknowledgment of PA 116 to New Business. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes, session I, from November 26, 2013
- C. Approve Closed Session minutes, session II, from November 26, 2013

Chair Calley requested to pull the minutes from November 26, 2013 and amend item B. under Unfinished Business to reflect that the County Commissioners were excluded from the 2% wage increase. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended minutes from November 26, 2013 as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Closed Session minutes, sessions I & II, from November 26, 2013, were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

After review of the Closed Session minutes, the Chair directed the Clerk to correct the ending time of the 1<sup>st</sup> Closed Session.

### **New Business**

- A. Loren Gage, Park Manager, discussed the timber sale at Bertha Brock Park and requested the Board to approve the contract for the timber sale. Gage stated that Bill Rockwell of Metropolitan Forestry Consultants will oversee the tree removal and for his service, Rockwell will get a percentage of the sale. It was the consensus of the Board to

review the timber sale agreement and take action on this issue at the December 17, 2013 board meeting.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve a 3-year dry cleaning contract between the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and Gay's Cleaners. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the contract between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ionia County Health Department for FY 13-14 for funding for the Environmental Health Programs and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the Health Department Budget Amendment that increases the immunizations expenses and increases the revenue for Medicaid cost based reimbursements as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the 2014 Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant - subcontract agreements between the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court and North Kent Guidance, Comprehensive Recovery Services, Viewpointe Counseling, Kenneth Chris Williams and Mary Bliss (5 contracts), and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the 2014 Edward Bryne Jag Grant - subcontract agreements between the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court and North Kent Guidance, Comprehensive Recovery Services, Viewpointe Counseling, Kenneth Chris Williams and Mary Bliss (5 contracts), and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the 2014 Veterans Court Grant - subcontract agreements between Cognitive Consultants, Inc., Eric Calley and John Clay Kincaid (3 contracts), and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote, with Chair Calley abstaining from voting.
- H. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, discussed the budget amendments that will be on the agenda for the next board meeting and answered questions from the Board.
- I. Chair Calley acknowledged the filing of PA116 Farmland Agreement filed by Mazurek Farms, Inc.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

- 1. The Chair discussed the upcoming appointments to the different boards/committees.

#### **County Administrator's Report**

- 1. There will be a department head meeting on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> with Paul Spoelstra and Eric Cerling who will be present to discuss the County's Pension Plan. Also, Hurlbut announced that Eric Cerling will be retiring soon.
- 2. The County Auditors will be coming the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> to meet with various departments to go over any changes made in their office that relate to the finances/monetary handling/reporting that were recommended.
- 3. Reminder: The next board meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> will be a regular meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. and the December 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled.

## Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema discussed the upcoming Facilities discussion.

## Public Comment

Jim Valentine commended County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, on her management style and stated she has been doing a good job.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 4:47 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to enter into Closed Session at 4:47 p.m. to discuss the County Administrator's evaluation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Mason, to enter into Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss union negotiations for the Corrections Command Unit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to adjourn the Closed Session at 5:28 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended tentative agreement with the Corrections Command Unit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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