

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 24, 2015

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Central Dispatch Building

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Valentine gave the Invocation.

**Members present:**

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

**Others present:**

Chris Bredice, Denny Craycraft, Jack Elliott, Steve VanHolysten, Suzanne Kreeger, Don Lehman, Chris Hyzer, Judy Clark, Jim Valentine, Nick Grenke, Gregg Yeomans, Deputy Tefft, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

A. Consideration of additional items

Chair Calley noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item E. Closed Session Minutes (2 sets) from November 10, 2015 to the Consent Calendar; added item G. AT&T Contract to New Business. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the experience credit request on the agenda.

**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 2015 - \$1,221,393.93
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$83,533.14
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes (2 sets) from November 10, 2015

The Closed Session minutes were passed out and reviewed by the Board. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

## New Business

- A. Denny Craycraft gave an update on the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission. Craycraft described the criteria used for eligibility for the funds and answered questions from the Board.
- B. Don Lehman with the MSU Extension Office discussed the Annual Work Plan for 2016. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the MSUE Annual Work Plan for 2016 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Kreeger and Montcalm County Controller, Chris Hyzer, requested a lateral transfer for her Circuit Court Recorder. Kreeger stated that the Circuit Court Recorder position was recently filled by a Montcalm County employee and due to the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit covering both Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Kreeger requested that the 5 year employee be able to start at a Grade 8, Step 6. Kreeger further stated that the employee is certified as a Certified Electronic Recorder. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the step increase (Grade 8, Step 6) for the Circuit Court Recorder position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Physical Plant Director position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to cancel the December 22, 2015 Commissioners meeting and change the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting from a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to a regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the amended AT&T contract for the ISDN PRIME Service with DS1 Service with a base monthly service charge of \$492.10 and authorize Chair Calley's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. The discussion continued on facilities focusing on whether to hire an architect or a design builder. Commissioners were given an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions. Gregg Yeomans explained the difference between an architect and a design builder, and also discussed the Request for Proposal structure. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to authorize the County Administrator to gather resources and prepare a Request for Proposal for an architect in order to move forward with the planning on facilities. Motion carried by voice vote, with Cowling-Cronk and Calley voting no.

### Chairperson's Report

1. Michigan Works! is seeking a new site on Main Street and may be interested in leasing office space in the future from the County.
2. The County Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Commission on Aging from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### County Administrator's Report

1. The Dash Board is completed and on the County's website.
2. The Ionia County Historical Society went through the old jail and found items they would like to have. Fox will send an email to the County Departments before granting permission to the Historical Society to take the items.

### Public Comment

Jack Elliott voiced his concern on the County spending money.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.



Julie Calley, Chair



Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on

12/8/2015

Statement to be added to the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015m Ionia County Board  
of Commissioner's Minutes:

That I Jack Lee., Elliott during the last public comment address the  
board in regards to the incompetence of Susan Kreeger's lobbying the  
board to get another person she wanted to hire increase in pay that  
otherwise would not have been granted, Also I believe Kreeger committed  
a felony against me by rubber stamping a judges signature to a with-  
holding order, who was disqualified 15 days before.

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Jack Lee, Elliott

Attachment approved  
On 12/8/15