

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 12, 2016  
Regular Meeting  
4:00 p.m.

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, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jack Shattuck

**Others present:** Judge Ray Voet, Judge Suzanne Kreeger, Ken Bowen, Lisa Anderson, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted one addition to the agenda under New Business: Item E. Boiler Replacement. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Consent Calendar**

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

**New Business**

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's Multi-Year Implementation Plan for FY 2017-2019. Commissioner Tiejema stated, the Plan, when approved by the State of Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging, secures funding for services and programs to help older adults in Ionia County. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve the agreement between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services FY 16/17 and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Ionia County Health Department and authorize appropriate signatures. This agreement is for funding that is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Animal Shelter Manager Robin Anderson requested authorization to construct an exercise area for the shelter dogs with the funds to come from the donation fund. Anderson described the new exercise area that would be fenced in with a chain link fence, trees for shade and benches for volunteers. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the construction of an exercise area for the shelter dogs with an amount not to exceed \$12,000 with funding to come from the donation fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Chief Judge Raymond Voet and Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Kreeger requested vacation time for Circuit Court employee Rebecca Akin. Voet and Kreeger explained that when Akin was hired, it was a “lateral transfer” since she was already working in the court system in Montcalm County. When the experience credit/step level increase was granted, the vacation time was not addressed. County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that she will start earning vacation time at 6.25 hours a month which will put her in the 2 - 5 year range for accumulation of vacation time. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to grant two weeks of vacation time to Rebecca Akin. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the replacement of the courthouse boiler. Commissioner Banks updated the Board on the facility meeting (that was earlier in the day) and stated that the project manager received bids for a new boiler to replace the current boiler which was installed around 1956. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Chairperson’s Report**

Chair Shattuck announced that he will be gone for the next couple of weeks.

### **County Administrator’s Report**

1. Fox is still working on the budget.

### **Other Reports**

Commissioner Banks stated that he is pleased with the current project manager and finds that he is easy to work with.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack L. Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
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