

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 9, 2014
Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Lynn Mason

Others present: Ken Bowen, Dale Miller, Christian Veenstra, Paul Spoelstra,
James Valentine, Debra Thalison, David Hodges,
Bob Van Lente, Tom Thelen, Judy Clark, Karen Bota,
Stephanie Hurlbut and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

Chair Calley added item G. (Central Dispatch Equipment Replacement) under New Business. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Calendar

A. Approve minutes of previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

A. Action on PA116 – Seidelman

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Philip and Mary Seidelman for property located in Ronald Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Odessa Township Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development - Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
2014-10**

Community A: Odessa Township Community/Entity B: Ionia County

WHEREAS, Community A (check the appropriate statement) currently participates desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. Flood or Flooding means:

a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and

b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.

2. Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.

3. Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).

4. Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.

5. Floodplain management regulations means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

6. Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille- Derossett- Hale Single State Construction Code Act”, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated _____, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, to all development within Community A’s political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Ionia County Building Inspector (insert position title), be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed.

2. Community A and Community/Entity B assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.

3. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and

2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

B. CDC Grant Award – Health Department – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the Agreement to Detail that authorizes the acceptance of the grant from CDC which under the terms of the agreement, CDC will provide the Ionia County Health Department with an intern to perform Health Department work for two years and to further authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Ionia County Literacy Council Lease Agreement – Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Shattuck, to approve the lease agreement between the County of Ionia and the Ionia County Literacy Council that will lease 150 square feet of office space at the Health Department to the Literacy Council who will provide free tutoring services to adults living in Ionia County and to further authorize the signature of Julie Calley, Chairperson. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Substance Abuse Treatment Program Contract – Sean Corbin, Cognitive Consultants – Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema, to approve the revised contract between Sean Corbin/Cognitive Consultants and Ionia County to provide a Substance Abuse Treatment Program, specific to OWI 3rd, through Community Corrections for FY15. Motion carried by voice vote.

- E. Pension Plan Amendment – Christian Veenstra and Paul Spoelstra with Watkins Ross, presented a proposed amendment to the Ionia County Pension Plan, effective January 1, 2014, that would give service credit to those wishing to retire. The proposed amendment to Section 3.3 is:

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Section 3.3, if a participant has at least 8 years of continuous service (not including any additional service credited under this paragraph) and retires from active employment with Ionia County under Section 7.2 on or after attaining age 62, then he will be credited with an additional credited year of service for each year (up to 3) that he retires prior to attaining age 65. In no event will a participant be credited with more than one year of service under the Plan for any 12 month or shorter period.

Spoelstra and Veenstra explained that the pension plan currently allows the retirement age of 62 with no reduction in benefits. This proposed amendment would give service credit. After a lengthy discussion and questions, it was the consensus of the Board to not take any action on the amendment.

- F. Acknowledgement of Applications for Appointment – Commission on Aging Board – Two, three-year terms – The Chair acknowledged the appointments that need to be made at the next regular meeting for the Commission on Aging Board.
- G. Central Dispatch Equipment Replacement – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to allow Ionia County Central Dispatch to enter into the DSS Premier Partner Program for an EQ 24 channel radio/telephone recording system for the reoccurring annual amount of \$4,781 per year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

- 1) Thanked Commissioner Banks and the County Administrator for their help with interviewing for the Physical Plant Director position and further thanked all the applicants that applied.
- 2) The next budget meeting will take place on September 11th
- 3) September 20th is the Fall Fest at Bertha Brock Park

County Administrator's Report

- 1) Commissioner Mason did notify her earlier that she would not be attending tonight's meeting.
- 2) Loren Gage has been hired as the new Physical Plant Director.
- 3) The County Picnic will be September 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema touched briefly on the contributions coming into Bertha Brock Park and voiced concerns with issues on where the money should go.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on
