

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 26, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Central Dispatch Building

Vice Chairperson Jim Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

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

Others present: Jack Elliott, Bob VanLente, Michael Overley, Erin Boertman, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairperson Banks noted one additional item to be added under New Business (Item H. Appointment of Prosecutor to the Community Corrections Board). Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning court security.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk shared a fact of interest.

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 2016 - \$1,362,964.38
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$87,700.27

Vice Chairperson Banks requested to add his April, May and June 2016 vouchers to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to add the April, May and June 2016 vouchers to the Consent Calendar for Vice Chairperson Banks. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

New Business

- A. Michael Overley and Erin Boertman with Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) gave a presentation on the history of MERS explaining that MERS has an independent elected board. Overley stated that MERS offers a broad range of customizable plans and explained in depth pre-funding of the Plan, what is considered adequate funding and how the employer contribution is determined. The Board was given an opportunity to ask questions and thanked the representatives for attending the meeting. (A copy of the MERS handout explaining how the Plan works is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amendment to contract no. 61.54-FY16.3 with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, and authorize the signature of Vice-Chair James L. Banks on the amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Calley, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the agreement between the Prosecuting Attorney and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for legal representative concerning foster care. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Hodges, supported by Wirtz, to approve the FY 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant with the State of Michigan and authorize the signatures of Vice-Chair James L. Banks and the County Administrator. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the three-year employment agreement with Stephanie Fox commencing on January 1, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Calley, to appoint Michael Honeywell to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as the criminal defense attorney representative. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to fill the Information Technician Director position. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, stated that the county is using an outside service in addition to Patrick who is the IT Assistant. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Kyle Butler to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

1. Thanked the Board for approving her employment contract.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on elected officials, in general, committing crimes.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Vice-Chairperson

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on