

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Central Dispatch Building

Chair Calley called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Pastor Hassert gave the Invocation.

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Bob Van Lente, Paul Spoelstra, Pastor Hassert, Deb Thailson, Judy Clark, Dale Miller, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Calendar

Per Diem and mileage vouchers for Commissioners' Calley and Cowling- Cronk were added to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve the per diem and mileage vouchers for Commissioners' Calley and Cowling- Cronk. Motion carried by voice vote. Hearing no objections to the remaining items listed under the Consent Calendar, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the following seven (7) PA 116 Farmland Agreements:
- Local file number 14- 011FA, filed by Cornelis and Doris Vierzen for property located in Berlin Township
 - Local file number 14- 012FA, filed by Cornelis and Doris Vierzen for property located in Odessa Township
 - Local file number 14- 013FA, filed by Cornelis and Doris Vierzen for property located in Odessa Township
 - Local file number 14- 014FA, filed by Cornelis and Doris Vierzen for property located in Odessa Township
 - Local file number 14- 015FA, filed by Richard C. Vierzen for property located in Boston Township
 - Local file number 14- 016FA, filed by Richard C. and Dannielle Vierzen for property located in Odessa Township

- Local file number 14- 017FA, filed by Richard C. Vierzen for property located in Campbell Township
Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Appointments

Board of Public Works – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to appoint Lee Satterlee to the Board of Public Works for a three- year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Park Advisory Board – Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Gregg Yeomans to the Park Advisory Board for a two- year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Tax Allocation Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to appoint Mark Howe to the Tax Allocation Board for a one- year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Central Dispatch Board of Directors – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Elizabeth Kolarik to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors for a two- year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Paul Spoelstra proposed a few changes in the investments of the Ionia County Pension Plan for 2015. In summary, Spoelstra discussed eliminating holdings from Deutsche Floating Rate Fund S, Vanguard FTSE Pacific Index Fund ETF and Vanguard FTSE Europe Index Fund ETF and proposed adding Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets ETF, John Hancock Currency Absolute and Templeton Emerging Markets Income. Spoelstra discussed the John Hancock Investments and the Templeton Markets. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the proposed investment changes as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote, with Cowling- Cronk voting no.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the intergovernmental contract for the establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board and ratify the signature of Chair Calley. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Deb Thailson and Cori Anderson to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve filling the Health Educator position at the Health Department starting at a Grade 10, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve submitting the 2015 Marine Patrol Grant Application. Dale Miller, Ionia County Sheriff, stated that the grant is federally funded and additional funding has been provided through local contributions in the past. Motion carried by voice vote.

- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to appoint Thomas Halsted as the probation agent representative to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. The Board continued their discussion on facilities. Commissioner Tiejema presented a handout *Bond Repayment* and discussed paying off the animal shelter and further discussed possible investments for the funds that have been set aside for facilities. The Michigan Works building in downtown Ionia was also discussed as a possibility for county offices. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners continue looking into the former jail site. Motion carried by a show of hands with Wirtz voting no.
- H. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, presented the Board with the 2015 Capital Budget. Fox stated that together with Joe Cusack, Physical Plant Director and Walter Barnes, Information Technology, they were able to put a Capital Improvement Plan together for 2015. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairpersons' Report

- 1. Reminder to the Commissioners to submit their goal sheets
- 2. Congratulated Commissioner Wirtz on his recent marriage

Moved by Wirtz, submitted by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved
