

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 25, 2014
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Tiejema, Banks, Cowling-Cronk, Wirtz, Shattuck and Calley

Others present: Tom Thelen, Loren Gage, Charlie Noll, "Gus" Elliott, Jack Elliott, Don Ransom, Bob VanLente, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Calley noted that due to illness, Ken Bowen, Health Officer, would not be present at tonight's meeting and requested that items D, E and F under New Business be removed from the agenda. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on taxing real property. "Gus" Elliott commented on the Land Bank and also requested facts on the Friend of the Court building and what used to be the "Betsy Miller" building.

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 January 2014 - \$1,893,291.11
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$133,142.50

County Clerk, Tonda Rich, requested to amend the February 18, 2014 board minutes, item A. under Unfinished Business to reflect that Frank Bednarek was the presenter of the remodel/new building plan. Commissioner Banks added his January 2014 per diem and mileage voucher for approval. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, to approve the amended board minutes as discussed and to further approve the January 2014 per diem/mileage voucher for Commissioner Banks. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no further objections to the remaining items on the Consent Calendar, the Chair declared it approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Jennifer Wangler to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Comprehensive Development Strategy Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve filling the part-time, seasonal position at Bertha Brock Park at a Grade 4, Step 1, for a total of 576 hours in 2014. Park Manager, Loren Gage, stated that this position was budgeted at a Grade 6, which is a savings of approximately \$1,400. Commissioner Shattuck recommended allotting the \$1,400 for additional help in the Park. It was the consensus that if the \$1,400 was needed, Gage would come back before the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Regional Development Commission and Ionia County for reimbursement purposes for Homeland Security related expenses and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to approve filling the Maintenance I position at a Grade 6. Each commissioner was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the position and what the responsibilities are of a Maintenance I worker. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, recommended that the position not be filled at this time. Ransom discussed the duties his department is charged with and what duties are not being performed currently due to being short staffed. Chair Calley called for a vote by a show of hands. The motion carried with Shattuck, Wirtz, Cowling-Cronk, Mason and Tiejema voting yes. Commissioner Mason requested that on the Request for Discussion/ Action form, that if there is a request to fill a position that the form be modified to add a section for the County Administrator to mark her approval as a yes or no.
- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve a 3-year agreement with Orleans Township for additional Sheriff's Office Services. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Undersheriff Noll discussed purchasing two (2) Chevy Impalas, one (1) Ford Interceptor Police Utility through MIDeal and one (1) unmarked car for the Sheriff's Department. Noll stated that one police cruiser was totaled in January 2014 due to being hit by a semi and that given the amount of snow and the how the weather has been this winter, the Sheriff's Department is in need of a 4x

wheel drive vehicle. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to authorize the purchase of two (2) Chevy Impalas, one (1) - Ford Interceptor Police Utility and one (1) unmarked vehicle for the budgeted amount of \$80,000, plus an additional \$13,225 from the insurance money for the totaled Impala. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson’s Report

Chair Calley thanked Jim Valentine for his presentation on Smart 911 that he gave at Community Mental Health.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the Maintenance Department, the Friend of the Court and the County Treasurer.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
