

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 10, 2014
Regular Meeting
4:00 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, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Ken Bowen, Doug DeVries, Karen Bota, Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Jack Elliott, Diane Adams, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Chair Calley noted that item F under New Business would be moved to the item B spot. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning violations of the Open Meetings Act.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

Chair Calley noted an amendment to the May 27, 2014 board minutes under the Consent Calendar. The motion should be to amend the per diem voucher for Commissioner Mason rather than Commissioner Calley. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Mason, to approve the May 27, 2014 board minutes as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Doug DeVries, Emergency Management, explained that an audit was done of the 2006, 2007 and the 2008 Region 6 Homeland Security Grants and the audit concluded that there were violations of dual compensation and conflicts of interests. By assessing this amount on the percentage that each county receives in Region 6, Ionia County owes \$5138.29. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$5138.29 from the General Fund to cover the audit findings, with the understanding that the City of Ionia will reimburse the County of Ionia for \$2138.00 of this expense. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve increasing the hours for the Administrative Clerk position in the Register of Deeds Office – Abstracting to 690 hours for 2014, for a total cost not to exceed \$3630. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to approve amendment #3 to the grant agreement between the 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.
- D. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the budget amendment for the Health Department as presented. Bowen stated that a finding from the WIC audit is that the Health Department cannot collect rent (from WIC) when the office is housed in a building that is already paid for due to the depreciation of the building. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to fill the part- time transcriptionist position at the Sheriff’s Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck, to approve filling the deputy position at the Sheriff’s Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to accept the proposal from Hooker- DeJong for the development of specifications for roof repair and replacement at the county jail at a cost not to exceed \$3975. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson’s Report

- 1. Reminded the Board that there will be a public hearing on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. regarding the bids for the interior demolition of the old jail.
- 2. Recognized and commented on the Sheriff’s Employees of the Year.

County Administrator’s Report

- 1. The 2015 budget has started and the department heads were emailed all of the documents.

Other Reports

Commissioners’ Mason and Wirtz had a meeting with Melissa Eldridge at the Soil Conservation to discuss a countywide recycling program.

Commissioner Mason updated the Board on the status of the Rail Trail.

Commissioner Cowling- Cronk mentioned a vacancy on the Department of Human Services Board.

Commissioner Shattuck stated that Dorothy Pohl will be emailing flyers to the Commissioners that will help them when answering questions regarding the road millage that will be on the ballot in August.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the meeting locations of the Board and the jail roof.

Chair Calley called for a brief recess at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Deputy Unit negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
