

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 26, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Central Dispatch Building

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

Members present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: Brenda Cowling-Cronk

Others present: Jim Valentine, Jack Elliott, Charlie Noll, Lynn Cruttenden, Nicholas Grenke, Dale Miller, Dale Parus, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted that item E. Animal Shelter Ordinance Discussion is to be removed from New Business. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Calley, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the amendment of the Bylaws regarding Public Comment and the public being able to add an addendum to the minutes.

Dale Parus, Director of the Ionia Community Library, introduced himself and stated that he is interested in knowing more about the proposed new building site (old jail) and discussions on plans for Library Street.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Tiejema and Commissioner Hodges shared facts 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 December 2015 - \$1,760,454.13
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$117,750.00

Commissioner Banks requested to add his per diem and mileage voucher to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to add Commissioner Banks's voucher to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no objections to the items listed, Chair Shattuck approved the Consent Calendar.

Unfinished Business

A. Appointments

1. **Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors** –

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Jane Morris to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Board of Public Works** – Moved by Calley, supported by Hodges, to

appoint Chuck Minkley to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Park Advisory Board** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Bill Patton and Amy Buckingham to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Tax Allocation Board** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to appoint Mark Howe to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Chair Shattuck presented Lynn Cruttenden with a Resolution of Appreciation for his years of service with the Ionia County Sheriff's Department. Moved by Calley, supported by Banks, to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to Lynn Cruttenden. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION 2016-1

We gather here to pay tribute to **Lynn Cruttenden**, who retired from the Ionia County Sheriff's Office on January 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Cruttenden began his career with the County of Ionia as a Deputy on September 24, 1992; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a deputy, Lynn Cruttenden served on the Central Michigan Enforcement Team for two years and as Court Security Officer for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Cruttenden received multiple Certificates of Professional Excellence for his outstanding performance and professionalism in investigating cases, as well as his excellent patrol techniques which lead to felony arrests; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Cruttenden received a Certificate of Commendation for his exemplary work on a robbery case in 2015; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service as a Deputy, Lynn Cruttenden received many letters of thanks from citizens, other County departments and law enforcement agencies for his assistance, kindness, courtesy and respect in his work with them; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Cruttenden has served the Ionia County Sheriff's Office and the Citizens of the County of Ionia with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service, it is fitting and proper that Lynn Cruttenden be commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Lynn Cruttenden for his faithful and dedicated service, and wishes him well in his future endeavors; and, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy presented to Lynn Cruttenden.

- B. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, requested approval and adoption of the Pension Plan Restatement dated January 1, 2016. Commissioner Tiejema voiced concerns with the restatement, but stated that it is a work in progress and should be looked at closer in the future. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to approve the Pension Plan Restatement Dated January 1, 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve filling the part-time Animal Control Officer position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Animal Shelter Kennel Assistant position. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

- 1. Reminded the Board that the architect proposals are due Wednesday, January 27th and there will be a Facilities meeting at 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 29th to review the proposals.

Reports

Commissioner Tiejema stated he attended Legislative Coffee, which is held at Green Acres (Ionia) on the 4th Monday of each month starting at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the County spending money, over taxing and the law library.

Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: