

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 12, 2015
Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and followed with the Invocation.

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Chuck Babcock, Jim Valentine, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Bob Van Lente, Judy Clark, Bill and Sue Hudson, Carrie Johnson, Carolyn Mayhew, Tamie Barker, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, 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.

Unfinished Business

- A. The discussion on facilities continued. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, passed out a letter from Hooker- DeJong, Inc., concluding that the old jail cannot support a third floor, as well as, voiced their concerns with reinforcing the walls and the floors. Chair Calley stated that there will be ongoing discussions at the next meeting, but would first like to give the Board ample time to read through the structural report.

New Business

- A. Bill Hudson gave a presentation on the Jordan Lake Trail Organization. Hudson summarized that the Organization has plans to construct a pedestrian, biking, multi- use trail around Jordan Lake in Barry and Ionia Counties. Hudson discussed fundraising efforts, grants and meetings/discussions with State Representative Callton and Senator Nofs. Hudson stated that MDOT would like to see the trail connect to the CSI Rail Trail in Saranac at Grand River Avenue and David Highway. Hudson explained that in order for the trail to connect in this area, the shoulder would need to be paved. The Ionia County Road Commission was

approached, but the Organization was directed to contact the Village of Lake Odessa. Jack Shattuck, liaison between the Road Commission and the Board of Commissioners, stated that the Road Commission is working on grant funded projects at this time and many other projects throughout the County are on hold due to funding. Sue Hudson, also a member of the Jordan Lake Trail Organization, stated that she is looking into applying for a grant for the paving of the shoulder, but the Road Commission would have to be an agent for that grant. Hudson stated that the shoulder is a three mile stretch in Berlin Township and Berlin Township is not interested in being an active part of the trail at this time. Sue Hudson asked if the County would have funds available for this project. Chair Calley stated that the County does have a Capitol Improvement Fund but the funds are earmarked for specific projects already.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the amended Community Corrections Bylaws, **Article III, Membership**, by adding a “workforce development member” and also **Article VII, Meetings**, by defining what is a quorum of the Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to approve the SmartStart Ignition Interlock Agreement as recommended by the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Undersheriff, Charlie Noll, discussed the ePanic Button stating that currently the emergency panic buttons are hard-wired throughout county buildings and are in need of replacement. The ePanic button is a computer based panic button and incident notification systems that will send alerts to police/security personnel. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve a 3 year subscription to ePanic for 20 computers and/or mobile devices for \$1,350. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Chair Calley stated that in the process of drafting the ORV Ordinance, a section was inadvertently left out of the final adopted version and now the Ordinance needs to be amended to add to Section 2 – Designated Roads, e) *An ORV may not be operated on any City or Village road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way in Ionia County, unless allowed by City or Village ordinance.* Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adopt the Resolution Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Ionia County ORV Ordinance. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE IONIA COUNTY ORV ORDINANCE**

2015-15

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2015, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopted the Ionia County ORV Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners desires to amend the Ionia County ORV Ordinance, by specifically prohibiting the operation of ORV's on any City or Village road, roadway, shoulder or right-of-way in Ionia County, unless allowed by City or Village Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Amending the Ionia County ORV Ordinance is attached to this Resolution and incorporated by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopts the Ordinance Amending the Ionia County ORV Ordinance, attached and incorporated by reference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Ordinance shall take effect after notice of its adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the two-year AT&T Intrastate ILEC Network Services Discount Pricing Program for local POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line usage and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Bookkeeper position in the Finance Office at a Grade 8, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

- 1) Ionia County will be hosting the SMART Group next Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. The events scheduled will be a presentation by the Prosecutor and Smart 911, as well as, tours of the Missionary School and the Courthouse.
- 2) Have had two meetings since going with the Regional Workforce Development and an inter-local agreement, as well as, Bylaws will be forthcoming.

County Administrator's Report

- 1) Gave an update on the water and sewer bonds;
- 2) Mari Droste's retirement party will be Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema complimented the Facilities Committee on the work that was put into the facilities/discussion and will be discussing facilities more in depth with the County Administrator. Tiejema also stated there is a lot of misunderstanding out in the public and if the Board moves forward, there is PR work to be done so the public is well informed.

Commissioner Banks questioned continuing the Facilities Committee and is looking forward to the discussion on facilities at the next meeting now that the structural report has come back.

Commissioner Cowling- Cronk attended a meeting where the Republican and Democratic parties came together and gave a presentation on the difference between the parties. Cowling- Cronk shared that this presentation will be given to the high school government classes in the county.

Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
