

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**May 23, 2017**  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Others present:** Robert G. Cusack, Chris Bredice, Jim Valentine, Dale Parus, Bob VanLente, Goose Elliott, Paul C. Spoelstra, Miranda Sharp Boisseau, Jack Elliott, Stephanie Fox and Amy Gorham

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following amendment to the Agenda: added Item F. under New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott spoke regarding the new construction.  
Goose Elliott inquired on the cost of the new County construction project.

### **Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of April 2017 - \$905,110.57
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$84,358.99

Tiejema requested an amendment be made to the May 9, 2017 Minutes under New Business, Item C. as follows: *Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve an expenditure of \$23,000 for a 2016 Ford Transit 250 Van from Trevor Merren Auto, **for the Maintenance Department** with funds to come from the General Fund Designated Fund.* Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the revised minutes.

### **Unfinished Business**

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to appoint Nancy Patera to the Community Mental Health Services Board to fill a vacancy expiring March 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.

## New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve Paul Spoelstra to transfer funds into an active management portfolio and accept the 2017 Investment Policy Statement. Motion carried by voice vote with Cowling-Cronk voting no.
- B. Budget Amendments
  - 1. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema to establish and accept the 2017 Budget for Rails-to-Trails. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - 2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to transfer revenue and appropriation items in the budget to purchase SPF coupons to the Commission on Aging Dept./GL#'s that had been used in prior years. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve the proposed AT&T 12-month contract for the trunk line circuit at the courthouse. Rates will remain the same. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Declaration & Notice for final DNR Grant Reimbursement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the 2018 Budget Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to authorize filling the position of District Court Probation Compliance Officer at Grade 8, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.

## Public Comment

Jack Elliott discussed government jobs and pensions. Elliott also discussed the county's policy on acquiring permits.  
Goose Elliott discussed voting on the construction project and the Friend of the Court Building.

## Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Amy Gorham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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