

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
October 28, 2014
7:00p.m.

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: Jim Valentine, Jack Elliott, Tom Thelen, Loren Gage, Judy Clark, David Jager, Ken Bowen, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted one additional item to the agenda under New Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning court security and Ebola.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Tiejema, Shattuck 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 September 2014 - \$1,083,899.46
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$94,271.91

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to add per diem vouchers for Commissioners' Mason (September 2014 voucher) and Banks (August and September 2014 vouchers). Motion carried by voice vote.

The following vouchers were pulled from the Consent Calendar for amendments: Commissioner Wirtz amended his voucher to reflect \$75 per diem for the September 22nd meeting; Commissioner Shattuck amended his voucher to reflect \$50 per diem for the September 29th meeting and \$9 for mileage. Commissioner Banks amended his voucher to reflect \$75 per diem for the September 22nd meeting. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amended vouchers as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no further objections or corrections, the Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Action on PA 116
 - 1. Brent and Nina Butler

2. Douglas Klahn and David Klahn

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the five (5) PA 116 Farmland Agreements (local file no. 14-002, 003, 004, 005 and 006FA) submitted by Douglas Klahn and David Klahn for property located in Campbell Township and to further approve the three (3) PA 116 Farmland Agreements (local file no. 14-007, 008 and 009FA) submitted by Brent and Nina Butler for property located in Campbell Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Mel Haga and Laura Linebaugh to the Department of Human Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to open up the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. on the Ionia County Sanitary Code. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ken Bowen, Public Health Officer, stated that in 2009 the Sanitary Code was overhauled with many revisions and for the most part the Sanitary Code is a good document, but needed a few more revisions to make the document more user friendly for the public and the Health Department staff. Bowen listed some of the revisions which include placing enforcement tools in one place in the document for quick reference. The Sanitary Code now addresses tattoo parlors. Bowen further explained that some items were deleted from the code due to the Health Department staff not being qualified to make such decisions on certain items and also eliminated items that did not apply to public health, but rather would apply to the Building Codes/Department.

The Chair called for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Tiejema voiced his concern with Section 301.26 Irrigation Systems and stated he disagreed with how this section was worded and believes that the County should not be making this type of decision concerning an irrigation system. Commissioner Banks stated he agreed with Commissioner Tiejema. Bowen took the opportunity to explain the reasoning for 301.26 Irrigation Systems section and why an irrigation system should not be placed in the location of the sewage disposal system.

The Chair called for comments from the public. Jack Elliott questioned the County's authority to make these types of codes/ordinances. Chair Calley and Commissioner Banks stated that the authority given to a county board falls under the Public Health Code.

Bowen acknowledged the help from Commissioners' Wirtz and Cowling-Cronk, Ronald Township Supervisor, Mike Blood and Mark Novak from the Health Department for their work on the revisions to the Code.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to close the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the Ionia County Sanitary Code as revised. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. (A copy of the Sanitary Code can be found on the County's website).
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Spreading of Millage. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPREADING OF MILLAGE
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WHEREAS, the township and city assessors have certified to the county the various millage rates to be applied to the taxable valuation for the year 2014, including those to be spread for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, intermediate school, special education, community college and drains and special assessments, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction has certified that the requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31) and that the requested tax levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e and 211.24, and

WHEREAS, the constitutional 50 mill limitation is not violated in any local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the equalization director has made available for board review, copies of these certificates, and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the certificates showing the millage rates and appropriate amounts of money to be raised in the several townships and cities for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drain and other purposes, the information, as certified, appears to be correct, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been made to raising any such monies by any taxpayer to be affected thereby.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners directs that such of the several amounts of millage proposed to be levied for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drains and all other purposes as shall be authorized by law, be spread upon the 2014 assessment rolls of the various townships and cities in Ionia County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the township and city assessors be allowed to correct any clerical errors they may find in their respective rolls, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board chair and clerk be authorized to sign the 2014 Tax Warrants as submitted by township and city assessors.

- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to authorize filling one dispatcher position at Central Dispatch. Director Jim Valentine stated that the process is lengthy and he is hoping to have the position filled by the end of the year or beginning of 2015. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amendment to the Agreement between Ionia County Board of Commissioners/Sheriff's Department and Command Officers Association of Michigan - Deputies Command Unit as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

- F. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve the amendment to the Agreement between Ionia County Board of Commissioners/Sheriff's Department and Police Officers Association of Michigan for Corrections Officers and Clerks as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Park Manager, Loren Gage, requested authorization to remove the camping cabins at Bertha Brock Park and sell them on MiBid (State of Michigan auction website). Gage stated that due to the time commitment these cabins take and not enough park staff, he is requesting that the cabins be sold and the area where the cabins are located be turned back into camping sites. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to approve the removal and sale of the rustic camping cabins at Bertha Brock Park with the cabins to be sold on the State of Michigan auction website, MiBid, with a minimum sale price set at \$1,000 per cabin. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Joe Cusack, Physical Plant Director and Bill Patton, Easton Township Supervisor, to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amendment to the Agreement between Ionia County Board of Commissioners/Sheriff's Department and Command Officers Association of Michigan for Corrections Command Unit as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

- 1. Morgan Stanley Representative was at the courthouse on Tuesday to discuss the 457 Plan with employees.
- 2. Central Dispatch will be having another open house on October 29th.
- 3. The Finance Department is getting prepared for open enrollment that is coming up.

Other Reports

- Commissioner Mason updated the Board on the Rail Trail (Owosso to Greenville).
- Commissioner Shattuck reminded the Board of the upcoming three appointments to be made to the Road Commission Board. Shattuck further stated that Managing Director, Dorothy Pohl, has requested that these appointments be made in December.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the US Constitution and the separation of powers.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie A. Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on