

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 22, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Central Dispatch Building

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, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: Jim Banks

Others present: Jack Elliott, Jim Valentine, Bob VanLente, Chuck Babcock, John and Karen Bush, Bernie Russell, Bob Cusack, Chris Bredice, Gary Gross, Jerry Weber, Bob Huhn, the family of Don Jandernoa, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item E. Approval of Closed Session minutes from November 9, 2016 (3 sets) under the Consent Calendar; added item G. Resolution for Luann Hendee and item H. Approval to fill Emergency Manager Coordinator position under New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Board adding items to the agenda at the last minute making the public unaware of the last minute items being added to the meeting agenda. Elliott further commented on the destruction of the old jail and the Friend of the Court building.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk stated a fact 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 October 2016 - \$910,529.64

- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$103,676.11
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from November 9, 2016 (3 sets)

Moved by Calley, supported by Wirtz, to add vouchers for Commissioners Wirtz, Tiejema and Hodges to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Closed Session minutes were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Park Advisory Board - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Jeff Meyers to the Park Advisory Board with a term expiring in January 2018. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. The family of Don Jandernoa was invited to the meeting to receive a Resolution on behalf of Don Jandernoa. Moved by Calley, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Donald L. Jandernoa Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

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We gather here to pay tribute to

Donald L. Jandernoa

for his generous contribution of time, talents and resources to the citizens of the County of Ionia.

WHEREAS, Don Jandernoa contributed to numerous Ionia community organizations, which included founding Green View Point Park Restoration and Improvement Committee; and

WHEREAS, Don had a passion to see Ionia County's Green View Point Park restored to its original beauty; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in 2001, Don worked tirelessly, dedicating time and resources to seeing this vision come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Don served as Chairman of the Green View Point Park Restoration and Improvement Committee for over fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Don possessed a deep love for the Ionia Community and was known in the Community for his kindness and generosity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, honors Donald L. Jandernoa for his devoted service to the citizens of the County of Ionia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and that a copy be presented to the family of Donald L. Jandernoa.

The Resolution was presented to Mrs. Jandernoa. Commissioners Tiejema, Shattuck and Calley and also members of the public commented on Jandernoa and how generously he gave and that he will be missed.

- B. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, discussed the reorganization that has taken place at Central Dispatch and the last step in the process is reclassifying the Administrative Assistant position to Office Manager, changing the Grade from a 7 to a Grade 9, effective January 1, 2017. Commissioner Tiejema commended Valentine on his efforts and dedication to Central Dispatch. Valentine further discussed that the job description is in the process of being revised, as well as, the qualifications for this position. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the reclassification of the Central Dispatch Administrative Assistant Grade 7 to a Central Dispatch Office Manager Grade 9, effective January 1, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Swift and Sure Sanction Probation Program for 2017, and authorize appropriate signatures. The Swift and Sure Sanction Probation Program is a prison alternative sentencing program designed to provide additional support and services to high risk, high need probationers to help them be successful within the community. The Program has been awarded \$20,000. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the Resource Recovery Services Agreement between the County of Ionia and the Ionia Conservation District for resource recovery services for a three-year period at a cost of \$20,000 annually and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended Over Time Policy 200.141 to comply with the changes in the law effective December 1, 2016. Commissioners discussed that there is currently a stay that was filed. Motion carried by voice vote.

- F. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to cancel the December 27, 2016 meeting and change the December 20th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to a regular meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. at Central Dispatch. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adopt the Resolution to Luann Hendee, who will be retiring from the Register of Deeds Office on November 30, 2016. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

2016 – 14

We gather here to pay tribute to

Luann Hendee

Who is retiring from the Ionia County Register of Deeds Office; and

WHEREAS, Luann Hendee has served the Ionia County Register of Deeds Office and the citizens of Ionia County with the highest degree of integrity and distinction for over twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Luann Hendee has demonstrated a strong work ethic as a hard-working employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty and adds levity to many situations with her unique sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that Luann Hendee be highly commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Luann Hendee for her faithful and dedicated service and wishes her well in her retirement; and, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy presented to Luann Hendee.

- H. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, stated that Doug DeVries will be leaving his position as Emergency Manager Coordinator on December 1, 2016 and requested approval to fill this position as soon as possible. Fox stated that there have been discussions with the Sheriff on possible candidates for this position. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve filling the Emergency Manager Coordinator position as soon as a qualified candidate is found. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator Report

1. There will be a farewell get together for Doug DeVries on December 1, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Central Dispatch.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema stated that he did a walk-thru of the Friend of the Court building with the Physical Plant Director, Jack Elliott and “Goose” Elliott and found the building to be sound and encouraged the Commissioners to explore all options concerning the building and whether it should be tore down or not.

Commissioner Calley discussed the new autism treatment center at the Right Door in Belding.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the judicial system.

Bob Cusack asked the Board to consider making the Friend of the Court building back into apartments because housing is difficult to come by right now.

Charles Babcock asked/commented on the Park Manager position.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on
