

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**November 26, 2013**  
7:00 p.m.  
*Amended*

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, Scott Wirtz, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Mark Jones, Doug DeVries, Bob VanLente, Loren Gage, Ken Bowen, Bob Cusack, Mari Droste, Jim Valentine, Judy Clark, Karen Bota, Deb Thailson, Mandy Germain, Don Lehman, Jamie Bevington, Sug Pinnow, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added Items E. and F. to the Consent Calendar (Closed Session minutes from November 12, 2013) and added items Q. (MMRMA Renewal Agreement) and R. (Byrne Grant Amendment) under New Business. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Bob Cusack addressed the Board regarding homeless people in Ionia County. Deb Thailson requested the Board to appoint Ken Bowen as the Public Health Officer.

### **Did You Know?**

Commissioners' Mason, Tiejema, Cowling-Cronk and Calley stated 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 October 2013 - \$1,042,844.29
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$90,343.89
- E. Approve Closed Session I minutes from November 12, 2013
- F. Approve Closed Session II minutes from November 12, 2013

Commissioner Mason noted an amendment to her per diem voucher changing the per diem for the October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings to \$50 per meeting.

The Closed Session minutes, sessions I & II, from November 12, 2013 were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Appointment**

1. Community Mental Health Services Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Joel N. Leipprandt to the Community Mental Health Services Board for a three-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

- #### **B. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested a proposed 2% wage increase for non-union employees and those union employees that have not had an increase. Hurlbut stated that the County budgeted a 9% increase for health insurance costs for 2014. The actual insurance expense was less than what was budgeted and requested that the difference be used for a wage increase for 2014. Each commissioner was given an opportunity to comment. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve a 2% wage increase for non-union employees, *excluding county commissioners*, and to negotiate a 2% wage increase for union employees that have not yet received an increase. Motion carried by voice vote, with Tiejema and Banks voting no.**

### **New Business**

- A. Don Lehman with MSU Extension discussed the FY 2014 Annual Work Plan and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the 2014 Annual Work Plan as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve amendment #4 of the Medical Direction, Administrative Program Consultation Services Agreement between Ingham County and the County of Ionia and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve the Swanson Services Inmate Commissary Corporation contract for a 4-year term that provides inmate commissary services and inmate banking software. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the renewal of the contract with Securus Technologies that provides inmate phone service at the jail. Motion carried by voice vote.

- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve an amendment to the AAAWM 2013 Nutrition Contract that reflects the overall increase of \$1,532, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Commissioner Mason discussed the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority 2014 adopted budget. (A copy of the budget is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the grant agreement with State of Michigan - FEMA DR-4121-MI, in the amount of \$60,940.98 for the flood damage at Bertha Brock Park and to further authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the grant agreement with the Michigan Supreme Court - State Court Administrative Office for 2014, in the amount of \$80,000, for personnel and participants of the Drug Court, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the 2014 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Drug Court in the amount of \$30,000, to be used for consulting and drug testing, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the 2014 Michigan Veterans Treatment Court grant agreement in the amount of \$89,707, to be used for mentoring/ counseling and drug testing, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the 2014 Court Performance Innovation Fund Grant for Pretrial Services Program in the amount of \$125,000 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve a full-time Pretrial Probation Officer position, at a Grade 10 and a 20 hour per week clerical position at a grade 8, with both positions being grant funded until September 30, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Hurlbut recommended that the Board appoint Ken Bowen as the Public Health Officer. Each commissioner was given an opportunity to comment on Bowen's performance as he has been the acting Public Health Officer. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Ken Bowen as the Ionia County Public Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- N. On April 10, 2012, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2012-03 Resolution to Phase Out Commissioner Health Insurance. The adopted Resolution sets forth an insurance premium payment schedule for County Commissioners. Hurlbut referenced the Resolution, which states that "During the 2013-14 term, commissioners shall pay 20% of the illustrated rate." As discussed, 20% is less than what county employees are paying and requested that Resolution 2012-03 be rescinded. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to rescind Resolution 2012-03 Resolution to Phase Out Commissioner Health Insurance. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

- O. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to change the December 17, 2013 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to a regular meeting and cancel the December 26, 2013 board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- P. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the 2014 Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority renewal agreement for the County's liability insurance. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Q. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to approve the 2014 Bryne Jag Grant Amendment that adds language that entities are to be trained on civil rights. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Chairperson's Report**

- 1) Requested that the Administrator's evaluations are turned in today;
- 2) Thanked the courts and other departments for their efforts in finding funding available, such as applying for grants.

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

- 1) The County Christmas luncheon RSVP's are needed;
- 2) Received a dividend check from Workmans' Compensation;
- 3) Free Cat Adoption Day at the Animal Shelter to take place on November 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Public Comment**

Bob Cusack discussed the need for a homeless shelter in Ionia County.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling Cronk, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Corrections Unit negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to regular session at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to enter into Closed Session to discuss Corrections Command Unit Negotiations at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to regular session at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the tentative agreement with the Corrections Unit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve the tentative agreement with the Corrections Command Unit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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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