

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Central Dispatch Building
July 25, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Sharp gave the Invocation.

Members present: Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz and Georgia Sharp

Members absent: Dave Hodges, Jack Shattuck

Others present: Judith Transue, Nelson Brown, Elizabeth Walden, Nancy Hausserman, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

Did You Know?

Cowling-Cronk stated that the Ionia Free Fair is done for the year.

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 2017 - \$1,323,655.72
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$127,911.67
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to add per diems for Tiejema and Wirtz. Motion carried voice vote.

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

New Business

- A. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Sharp to allow the Ionia County Clerk to enter into a revenue agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the implementation of MiCBCS (Michigan Centralized Birth Certification System). Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to allow the County Clerk's Office to sell Do-It-Yourself Divorce Packets for \$40.00 and to establish a cash code for this item. Banks expressed concerns regarding the fine line of discussing procedures versus providing legal advice; selling court forms and

potential law suits that could arise from providing this service. Banks requested the opinion of both circuit court judges as well as SCAO on this matter. Motion fails 3-2 with Banks and Wirtz voting no. The matter can be brought back to the Board at a later date.

- C. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to move money between line items for Central Dispatch to cover expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to establish a 2017 Budget for the Prosecutors Drug Forfeiture Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. The Board acknowledged the transition of Abraham & Gaffney auditing firm to Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to authorize the signatures on the Letter of Engagement with Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker. Cowling-Cronk questioned as to why Abraham & Gaffney is splitting into Abraham & Gaffney and Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker. Cowling Cronk expressed concern with Abraham & Gaffney and the financial issues in Montcalm County. Motion passes 4-1 with Cowling-Cronk voting no.

Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator, apprised the Board of the status of the building project and stated that she working on the 2018 Budget.

Special Reports

Sharp attended the SMAT Pancake Breakfast.

Public Comment

Nelson Brown announced that he is a new attorney practicing in Michigan in Ionia County.

Nancy Hausserman commented on divorce packets, Abraham & Gaffney's split and spoke on Robin Anderson's behalf.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Banks, Vice-Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: