

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 24, 2016

Regular Meeting

Central Dispatch Building

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:** David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Julie Calley and Jack Shattuck

**Members absent:** Scott Wirtz

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Georgia Sharp, Scott DeRuischer, Bob Van Lente, David Beckering, Judy Clark, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

The following amendments were made to the agenda: Item K. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Veterans was added under New Business and Item H. amendment to the Smartlock Contract. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding assessments on properties and questioned the authority the County has for assessing, as well as, selling properties.

### **Did You Know?**

Commissioners Cowling-Cronk and Tiejema shared facts of interest.

### **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 2016 - \$1,184,478.81
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$84,024.76

Commissioner Calley requested to add her April 2016 voucher to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to add

Commissioner Calley's voucher to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no objections to the Consent Calendar, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Appointments**

1. Commission on Aging Board - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Gerald Patton to the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Community Mental Health Services Board - Moved by Calley, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Nancy Haga to the Community Mental Health Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Midwest Michigan Trail Authority - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint Ron Gunderson, David Hodges and Jim Banks to the Midwest Michigan Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges, to purchase and install a new heating and cooling system for the basement of District Court in an amount not to exceed \$15,475. County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that the funds will come from the General Fund Designated. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve an agreement, upon the review of the county attorney, between the County of Ionia and Beckering Construction, Inc., to provide construction manager services to the County of Ionia for a cost not to exceed 3.89% of the project construction cost plus reimbursable expenses, and further to authorize appropriate signatures. David Beckering introduced himself and discussed the construction manager role and answered questions from the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. A lengthy discussion took place on financing the building project. County Treasurer, Judy Clark, stated that she contacted a few of the local banks and received two offers, both with a low rates. Clark discussed the terms of the loan as well as other available options for financing. Public Health Officer Ken Bowen has also offered \$500,000 from the Health Department's Fund Balance for the building project. Commissioner Tiejema, referring to his **handouts**, discussed possible alternatives for utilizing available funds and also presented an annual debt service schedule handout on a \$4,000,000 bond for 30 years. Commissioner Calley voiced her concern reminding the Board that a \$2.5 million budget was set last year for this project and the projected cost is now around \$5.1 million. Calley stated that facilities are not the only need facing the County at this time. Commissioner Hodges commented on having to go

- with a bigger building due to housing District Court in the new building. (Copies of handouts are on file in the Clerk's Office).
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the agreement with American Interlock LTD for the installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock system for the Community Corrections Program beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the Community Corrections Plan and Application for FY 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - F. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Calley, to approve the contract between Ionia County and Deborah Davis for FY 2017 to provide cognitive behavior treatment services to be funded by the Community Corrections funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - G. Moved by Calley, supported by Tiejema, to approve the SmartStart Ignition Interlock Contract for the installation and maintenance of the ignition interlock system the Ionia County Community Corrections Program beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The County will pay the contractor for fees ordered by the Sobriety Court Judge which include \$125 installation fee, \$85 removal fee and/or monthly lease fees which range from \$3.40 to \$4.25 per day. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the budget amendment for the Remonumentation Fund that will correct the budget line item to match the amounts in the Grant Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - I. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amendment to the 2015 AAAM Nutrition Contract due to a decrease of \$15,000 in the Respite Services for FY 2016, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - J. County Administrator Fox presented the 2017 budget calendar. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adopt the 2017 budget calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - K. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Ionia, The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and the West Michigan Veterans Coalition for establishing and maintaining a county level Veterans Service Office. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **County Administrator's Report**

1. The County received a notice of approval for the County's Building Codes Department to do the inspection of the press box at the Ionia High School.

## **Other Reports**

Commissioner Calley gave a brief update on ACSET and announced that Roger Thelen was stepping down from United Way.

## **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott voiced his concern that the Board would be violating tax law for borrowing money.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
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