

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15, 2015
Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m.
Amended

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

Members present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling- Cronk, Jack Shattuck (arrived at 3:07 p.m.)
and Julie Calley
Members absent: Scott Wirtz

Others present: Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Ken Bowen, Kimberly Singh, Gregg Yeomans, Bob VanLente, Peggy Shaw- Norman, Jim Valentine, Judy Clark, Nicholas Grenke, Diane Adams, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following addition to the agenda: Under New Business, item G. was added. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Banks, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on Commissioner Banks's vote regarding Elliott's request to add an addendum to the November 24th meeting minutes. Bob VanLente congratulated Commissioner Hodges on his first year as County Commissioner.

Did You Know?

Chair Calley shared a fact 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 November 2015 - \$1,373,929.82
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$90,992.76

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to add the October 2015 per diem and mileage vouchers for Commissioners' Banks and Cowling- Cronk to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Unfinished Business

A. Appointments

1. **Central Dispatch Board of Directors** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Roland Self to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Substance Abuse Initiative** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to appoint Cori Anderson, Jason Smith and Randy Hodge to the Substance Abuse Initiative. Motion carried by voice vote. *Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Margery Briggs to the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative. Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. **West Michigan Regional Planning Commission** – ~~Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Margery Briggs to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.~~ Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Banks, to appoint Gregg Yeomans to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission. It was the consensus of the Board to wait on the appointment of the elected official position. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee** – no action was taken.

5. **Green View Point Park Advisory Board** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to appoint John Bush to the Member- at- Large position on the Green View Point Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Item B (Request for Approval of RFP for Architect) was moved to the end of the agenda.

New Business

A. Public Health Officer, Ken Bowen, introduced Kimberly Singh, the Director of Community and Governmental Affairs. Singh presented a power point on Michigan Community Dental Clinics. Singh further stated that having an affordable dental clinic has life changing effects on people and that the Dental Clinic will bill Medicaid directly. Bowen stated that Sparrow may be interested in constructing a building to house a clinic here in Ionia.

B. Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Kreeger gave a Drug Court Presentation stating that there is currently 35 participants in Drug Court. Kreeger

discussed grants/funding, support groups for participants and their families, education and prevention and the overall success rate of the program.

- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve submitting the necessary paperwork to complete the application for the FY 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the budget amendments as presented by the County Administrator. Motion carried by voice vote. (Copies of the budget amendments are on file in the Clerk's Office).
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to schedule the Ionia County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for January 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom, 3rd floor. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. It was the consensus of the Board to set aside the \$197,000 refund from the County's Liability Insurance.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve a one year contract with Shoreline Cleaners for dry cleaning services for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Shattuck requested that the Sheriff's Department seek bids next year for this service. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Stephanie Fox, County Administrator, presented a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architect. Commissioners Banks, Shattuck and Tiejema suggested that the cost per square foot or set amount (approximately \$2.5 million) be included in the RFP. Gregg Yeomans weighed in on the conversation suggesting that there be a pre-proposal meeting to show the site and answer questions. Commissioner Cowling-Cronk requested that "conference room" be more defined and Commissioner Banks stated that he is interested in knowing if the architect knows/understands how to "blend" a new building with the courthouse and questioned if sketches could be given as well. The Commissioners discussed a time frame. It was the consensus of the Board to have the pre-proposal meeting on January 13th and have the proposals due by January 27th.

County Administrator's Report

- 1. Will be meeting with Kent County regarding their Veteran Services in hopes of improving the Veteran Services here in Ionia County.
- 2. The auditors will be here this week.

3. The construction of the Maintenance Building (pole barn) is coming along.

Commissioner Tiejema commented on the Central Dispatch Bylaws issue and stated that the goal is to make the Board of Directors an advisory board.

Chair Calley stated that Michigan Works will be moving into the building that now houses the Keeper of the Crows store on Main Street, as the Keeper of the Crows is closing.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on tax law and adding a new building next to the Courthouse. Bob Cusack commented on Boards of Review, recent terrorist attacks and the Concealed Pistol License changes.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
