

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**December 8, 2015**  
Regular Meeting  
4:00 p.m.

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 and Julie Calley

**Members absent:** Scott Wirtz

**Others present:** Tom Thelen, Jack Elliott, Ken Bowen, Jim Valentine, Tamie Barker, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Judy Clark, Nicholas Grenke, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Calley noted the following additions to the agenda: Added items J, K and L to New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on the county employees entering the courthouse through a separate entrance rather than going through the court security check.

### **Consent Calendar**

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

The Chair acknowledged Jack Elliott's request to add his comments, by a separate writing, to the November 24, 2015 board minutes. The Chair pulled the November 24<sup>th</sup> minutes from the Consent Calendar for amendment and approval. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to allow the written comments from Jack Elliott to be added as an addendum to the November 24, 2015 board minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Later in the meeting, Banks asked that his objection to the motion be noted in the minutes.

### **New Business**

A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve amendment #1 to the grant agreement (FY 15/16) between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Public Health Officer. Bowen stated that the amendments to the agreement include the

annual budget instructions, Program Specific Assurance and Requirement and incorporates the Funding/Reimbursement Matrix. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve an amendment to the AAAWM/ICCOA for services provided with the total funding awarded in the amount of \$314,795. Commission on Aging Director, Tami Barker, stated that services provided include meals, disease prevention, homemaker services, respite care and transportation. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the purchase of a new intercom/security system at the jail and accept the bid by SimplexGrinnell Company in the amount of \$111,599. Sheriff Dale Miller stated that the current system is 26 years old and is failing. County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that the funding would come from the \$1 million transfer from the delinquent tax fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve the purchase of 800 MHZ radios from Chrouch Communication for patrol cars and portable radios for deputies while on patrol in the amount of \$189,051.84 with funding to come from the \$1 million transfer from the tax delinquent fund. Motion carried by voice vote. Charlie Noll, Undersheriff, stated that the upgrade of the radios is needed for the safety of the officers due to there being areas in the county where the deputies cannot use the radios. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the purchase of 10 Panasonic Toughbook CF 31 patrol car computers and Havis Docking Stations from CDW-G Company in the amount of \$40,250 with funding to come from the \$1 million transfer from the delinquent tax fund. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Banks questioned if the department looked into leasing as an option rather than buying new, with Noll stating he did not. Motion carried by voice vote, with Banks voting no.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to authorize filling the position of Sergeant at the Sheriff's Department and backfilling a position if promoted from within. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to authorize filling two deputy positions due to the resignation of one officer and retirement of another officer at the Sheriff's Department. Miller stated he would like to hire early so training can take place before Deputy Cruttenden retires at the end of January 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.

- H. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to fill the open corrections officer position created due to a promotion at the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Chair Calley acknowledged the upcoming appointments to the various boards listed under I. on the agenda.
- J. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to fill the full-time Animal Control Officer position at a Grade 9, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the County Administrator to sign the 2016 renewal agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the County's liability insurance. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Fox distributed a draft copy of the Request for Qualifications for Architect and requested that the Board review the document and send any changes to her.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Calley reminded the Board that the next meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of the month and Commissioners will need to turn in their per diem and mileage vouchers.

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

1. Passed out suggested revisions to the Central Dispatch Bylaws, specifically regarding Duties of the Board of Directors. Commissioner Tiejema explained the proposed changes. Commissioners were asked to review the proposed revisions which will be on the next board's meeting agenda for further discussion.
2. Passed out the year-end budget amendments.
3. The Ionia County Dive Team partnered with Bertha Brock Park and will be putting on "Christmas in the Park" on December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on investing and fixing up the jail and further commented on the hiring of an architect.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk