

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Central Dispatch Building
February 28, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

Members present: Dave Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Jack Shattuck, Scott Wirtz and Georgia Sharp

Others present: Jim Valentine, Scott DeRuischer, Chris Bredice, Dale Parus, Bob VanLente, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to add Item E. Closed Session Minutes to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Did You Know?

Cowling-Cronk stated a fact of interest.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s) - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to amend page 3 of the February 14, 2017 minutes to read as follows: *“Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the District Court **Clerical Union Contract**. . .”* Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Approve per diem and mileage - Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to amend the per diem rate from \$50 to \$25 for the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on January 17, 2017 for Sharp, Hodges and Chair Shattuck. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of December 2016 - \$1,365,269,.36
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$139,277.66
- E. Closed Session Minutes

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to appoint Norma Kilpatrick to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council to a three appointment expiring April 30, 2018. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox discussed bringing the Building Codes Department “in-house” to provide improved services to the citizens of Ionia

County. The initial focus would be on building permits and building codes with a possibility of adding community development at a later date. Fox stated that Montcalm County could help on a temporary basis. The Board was in favor of Fox bringing a proposal to the Board.

New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to amend the Commission on Aging Site Hostess position into two positions and to hire and fill both positions. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz allow the Clerk's Office to interview and hire a full-time Deputy Clerk at a Grade 7, Step 1, effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to separate the full-time Clerk/Collections position between the Clerk's Office and the Prosecutor's Office allowing each respective office to employ separate .5 FTE's and to further allow the Clerk to interview and hire a .5 FTE Deputy Clerk at a Grade 7, Step 1, effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to correct budget line items to match the amounts shown in the Remonumentation Grant Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to create an additional Maintenance Worker 1 position in the Building and Grounds Department, effective March 1, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the Timber Sale Contract between Ionia County Bertha Brock Park and Atwood Timber & Lumber Mill Inc. for the removal and sale of 72 trees in Bertha Brock Park, and authorize the appropriate signatures on the contract. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Timber Sale Administration Agreement between Ionia County Bertha Brock Park and Bill Rockwell for administration and oversight of the removal and sale of timber from the Park, and authorize appropriate signatures on the Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the 2017 Marine Patrol Grant Application. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adopt the 2017 General Fund Designated Fund Budget. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Banks updated the Board on the Facilities Committee meeting. The committee spent over an hour going over bids for the new court building project. Many bids were over the maximum bid. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to accept and approve the site work bid from C&L Trucking for \$217,000.00; Choice Concrete for \$460,700.00; the structural steel bid from FCC for \$425,000.00; and Lumen Electric for \$420,278.00. Motion carried by voice vote. Scott DeRuisher, Physical Plant Manager, stated that the lowest bidders are

being interviewed to ensure that nothing is being missed in the bid. The Board further discussed potential cost savings in some areas, and the possibility of overruns the Board had concerns about signing contracts and the possible ramifications of getting out of contracts if need be. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to sign contracts and to move forward on the building process. Motion fails 2-4 with Commissioners Sharp, Tiejema, Banks and Wirtz voting no.

Reports

Wirtz requested that a quote for an aerial view of the County be present to the Board at the next regular meeting. Sharp stated that Chris Jensen at Tri-County Electric may be interested in the bid as he could use a drone which could take better pictures at a higher resolution. Wirtz mentioned that townships could possibly chip-in to help with the cost.

Administrator's Report

Fox shared a thank-you letters from the Ionia County Literacy Council and the ICEA for their appropriations from the County. Fox also shared a letter from Senator Nofs reporting that revenue sharing increased by 2.3%, equating to approximately \$11,000.00.

Special Reports

Tiejema updated the Board on ASCET providing a direct service model between Ionia, Barry and Montcalm counties, which removes a layer of Administration and provides better service.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
