

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2015
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Central Dispatch Building

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 and Julie Calley

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Tom Thelen, Bob VanLente, Jack Elliott, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Tamie Barker, Nicholas Grenke, Deb Davis, Kameron Smith, Jack Elliott, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted to strike Unfinished Business from the agenda. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the maintenance work that was recently done at the Sheriff's Department.

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 2015 - \$1,672,934.69
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$94,857.69

Commissioner Tiejema requested to discuss the June 29th special meeting per diem rate. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to amend the per diem vouchers for Commissioners' Tiejema, Shattuck and Calley to reflect that the June 29, 2015 meeting per diem is \$50. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no further objections, the Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

New Business

- A. Ionia County Sheriff, Dale Miller, presented Deb Davis, Community Corrections COG facilitator with a Certificate of Commendation. Sheriff Miller thanked Davis for her passion and dedication to helping others make positive changes in their lives.

Kameron Smith was presented with a Citizen Citation from Sheriff Miller. The Sheriff recognized Smith for his help in finding a stolen hand gun and on behalf of the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and the victim, Miller thanked Smith.

- B. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve filling the substitute driver for Commission on Aging Home Delivery Meals. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, requesting approval of the implementation of a Governmental 401(a) Money Purchase Plan through Morgan Stanley, which would serve as the retirement investment option for all non- union new hires effective August 1, 2015. Fox stated that this will be a savings to the County and will cost \$1,200 per year for Morgan Stanley to administer the plan. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the implementation of a Governmental 401(a) Money Purchase Plan for all non- union new hires, effective August 1, 2015 and further approve closing the County's current Pension Plan to all non- union new hires upon implementation of the 401(a) Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to enter into an agreement with the State of Michigan Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 15 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Fox stated that the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a deficit as of December 1, 2014. The funds are used for the purpose of caring for cemetery lots within Ionia County. The interest received on the funds is returned to the cemeteries. The cemeteries were paid more interest than what was earned and the Michigan Department of Treasury is requiring the County to submit a Deficit Elimination Plan. Fox proposed transferring \$8,000 from the General Fund to the Cemetery Fund and further, direct the Treasurer to withhold the cemetery interest payments until the amount is paid back to the County. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Deficit Elimination Plan. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes -all. The Resolution is as follows:

**Ionia County Board of Commissioners Resolution
To Adopt the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
Deficit Elimination Plan
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WHEREAS, the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a \$9,269 deficit fund balance on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Act 275 of the Public Acts of 1980 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopts the following as the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Deficit Elimination Plan, which includes a transfer in of \$8,000 from the General Fund:

	2014	2015
Fund Balance (Deficit January 1)	\$(9,269)	\$(8,594.45)
Revenue		
Investment Interest	\$600	\$1,500
Transfer In		\$8,000
Total Revenue	\$600	\$9,500
Expenditures		
Expenditure Control	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance (Deficit) December 31	\$(9,269)	\$905.55

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ionia County Treasurer will continue to withhold Cemetery interest payments until the fund's corpus has been fully restored.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema gave a brief update on the Personnel Committee that met earlier in the day. The Committee discussed courthouse hours and family leave benefits for employees that work over 60 hours.

County Administrator's Report

1. The budget will be emailed out at the end of the week.

Chairperson's Report

1. Gave a brief update on the CMH Board and the autism services that will be offered with Montcalm and Ionia Counties working together.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott stated that the notice for the June 29th Special Meeting could have been emailed out.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
