

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 14, 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, Jim Banks, Scott Wirtz, David Hodges, Brenda Cowling-Cronk and Jack Shattuck

Others present: Karen Bota, Dale Parus, Scott DeRuisher, Jim Valentine, Dale Miller, Ron Gunderson, Melissa Eldridge, Bob VanPutten, Peggy Shaull-Norman, Ken Bowen, Mark Jewell, Dave Beckering, Bob VanLente, Amy Gorham, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted the following additions to New Business on the Agenda: Item J. Letter of Support-Village of Lake Odessa Beach Improvement Grant and Item K. Sheriff's Deputy Agreement with Boston Township. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to approve the Amended Agenda. 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. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges enter into a Public Hearing for a DNR Grant Application for the Rail Trail. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all. On behalf of the Friends of the Flat River Valley Rail Trail, Ron Gunderson requested the Board to consider a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in an amount of up to \$290,000.00 for construction of approximately 11 miles of non-motorized trail between Saranac and Lowell. The required match for the grant is being raised by the Friends' group through various sources, Gunderson explained.

- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to adopt the Resolution to Submit a Recreation Grant Application. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

Ionia County, Michigan

**Resolution to Submit a Recreation Grant Application
River Valley Rail Trail
2017-02**

WHEREAS, the County of Ionia has prepared a recreation plan intended to guide future recreational projects and financing; and

WHEREAS, the recreation plan has identified the need for development of trails; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has determined it to be in the best interest of the County to apply for state and/or federal monies to assist in the financing of said improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Ionia has participated in the creation of the Mid West Michigan Trail Authority and has generally been supportive of rail to trail acquisition and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Administrator to submit an application to the DNR for a grant to develop the trail from Saranac to Lowell, known as the Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Trail, and Lowell to Ionia-Kent County line, known as the Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Trail.

Adopted this day, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners.

- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the renewal of a one-year amendment to the Agreement with Veolia Environmental Services, LLC, to handle the transportation, collection, recycling, and disposal of wastes generated through the Ionia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, and authorize appropriate signatures on the amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Dave Beckering, Construction Manager of the Court Project Bid Tally discussed in detail and at length recommendations for Contract Awards, contract recaps, cost-saving measures that were included in the contract recommendations and bid comparisons for the Masonry and Flooring

Divisions. Beckering fielded several questions posed to him by the Board. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to accept awarded bids and change orders totaling \$4,592,543.16 for the Court Facility Project. Motion carried 6-1 with Wirtz voting no. (A complete listing of the bids is on file in the Clerk's Office.).

- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges for the Commissioners' to sign the 2017 Contract Amendment received from Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM) with Sharyn Overton sending the countersigned contract back to AAAWM and a copy back to the Commission on Aging. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Budget Amendments
 - 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve a budget amendment for the Commission on Aging to reflect additional funding awarded after the budget process. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to establish a budget for the Circuit Court FY2017 Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 3. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to establish a budget for the Circuit Court-Hybrid DWI/Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 4. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to create a budget for Medical Marijuana Operation & Oversight Grant award in the amount of \$61,475.00 in 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the agreement for Sheriff's Office Services between the Village of Clarksville and the County of Ionia. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve a 3-year agreement with Boston Township for additional Sheriff's Office services. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Barry County Central Dispatch. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. The Board acknowledged the following applications for appointment:
 - 1. Community Mental Health Services Board
 - 2. Commission on Aging BoardSharp commented that she did not submit an application for appointment to the Community Mental Health Services Board.
- K. Moved by Banks, supported by Sharp to approve the Application for Funding for a Beach Improvement Grant for the Village of Lake Odessa. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrator's Report

Fox thanked the Board for voting on the Courthouse Building project. Fox also mentioned that the auditors will be here for two weeks.

Special Reports

Wirtz commented on obtaining aerial photographs of the county before the leaves appear on the trees.

Sharp commended Scott DeRuisher on his efforts with the Courthouse Building project.

Hodges stated that he attended his first SMART meeting. In that meeting he toured the Muskegon County Jail. Hodges commented that Muskegon County Jail's budget alone is bigger than Ionia County's budget as a whole, housing over 560 inmates.

Cowling-Cronk distributed a handout to the Board from WION (on file in the Clerk's Office) which addressed thoughts on public relations, safety and staffing at the County parks. Cowling-Cronk asked the Board for suggestions for park emergency phone services.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 4:24 p.m. and reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to enter into Closed Session to discuss an employee grievance from the Health Department. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to adjourn Closed Session and return to Open Session at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to accept the grievance settlement submitted by Cohl, Stoker & Toskey P.C. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: