

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2015
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Kelly Largent, Jack Elliott, Dale Miller, Bob Cusack, Bob VanLente, Tamie Barker, Nick Grenke, Ken Bowen, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Chair Calley removed Item A. from the Consent Calendar and added Item F. Enhanced Uniform Services Agreement under New Business. Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on tax assessments in Michigan and Assessors acting in a judicial capacity.

Bob Cusack informed the Board that he would like to continue as a member of the Construction Board of Appeals and further commented on zoning in Ionia Township and Ionia County.

New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the FY16 Community Corrections Contract and authorize appropriate signatures. Sheriff Dale Miller stated the funding is for administration, education and treatment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Health Officer, Ken Bowen discussed Amendment #4 to the Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Community Health. The amendment increases the funding by \$6,141 for the Immunization Action Plan. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve Amendment #4 to the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Community Health FY 14/15 and Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Bowen briefly discussed the Maternal/Infant Support Services Consultant Agreement in which ICHD will provide approximately 12- 15 hours per month, as requested by EightCAP, Inc., for Early Head Start programs in Ionia County. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges, to approve the Maternal/Infant Support Services Consultant Agreement between Ionia County Health Department and EightCAP, Inc., and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Kelly Largent with the Building Department discussed upgrading the current Building Codes software, BS&A Pervasive, to .NET. BS&A Pervasive is becoming outdated and the support is minimal. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve a software upgrade for the Building Codes Department from Pervasive to .NET, at a cost not to exceed \$22,045, with the funding to come from the Building Inspection fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Chair Calley acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment:
 - 1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (ARES/RACES) Emergency Coordinator – One, three- year term
 - 2. Commission on Aging Board – Two, three- year terms
- F. Sheriff Miller discussed the Enhanced Uniform Services Agreement in which a local community has asked for enhanced police services and has agreed to fund 50% of the employee costs. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Banks, to authorize the Sheriff to complete the agreement, authorize the appropriate signatures to the township agreement specifying the funding needed and to further hire one full- time deputy sheriff. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson’s Report

- 1. There will be a facility meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 4:00 p.m. followed by a budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Thanked the Commissioners who helped serve or who donated toward the County Employee Picnic.
- 3. Commissioner Hodges was a guest author in the Ionia Sentinel- Standard.

Administrator’s Report

- 1. Bids for the Maintenance Building are due on Friday.
- 2. Work will begin on September 14th on the stone bridge at Bertha Brock Park with the bridge to be completed by October 1st.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on county spending and property tax laws.

Chair Calley called for a brief recess at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:39 p.m.

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

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 5:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations for the Deputy Command Unit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: