

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 10, 2015

Regular Meeting

4:00 p.m.

**Amended*

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

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

Others present: Loren Gage, Kenneth Haverstick, William R. Seddler, Ken Ritsema, Karen Merchant, Connie Cerny Nash, David Nash, Rosemary Reams, Goose Elliott, Albert Almy, Don Hagen, Dennis Seiler, Lynette Seiler, Lenny VanBrakel, Jim Valentine, Robin Johnson, Chris Bredice, Tom Thelen, Karen Bota, Kyle Butler, Carmon Ferman, Dale Miller, Judy Clark, Sharyn Overton, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda under New Business: Added item I. (Letter of Understanding between Ionia County Board of Commissioners and the Ionia County Sheriff and Police Officers Association of Michigan) and item J. (Amendment Agreement between Ionia County Board of Commissioners and the Ionia County Sheriff and Police Officers Association of Michigan). Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the County's spending and the County Clerk's open position. Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Butler discussed his issues/concerns/suggestions regarding the proposed County ORV Ordinance. Robin Johnson, Don Hagen, Ken Haverstick and Ken Ritsema commented on the ORV ordinance. Goose Elliott commented on the courthouse parking lots.

Consent Calendar

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

Commissioner Tiejema requested to pull the February 24, 2015 minutes to amend the following:

- Page 3, last paragraph: To read that the *Board will consider* passing the ordinance

- Page 6, under the Chairperson's Report: Adding *in the basement* at the end of the sentence.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the amended February 24, 2015 minutes as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

- A. Al Almy, Vice Chair of the Road Commission Board, stated he sent the proposed ordinance to all 16 townships in Ionia County. Almy reported that the Orange Township Supervisor received calls requesting to eliminate the usage of David Highway. Almy stated that the Road Commission recognizes that there is inherent risk with all roads and they cannot determine which roads are more dangerous than others as there has been no official study done. In closing, Almy stated that the Road Commission does not oppose the ordinance.

Sheriff Dale Miller stated he has talked with Montcalm and Gratiot counties where the ORV Ordinance has been implemented for the past 4-5 years and that neither county has any documented complaints or accident reports resulting from the ordinance.

Commissioner Tiejema stated he would like the proposed immunity clause added to the ordinance as suggested by Assistant Prosecutor Butler.

Chair Calley recommended that the *DNR's ORV law* be incorporated into the ordinance and that she will work with Commissioner Banks, the County Administrator and the County Attorney on the ordinance wording and this matter will be placed back on the agenda in two weeks.

New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Lynette Seiler. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes- all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-8

We gather here to pay tribute to **Lynette Seiler**
WHEREAS, Lynette began her career with the County of Ionia on June 28, 1978, as an employee at the Commission on Aging; and
WHEREAS, Lynette was an exemplary employee and developed a deep love for the County's senior population; and

WHEREAS, Lynette performed her duties with outstanding dedication and professionalism and was accordingly appointed as the Administrator of the Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Lynette has served faithfully on numerous Boards and Committees during her tenure as the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Lynette was instrumental in the development and implementation of many successful programs at the Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Lynette has served the Senior Citizens of the County of Ionia with the highest degree of devotion and integrity for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Lynette is dearly loved by those with whom she has worked; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding service, it is fitting and proper that Lynette be highly commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Lynette Seiler for her faithful and dedicated service to the Citizens of the County of Ionia and wishes her well in her retirement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, and that a copy be presented to Lynette Seiler.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Beverly Harger. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes- all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-9

We gather here to pay tribute to **Beverly Harger** who has served on the Ionia County Community Mental Health Board for thirty years.

WHEREAS, Beverly Harger has faithfully fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to the Board of Directors of the Ionia County Community Mental Health Board; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Harger's leadership was acknowledged by her peers who elected her to serve as their Chairperson for multiple terms; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Harger's calm demeanor is a gift that was greatly respected by those she served; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Harger's application of the Golden Rule in deliberations was extremely effective and highly valued; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Harger played an important part in providing hope and wellness to the Citizens of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her thirty years of service, it is fitting and proper that Beverly Harger be highly commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to

Beverly Harger for her faithful and dedicated service to the Citizens of the County of Ionia and wishes her well, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, and that a copy be presented to Beverly Harger.

- B. The Ionia County 4-H Program was discussed. Connie Cerny Nash informed the Board of the many programs that 4-H has to offer and requested that the part-time 4-H Program Coordinator position be made full-time. David Nash and Karen Merchant spoke in agreement with making the part-time Coordinator position a full time position. Merchant stated she will prepare a proposal and present it to Don Lehman, who will provide it to the County Administrator for consideration in the next budget cycle. Rosemary Reams thanked the Board for their time and consideration.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve filling the part-time seasonal employee position at Bertha Brock Park at a Grade 4, Step 1, for a total of 576 hours in 2015. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Loren Gage, Parks and Recreation Manager, briefly discussed a contract extension for timber removal from County Park property. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to approve a contract extension with Maple Rapids Lumber Inc. for a one year extension to remove timber as stated in the original contract with a total of \$800 to be paid by Maple Rapids Lumber Inc. for the extension and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the 2015 SCAO/MDCGP Sub-Contract agreement between the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Court and Douglas Bittenbender with grant funding to be utilized to provide funding to Douglas Bittenbender for transportation services at a per diem rate of 0.575 per mile as deemed necessary and as approved through SCAO and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve the 2015 SCAO/MDCGP Sub-Contract agreement between 8th Circuit Adult Drug Court and Sean Burns, MA. LLP, CAADC with grant funding to be utilized to provide funding to Sean Burns for Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services deemed necessary and as approved through SCAO and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to authorize filling the part-time Deputy Clerk position at a Grade 7, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Chair Calley acknowledged the Community Mental Health Services Board Applications for Appointment (four 3-year terms).

- I. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Letter of Understanding between Ionia County Board of Commissioners and the Ionia County Sheriff and Police Officers Association of Michigan Ionia County Sheriff Department Deputy Division. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amendment to the Agreement between Ionia County Board of Commissioners and the Ionia County Sheriff and Police Officers Association of Michigan Ionia County Sheriff's Department Deputy Division. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Calley advised the Board that the Commission on Aging is having a potato bar on St. Patrick's Day to support Meals on Wheels. In addition, Calley noted that MAC is offering a webinar on the state proposal on March 11th at 1:30 p.m.

County Administrator's Report

Fox advised the Board that the auditors will be here next week for two weeks.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema stated that there will be a meeting in Grand Rapids for all counties in Region 4 where discussion will take place on new strategies for workplace development. Tiejema will attend and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk stated that Jim Valentine and Vanessa Booth did a great job with Smart 911 and hopes to see an increase in usage.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Clerk's position and also commented on allowing the public to make comments during discussion.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Janae Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on