

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Chair Calley called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

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

Others present: Charlie Noll, Tom Thelen, Jack Elliott, Goose Elliott, Ken Bowen, John Bush, Judy Clark, Chris Grzenkowicz, Joe Cusack, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted to strike item E. under New Business and move Unfinished Business after New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding facilities.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Tiejema requested to remove the May 26th minutes from the Consent Calendar and amend the last Public Comment by deleting the word “purchase” and rephrasing the paragraph to state that Jack Elliott questioned the Board on why they were not considering the vacant Michigan Works Building. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended May 26, 2015 board minutes as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Chris Grzenkowicz with Aldi, Inc., requested a permanent easement on 11 feet of county property for the construction of the driveway of Aldi. Grzenkowicz stated that the easement is for the purpose of providing ingress and egress and public utilities to the grantee’s (Aldi, Inc.) land. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve a driveway easement upon a portion of parcel 34-110-006-000-035-10, specifically the West 400 feet of the North 11 feet of the premises. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the grant agreement #3 with the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Ionia County Health

Department that will increase the agreement amount from \$718,963 to \$752,258 (increase in the Ebola funding). Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck, to approve filling the two vacant deputy positions at the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve filling the upcoming Deputy Clerk position beginning August 10, 2015 to allow for adequate training. Undersheriff Charlie Noll announced that Bev Young will be retiring at the end of August. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

- A. The facilities discussion continued. The first part of the discussion was in regard to a new building/site for the Maintenance Department. Physical Plant Director, Joe Cusack, presented a copy of a drawing of a new garage/building that included a maintenance garage, storage, two offices, a reception area, break room, mechanical room and restroom. Commissioner Shattuck commented that the design/garage could be smaller if the offices/mailroom were to stay closer or housed in the courthouse. Commissioner Wirtz shared his concern with building brand new or renovating the old jail site stating that more than likely when the project is finished it will have cost more than what was budgeted. In addition, Wirtz suggested that the building that housed Michigan Works should be looked at. Commissioner Tiejema agreed and further suggested that the Building Inspector do a thorough inspection and report back to the Board on his findings. It was the consensus of the Board that the County Administrator needed to gather information on the square footage needed for new offices to house Juvenile Court and Circuit Court Probation; contact the Building Inspector to go through the old Michigan Works building and continue working with the Physical Plant Director on a Maintenance Building and location.

Chairperson's Report

- 1. Update on Regional B meeting and wished the County Treasurer a Happy Birthday.

County Administrator's Report

- 1. Thanked the Board for the approval of the easement for Aldi, Inc.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema updated the Board on the Audit Committee and stated that the County Auditors will be doing a presentation at the June 23rd meeting.

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk updated the Board on the DHS Committee.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott and Goose Elliott both commented on the facilities/discussion.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
