

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 27, 2014**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Lynn Mason, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling- Cronk, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

**Members absent:** Scott Wirtz

**Others present:** Loren Gage, Jack Elliott, “Goose” Elliott, Robert Cusack, Tom Thelen, Bob Van Lente, Don Ransom, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the Friend of the Court. “Goose” Elliott addressed the Board concerning the proposal to renovate/re- build on the former jail site.

### **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 2014 - \$1,097,815.30
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$88,369.72

Chair Calley noted the addition of her per diem voucher to item B. under the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Mason noted a correction to her per diem voucher by deleting the per diem for the MAC Transportation meeting she attended on April 25, 2014. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Mason, to approve adding the per diem voucher for Chair Calley and amending the per diem voucher for Commissioner Mason. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no further objections, the Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Jane Morris to the AAAWM Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring in January 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Chair Calley stated that the vote to be taken tonight is to start the bidding process only in order to keep moving forward on the former jail site. A public hearing will be scheduled for June 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. concerning the demolishing/renovating of the former jail site. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, stated that a full demolition or an interior demolition will cost the same amount taking the salvage value into consideration. Each commissioner was given the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns on just renovating the former jail or demolishing the building. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to authorize the County Administrator to start seeking bids for interior demolition only. Motion carried by voice vote, with Shattuck voting no.

### **New Business**

- A. Loren Gage, Park Manager, stated that the County of Ionia received a FEMA grant, as well as, insurance money to repair the pedestrian bridge that was damaged during the April 2013 flood. Williams & Works has submitted a quote that includes handling all aspects of permits, grant reimbursements and job bidding and if approved, Williams & Works will start working with FEMA and the State of Michigan in order to comply with all requirements. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the proposal from Williams & Works for the repair of the stone pedestrian bridge in Bertha Brock Park, with the County's share of \$8,630.30 to come from General Fund Designated Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve the 3-year Community Corrections Plan Application for Fiscal Year 2015- 18. Commissioners' Mason and Calley requested that data be given that shows the progress of Community Corrections. Hurlbut stated she would like to know if this program is making a difference as well. Motion carried by voice vote, with Calley voting no.
- C. The County Administrator presented the 2015 Budget Calendar. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the 2015 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Chairperson's Report**

- 1) Participated in the Autism Walk in Ionia and acknowledged the Smart911 brochure included with the handouts that were presented at the Walk.
- 2) Still waiting to hear from a few townships concerning the BS&A software.

## County Administrator's Report

- 1) Discussed Revenue Sharing, which the County's plan will be available for review on the county website.

### Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the former jail renovation, the law library and the Open Meetings Act. Bob Cusack announced that he attended a drug schooling that was put on by the Intermediate School District. Loren Gage thanked Mari Droste and Sharyn Overton for their help with the paperwork involved for the repair of the pedestrian bridge.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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