

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2017
3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Sharp gave the Invocation.

Members present: Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema, Scott Wirtz, David Hodges, Brenda Cowling-Cronk and Jack Shattuck, Jim Banks

Others present: Chris Dennie, Jessica Wierckz, Mike Honeywell, Cheryl Pinnow, Kyle Butler, Lindsey DuBois, Walter Downes, Dave Mierendorf, Tom Chadwick, Ken Bowen, Elizabeth Walden, Ray Voet, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted the following changes to New Business on the Agenda: Added Item F. FOC Case Management Assistant Position Change Request. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Ken Bowen announced that there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the new dental clinic today at 4:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Sharp to allow the Ionia County Clerk's Office to sell Do-It-Yourself Divorce packets for \$40.00 and to establish a cash code for this item. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Chris Dennie, Regional Manager of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission discussed the need for better representation for indigent

- individuals charged with a crime; not enough money is being spent on people's civil liberties. Dennie stated that the deadline for the county's plan is due on November 20th. Once plans are formally submitted the State has 60 days to approve the plan. Dennie stated that he would advocate for Ionia County. The Board opened up the floor for any questions/discussion with Dennie. Tom Chadwick stated that the presentation was very thorough and that this may cause budget decisions for local firms to consider; Judge Ray Voet stated that there is an LAO regarding this matter; County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that she would like any input from the local attorneys; Prosecutor Kyle Butler questioned if Dennie serves any other counties that are similar to Ionia County; if he has heard any concerns and are attorneys going to lose business?
- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to approve the updated Care Coordination Agreement between Ionia County Health Department and Molina Healthcare and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to sign the new 2017 Ionia County Commission on Aging Contract with Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM); Sharyn Overton would then send this contact back to AAWM and a copy back to Ionia County Commission on Aging. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. The Board acknowledged the PA116 Farmland Agreement with Hoeksma Farms Properties.
 - E. The Board acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment:
 - 1. Commission on Aging Board
 - 2. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - F. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve a temporary change to the Friend of the Court Case Management Assistant Position for 1.0 FTE to two .53 FTE's and to further authorize the Friend of the Court to fill both .53 FTE positions. When Mary Izzard retires the position will transition back to 1.0 FTE. Mary Izzard will work 22.5 hours (1040 hours per year) to maintain her retirement benefits. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator Stephanie Fox announced that the new dental clinic's ribbon cutting ceremony is this afternoon.

The next Budget meeting is September 20th at Central Dispatch.

In October there will be a Meet & Greet for the new Animal Control Officer.

Fox also shared a letter from the VA Trust Fund (on file in the Clerk's Office).

Special Reports

Cowling Cronk stated that Carol Hanulcik, Commission on Aging Director, did an excellent presentation to the DHSS Board.

Adjourn

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: