

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
REVISED
May 9, 2017
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Georgia Sharp

Others present: Jim Valentine, Judy Clark, Scott DeRuisher, Stephanie Fox and Amy Gorham

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted the following addition to the Agenda: Add Item F. Under New Business - Revised Resolution per DNR Request. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Scott DeRusiher, Physical Plant Manager, advised the Board that he has been watching for cracks in the old Courthouse building as the new construction begins.

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 Wirtz, supported by Tiejema for the Commission on Aging to proceed with hiring a Substitute Home Delivered Meal Driver. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve filling the position of District Court Clerk, at a rate of \$14.06 effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. 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. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to ratify the signature of the contract between Revitalize, LLC and Ionia County allowing their services as CDBG Grant Administrator. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. The Board acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment:
 - 1. Community Mental Health Services Board
- F. A Resolution was brought before the Board and approved at the March 14, 2017 meeting. The resolution needed to be revised per DNR to add the matching source and amount as well as stating the specific grant and amount we are applying for. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to adopt the Resolution to Submit a Recreation Grant Application (River Valley Rail Trail). The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Submit a Recreation Grant Application
River Valley Rail Trail
2017-07**

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 requests to apply for the MNRFT Grant in the amount of \$750,000.00

WHEREAS, the Meijer Foundation has agreed to pledge \$340,000 to support the combine project.

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, May 9, 2017, by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator Stephanie Fox passed out pictures of the new construction and stated the she has been working on the water/sewer bonds.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Amy Gorham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:
