

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 14, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**4:00 p.m.**

The Chair 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, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

**Others present:** Tom Thelen, Jessica Wierckz, Bob Van Lente, Bob Cusack, Joe Cusack, John Bush, Tamie Barker, Nick Grenke, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted two additional items under New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, 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.

**Unfinished Business**

A. The budget for the facilities project was discussed. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to set a \$2.5 million budget for new facilities, not including the cost for a new maintenance building. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to authorize filling the full- time Case Manager position at a Grade 8 and back filling the part-time Case Manager position at the Friend of the Court. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to advance funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$21,000 for the Little Thornapple River Drain. Drain Commissioner John Bush stated that Barry County will be

- advancing \$50,000 toward the drain and that the full advancement will be assessed back to the owners. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to approve the agreement with Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage District. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the budget amendment as presented for the Register of Deeds Remonumentation Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - F. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, stated that 680 postings were mailed to the level 3 Assessors in the state of Michigan for the Equalization Director position with the salary listed as negotiable. CSZ Services, LLC responded and met with Fox. CSZ Services contracts with other counties for Equalization Services. Fox requested that a contract with CSZ Services, LLC be approved and that Anthony Meygaard be appointed as the Ionia County Equalization Director at a monthly cost of \$8,181.81 through May of 2016. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve an agreement with CSZ Services, LLC and appoint Anthony Meygaard as Equalization Director for Ionia County and further authorize appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - G. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to approve changing the full-time Circuit Court bailiff position to two part- time Bailiff positions with a total of 975 hours allocated for each part- time Bailiff and authorize an additional 195 substitution hours for each Circuit Court Judge to be used at their discretion and further authorize filling both part- time Bailiff positions. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - H. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Soil Erosion Inspector/Drain Maintenance Supervisor at a Grade 7, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Chairperson's Report**

1. Thanked the Board for their support in extending the State of Emergency in Portland due to the tornado that hit Portland on June 22, 2015. By extending the State of Emergency, the city was able to obtain contingency funds.
2. Thanked the county officials who attended the Michigan Township Association meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **County Administrator's Report**

1. Thanked the Board for their appointment of the Equalization Director and for setting a facilities budget.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
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