

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2017
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Jim Valentine, Ken Bowen, Judy Clark, Scott DeRuisher, Tony Meyaard, Jason Mellema, Jeremy Worst, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Calendar

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

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

New Business

- A. Equalization Director, Tony Meyaard reported to the Board that millage rates are slightly reduced, which is a good thing as that means property values are rising. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve the L-4029 Millage Request Report (on file in the Clerk's Office). Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Jason Mellema, ISD Superintendent, gave a Special Education Millage Restoration Presentation to the Board. Mellema reported that at the August 8 Election, the ISD is seeking 0.4122 mils to restore funds for special education services for all local districts. This renewal would generate approximately \$715,000 per year if approved. Mellema stated that for a \$100,000 home (with a taxable value of \$50,000) it would cost approximately \$20.61 per year for the Special Education Millage. The median value for homes in Ionia County is \$110,000 per the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau.

- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to fill the open full-time Corrections Officer position at the jail. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to increase the jail training and travel expense lines for being over budget due to expenses for Sheriff Miller's attendance at the American Jail Association Conference. The line items were reimbursed 100% due to increase jail reimbursement revenue. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to approve amendment #3 of the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services FY 16/17 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.
- F. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve an amendment to the Ionia County 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan, which will add a loan provision to the Plan effective May 31, 2017. This would allow participants to borrow against their account funds, which they have invested. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to authorize the Physical Plant Director to fill the position of Administrative Clerk within the Building and Grounds Department as soon as a qualified candidate is found. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adopt the Ionia County Parks Advisory Board Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck stated due to the new courthouse project being underway, that he would like the Facilities Committee to meet once a month. Upon discussion it was agreed that a Facilities meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. before the first Board Meeting on the month starting in July, 2017. In addition Scott DeRuisher, Physical Plant Director, will update the Board on the progress of the new construction project at every Board Meeting.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that there will be a tour of the new construction after the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Fox also shared a handout (on file in the Clerk's Office) regarding the Michigan Minimum Standards for Indigent Criminal Defense Services. The compliance plans and cost projections are due November 20, 2017.

Special Reports

Commissioner Sharp stated that on June 26th at 2:00 p.m. there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Right Door in Belding Autistic Center.

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk voiced her concerns regarding recent activities at the animal shelter. Cowling-Cronk stated that Robin did an excellent job and that she should not have been terminated.

Commissioner Tiejema stated that the Audit Committee met on June 5th.

Public Comment

Jeremy Wurst addressed the Board about building a Medical Marijuana Growth Facility. The Board advised him that he needs to contact the city/township individually, that it is not a county decision.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: