

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 23, 2014**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.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:** Bob VanLente, Tom Thelen, Allan Shore, Lynette Seiler, Deb Thailson, Jack Elliott, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following items to be added under New Business: Item E. – Commission on Aging Staffing; Item F. – Health Department Amendment #3 to the CMHA- CEI Coordinating Agency Contract and Item G. – Health Department Contract Extension with CMHA- CEI. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning item C. under the Consent Calendar.

### **Did You Know?**

Commissioners Mason, Cowling- Cronk and Tiejema shared 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 August 2014 - \$1,751,639.07
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$129,525.53

Chair Calley requested to add her per diem voucher to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Cowling- Cronk amended her per diem voucher to reflect the voucher is for the month of August 2014. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve adding Calley's voucher to the Consent Calendar and to amend Cowling- Cronk's voucher to reflect the correct month. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

### Unfinished Business

- A. Commission on Aging Board Appointment – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Lisette Schudel to the Commission on Aging Board. Chair Calley stated that there is still one vacancy on this Board to be filled. Motion carried by voice vote.

### New Business

- A. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the Commission on Aging FY 2015 Older Americans Act (OAA) contract amendment that funds prevention/wellness programming, in- home services and meals to older adults in Ionia County. Lynette Seiler, COA Administrator, explained that Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan is consolidating multiple contracts into one contract per provider. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling a deputy position at the Sheriff's Department. Stephanie Hurlbut, County Administrator, stated that this position is included in the 2014 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to adopt the Resolution to Authorize a Change in Employee 457 Plan Provider. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

#### **Resolution to Authorize a Change in Employee 457 Plan Provider 2014-11**

WHEREAS, Ionia County provides for employees to save for retirement through a 457 Plan, with the 457 Plan provided as a supplementary plan that allows for 100% voluntary contributions from employees, and

WHEREAS, management has conducted a comprehensive review of the fees charged to participants and found administrative fees exceeded desired targets; and therefore, management sought proposals from qualified, independent consultants in an effort to explore options that are in the best interests of Ionia County employees; and

WHEREAS, numerous providers were researched with finalists interviewed by Morgan Stanley, an independent, qualified retirement plan consultant with extensive experience and expertise in representing local government clients and employees; and

WHEREAS, proposals were heard by and discussed with the Ionia County Board of Commissioners at their Committee- of- the- Whole meeting on September 16, 2014;

WHEREAS, the administrative fees charged to participants are anticipated to average approximately 0.93%, which is all-inclusive and shall include all investment advice, education, and administration – providing our employees with improved education and support, flexible retirement investment options, as well as a significant cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the entire cost of the new plan will be borne by the employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we hereby move to authorize the move from Nationwide to Morgan Stanley as our independent retirement plan consultant, to implement the new plan provisions and enhancements noted above, and to expeditiously transfer all existing qualified plan assets from Nationwide (457) to Aspire Financial Services, LLC with a target transition on or before January 23, 2015.

- D. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department 2014 Marine budget. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Lynette Seiler, COA Director, stated that the Transportation Director has resigned and requested that instead of filling the Transportation Director position that the Board authorize filling two Administrative Aides at a Grade 5, for twenty hours per week each. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to authorize filling two Administrative Aide positions at twenty hours per week each at a Grade 5. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve amendment #3 of the Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Services and amendment #3 of the Substance Abuse Prevention Services Agreement (FY 13/14) between CMHA- CEI Coordinating Agency and the County of Ionia on behalf of the Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the contract extension and budgets between CMHA/CEI and Ionia County Health Department/Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the implementation of an extension agreement between Ionia County Health Department/Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative and Margery Briggs, Dawn Campbell, Kim Brown, Candy Straubel- Sower, Chris VanStee and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Deb Thailson, Community Health Director, presented handouts showing the transition of the PIHP (Pre- paid Inpatient Health Plan) and funding process and answered questions from the Board.

## Chairperson's Report

- 1) Reminded the Board that the next budget workshop will be September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Central Dispatch.

**County Administrator's Report**

- 1) Loren Gage has decided to stay as the Park Manager which still leaves the Physical Plant Director position open.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on a recent Supreme Court ruling regarding Land Banks.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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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