

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 22, 2015  
Regular Meeting – Central Dispatch Building  
7:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

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

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Tom Thelen, Bob VanLente, Dave Scheid, Judy Clark, Don Lehman, Joe Cusack, Jim Valentine, Beth Peabody, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

Clerk Tonda Rich requested to add Closed Session minutes from September 8, 2015 to the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Banks requested to add his June, July and August 2015 per diem vouchers to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Wirtz requested to add his August 2015 per diem voucher to the Consent Calendar as well. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to add the additional vouchers for Banks and Wirtz to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning spending county funds and the attorney representing the County Treasurer on the tax foreclosure case.

**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 August 2015 - \$865,568.36
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$90,725.53
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes (Sessions I & II) from September 8, 2015

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the added per diem and mileage vouchers for Commissioner Banks (June, July and August 2015 vouchers) and Commissioner Wirtz (August 2015 voucher). Motion carried by voice vote.

The September 8, 2015 Closed Session minutes were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

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

## Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments
1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (ARES/RACES) Emergency Coordinator – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to appoint Roger Packard as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services Coordinator. Motion carried by voice vote.
  2. Commission on Aging Board – Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Laura Linebaugh and Larry Tiejema to the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

## New Business

- A. Commissioner Shattuck, Chair of the Facility Committee, recommended that the Board accept and approve the bid presented by Scheid Construction, Inc. for the construction of a new maintenance garage/pole barn in the amount of \$175,295.

Commissioners' Tiejema and Banks voiced their concerns about the lack of information given to the whole Board in regard to bids, specs, etc. for this project.

Dave Scheid, owner of Scheid Construction and Physical Plant Director Joe Cusack answered questions from the Board. There were issues and/or matters brought up in this discussion that could not be answered until a civil engineering plan was done. The purposed building site is on Railroad Street in the City of Ionia with part of the property being in a floodplain. Cusack stated that the engineering plan will determine the elevation and floodplain of the property.

Commissioners' Banks and Wirtz voiced their concerns about the "unknowns" and questioned if the Board should hold off on accepting the bid until a civil engineering plan was presented.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Hodges, to accept the bid from Scheid Construction, Inc., pending the elevation survey. Motion carried by a show of hands, with Banks and Wirtz voting no.

- B. Beth Peabody, owner of Recycle Ionia, stated she bought the old Standard Lumber building and is in the process of expanding her recycling business and expressed her need for the County's support, with the possibility of having her business advertised or linked on the county's website. Peabody discussed her plans on how to grow her business.

## Chairperson's Report

1. There will be a household hazardous collection this Saturday (September 26) in Ionia on Jackson Street.

## County Administrator's Report

1. Reminded the Board that following tonight's meeting there would be a budget meeting.

## Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on spending county funds.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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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