

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 22, 2014
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Lynn Mason, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz and Julie Calley

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Carmon Ferman, Dale Miller, Tom Thelen, Bob Cusack, Jack Elliott, Ken Bowen, Roland Self, Diane Adams, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item E. to the Consent Calendar and items I., J., K., L. and M. under New Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the June 24, 2014 board minutes requesting the minutes reflect more information on the Public Hearing that took place and further commented on the location of the Commissioners' meetings stating the 3rd floor is a fire/safety concern.

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 June 2014 - \$1,504,072.51
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$95,493.95
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from June 24, 2014

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to add Commissioner Banks voucher to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

The June 24, 2014 Closed Session minutes were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved. Chair Calley stated that Commissioner Shattuck was out of the state.

New Business

- A. Carmon Ferman, Project Coordinator for the 8th Circuit Drug Court, requested approval of a sub- contract with the 61st District Court in order to provide funding for alcohol/drug screenings to Ionia County participants currently residing in transitional housing in Kent County. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the 2014 SCAO/OHSP Sub- Contract agreement between the 8th Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court and the 61st District Court to provide funding for alcohol and drug screenings for Ionia County Drug Court participants residing in transitional housing in Kent County. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve a 5- year agreement with GovPayNet that will allow inmates to use a credit card for bonds and to also add money to an inmate's commissary or pay other receivable charges. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, stated that the 9- 1- 1 Board voted to seek a .40 cent increase per device surcharge from \$1.90 to an amount not to exceed \$2.30 per month and requested that the Board authorize the ballot proposal to be voted on at the November 4, 2014 General Election. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the Resolution as presented. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2014 - 9

WHEREAS, on the twenty- third day of December 2008, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed into law Public Act 379 intended to stabilize funding for E- 911 operations by spreading operating costs over all devices capable of accessing E- 911 services in the State of Michigan at a monthly surcharge rate of up to Three Dollars (\$3.00) through the year 2014, and

WHEREAS, on the twenty- sixth day of June 2012, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law Public Act 260 to extend the funding until December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, this Commission, recognizing that the rate of \$1.90 per month per device assigned to Ionia County by the Michigan Public Service Commission was insufficient to sustain 9- 1- 1 services in the County, determined to place the issue before the citizens in ballot form, and

WHEREAS, on the twenty second day of July 2014, the Ionia County Board of commissioners approved placing before the voters of Ionia

County the question, "For the period beginning on July 1, 2105 and continuing through the month of June in the year 2021, shall Ionia County be authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of Two Dollars and Thirty Cents (not be exceed \$2.30) on the monthly billings of landline, wireless and VoIP service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Ionia County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Ionia County, including facilities, equipment and operations?", and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Central Dispatch 9- 1- 1 Board voted at a special meeting on April 16, 2014 that the surcharge issue and voter ballot language be presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval to be placed before the voters,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Ionia at the next State General Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, November 4, 2014:

911 OPERATING SURCHARGE PROPOSAL

For the period beginning July 1, 2015 and continuing through the month of June in the year 2021, shall Ionia County be authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of up to Two Dollars and Thirty cents (not to exceed \$2.30) on the monthly billings of landline, wireless and VOIP service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Ionia County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Ionia County, including facilities, equipment and operations?

- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the Speech Therapy Referral Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and the school districts of Ionia County for speech therapy referral service for the 2014- 2015 school year. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Richard Steadman P.S., David Clifford, P.S., Phil Norder, P.S., and Jon Wildrom, P.S., to the Peer Review Group for the Remonumentation Program effective June 12, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the Letter of Support from the Ionia County Board of Commissioners supporting the Jordan Lake Trail. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to remove the June 13, 2014 Attorney/Client Privilege status of the letter from Peter A. Cohl regarding the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by voice vote.

H. Budget Amendments

1. Register of Deeds - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the budget amendment for the Register of Deeds Remonumentation Fund as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 2. Parks - Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the budget amendment for the Parks Designated Contribution line as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 3. Health Department - Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment for the Health Department regarding Emergency Preparedness as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 4. Friend of the Court - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the budget amendment for the Friend of the Court eliminating the position/budget for the Assistant Friend of the Court. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the 4th amendment to the grant agreement between Michigan Department of Community Health FY 13- 14 and Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the contract between Ionia County and Deborah Edwards to provide cognitive behavior treatment services (classes) to be funded by Community Corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve the contract between Ionia County and Sean Corbin/Cognitive Consultants to provide a substance abuse treatment program through Community Corrections for FY15. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to authorize filling the Sheriff Deputy position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's Multi- Year Implementation Plan for FY 2015. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

1. Announced the SMAT Open House that will take place on August 9th and 10th.

County Administrator's Report

1. The Probate courtroom is now equipped with a Polycom.
2. Melissa Eldridge, Ionia County Soil and Conservation District, will be submitting a proposal to the Board for recycling in the near future.

Other Reports

Commissioner Mason updated the Board on the rail trail running from Ionia to Owosso.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the County Attorney and the July 22, 2014 board minutes. Bob Cusack reminded the Board of the Republican and Democratic Party Tent Dinners at the fair.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
