

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 11, 2016

4:00 p.m.

In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chairperson Jim Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

Members Present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, and Julie Calley

Members Absent: Jack Shattuck

Others Present: Georgia Sharp, Nick Grenke, Carmon Ferman, Deb Thalison, Robin Anderson, Stephanie Fox, Sharyn Overton

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Calendar

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

Public Comment

Commissioner Banks called for public comment, but none was offered.

New Business

- A. In regard to the first item of business, the 2017 budget, Commissioner Banks stated that the proposed budget was made available for review on the County's website, as well as in the County Administration Office.

Banks opened up the Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 County Budget at 4:05 p.m. No one addressed the Board.

- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the 2017 Ionia County General Appropriations Act. County Administrator Stephanie Fox answered questions regarding appropriation amounts, wording of the Resolution, and Special Revenue Funds. Following discussion, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. (A copy of the Resolution is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

Banks thanked Fox for her work on the budget.

- C. Fox presented the 2016-2017 Clean Sweep Program Grant Agreement, which provides funding in the amount of \$25,000, for the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to approve the 2016-2017 Clean Sweep Program Grant Agreement between Ionia County and the Michigan Department

of Agriculture, in the amount of \$25,000, and authorize the appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Community Health Supervisor Debbie Thalison met with the Board to request approval of agreements with McLaren Health Plan and Blue Cross Complete of Michigan, which will allow the Health Department to bill the two health plans directly, rather than going through Medicaid for that service. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the Ancillary Provider Affiliation Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and Blue Cross Complete of Michigan, and authorize the signature of Health Officer Ken Bowen on the Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Calley, to approve the Health Care Professionals Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and McLaren Health Plan, Inc., and authorize the signature of Health Officer Ken Bowen on the Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Case Manager/Project Coordinator for the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Court Carmon Ferman presented the 2017 State Court Administrative Office, OHSP Grant Subcontract Agreement between the State Court Administrative Office and 8th Circuit Court Adult Drug Court. This agreement authorizes a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to implement a regional drug court encompassing Ionia, Montcalm, Clinton and Gratiot Counties. Ferman stated that these funds would cover mileage and possibly a part-time staff person. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the 2017 State Court Administrative Office OHSP Grant Subcontract Agreement between the State Court Administrators Office and the 8th Circuit Adult Drug Court for grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the implementation of a regional drug court, and to authorize appropriate signatures on the Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. The Board reviewed a request from Commission on Aging Director Carol Hanulcik for approval of an amendment which will increase funding for nutrition services by \$460. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve Contract Amendment No. 61.54-FY16.5 with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc., for an increase of funding in the amount of \$460 for Commission on Aging Nutrition Services, and to authorize appropriate signatures on the Contract Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Animal Shelter Manager Robin Anderson met with the Board to request approval of a grant agreement from an anonymous foundation, which if approved, would provide \$5,000 to the Shelter for the purpose of offering free rabies vaccinations for residents of Ionia County whose dogs are currently four months and older. This amount will cover 250 free rabies vaccinations for any currently unvaccinated dog. Those that participate will be required to obtain a license for their dog within 14 days of the vaccination. Anderson informed the Board that the Shelter staff will also be distributing educational pamphlets on the importance of being a responsible pet owner and keeping their pet up-to-date on vaccines. The Commissioners questioned how the information on this opportunity is disseminated to the community. Anderson stated that it will be on the Shelter's Facebook page, advertised in the Sentinel-Standard and posted at local veterinarian's offices. Wirtz questioned whether the

anonymous foundation had been verified to be legitimate. Both Fox and Anderson stated that they had looked into it and it is legitimate. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Grant Agreement for the Ionia County Animal Shelter for grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 to offer free rabies vaccines to 250 dog owners in Ionia County, and further to authorize appropriate signatures on the Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Cowling-Cronk thanked Anderson for her work in obtaining these grants.

- I. Commissioner Banks acknowledged receipt of an email from Laura Linebaugh, who is interested in being reappointed to the Department of Human Services Board. The appointment for this position will be made at the October 25, 2016 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

County Administrator's Report

Fox thanked Administrative Assistant Sharyn Overton for taking the minutes for today's Board Meeting.

Reports

Commissioner Banks reminded the newly appointed Dog Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee that a meeting has been scheduled for October 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Tiejema asked that when the Board Meeting Schedule is set for 2017, that the Board consider moving the first meeting of the month to 3:00 p.m. to match the time of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. He stated that this will be beneficial when Commissioners also have evening township meetings to attend on the same day as the Board Meeting.

Public Comment

Commissioner Banks called for public comment. None was offered.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Vice-Chairperson

Sharyn Overton, Administrative Assistant

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