

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**November 14, 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, David Hodges, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Jim Banks, Scott Wirtz (arrived at 3:45 p.m.) and Jack Shattuck

**Others present:** Jim Valentine, Ken Bowen, Bob VanLente, Chris Dennie, Eldor Herrmann, Kim Clark, Ray Voet, Karen Constantine, Kevin Peterson, Mike Honeywell, Ron Schafer, Judy Swartz, Elizabeth Walden, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the Agenda: Add Item G. Clerk's Office; New Voting System and Resolution regarding Voting System. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Consent Calendar**

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

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

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Request Approval of Indigent Defense Compliance Plan: The Board opened up comment for this topic specifically. Local Defense Attorneys expressed their opinions regarding a Public Defenders Office vs. an Administrator. The Commissioners were commended by Banks for "doing their homework" regarding this topic. County Administrator, Stephanie Fox recommends the Public Defender's Office plan. Changes to the plan can take place annually, every February. The plan must be implemented within six months after the plan is approved and the grant money is received by the county. Moved by Sharp, supported by Tiejema to accept Fox's recommendation to implement a Public Defender's Office. Motion carried 6-1 with Cowling-Cronk voting no.

## **New Business**

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve to renew the Local Health Department Grant Contract between Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ionia County Health Department (ICHHD) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and authorized the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve Central Dispatch to post the new Dispatch Position with the salary range from the start wage up to the three-year step depending upon experience and qualifications. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Central Dispatch Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve the Food Service Agreement between Canteen Services and the Ionia County Sheriff's Office and ratify the signature of Sheriff Dale Miller. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to approve the Medical Services Agreement between Mid-Michigan Correctional Care PC and the County of Ionia. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling Cronk to approve the 2017-2018 Clean Sweep Program Grant Agreement between Ionia County and the Michigan Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$20,000 and authorize the appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to authorize the County Clerk to proceed with implementing the new voting equipment and election software in Ionia County to take place in 2018, and to authorize Janae K. Cooper's signature on the Contract and Contract Addendum with Hart Intercivic. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to Adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Ionia County Clerk to Implement New Voting Equipment and Election Software. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

### **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE IONIA COUNTY CLERK TO IMPLEMENT NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT AND ELECTION SOFTWARE 2017-10**

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Clerk wishes to apply, by and through the Michigan Secretary of State, for a grant under the federal "Help America Vote Act" of 2002 ("HAVA"), a program administered by the Secretary of State to, in relevant part, partially fund a new voting system

for Ionia County. A copy of the **Notice of Contract** is located on the Secretary of States website; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new voting system will be purchased from Hart Intercivic, Inc. (“Hart Intercivic”) pursuant to a bidding process and multi-county contract negotiations coordinated by the Secretary of State’s Office, and will include, without limitation, precinct tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software; and,

**WHEREAS**, principal funding for the new voting system in the amount of \$361,731.51 (see Exhibit 1 - Price Quote for Ionia County, MI) will be provided by the State of Michigan, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act grant funds and state appropriated funds, with Ionia County and local jurisdictions providing additional funding in the amount of \$53,690.00 (see Exhibit 1, page 3 - Price Quote for Ionia County, MI and Exhibit 2 - Hart Intercivic Implementation Costs spreadsheet) as needed for implementation; and,

**WHEREAS**, beginning in year six (6) of the ten (10) year Agreement, ongoing service, support and maintenance will be paid through local funding, and the local municipalities within Ionia County have will share maintenance costs with Ionia County in years six (6) through ten (10) of the grant agreement. It is anticipated that the total costs of providing the ongoing service, support and maintenance for the yearly and total five (5) year balance of the Agreement term will be as set forth in Exhibit 3 - Service & Maintenance Years 6 - 10; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Clerk plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2018;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Janae K. Cooper, Ionia County Clerk, is fully authorized by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners to execute and submit any and all necessary documents, contracts, and agreements to finalize purchase of the Hart Intercivic voting system for use within Ionia County.

### **Chairperson’s Report**

Chair Shattuck apprised the Board of a phone call he received regarding Kingston Farm Lanes; their streets are not labeled and the houses are not numbered.

### **Administrator's Report**

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, stated that there will be a tour of the courthouse annex after the next meeting. The ramp into the basement is poured and the contractors are working on the first-floor electric and plumbing.

John Bush will be at the next meeting to discuss the fly-over quote.

### **Special Reports**

Cowling-Cronk stated that Michelle Seigo, Director of DHHS, received a leadership award from the State of Michigan.

Sharp reported that Bob Lathers is retiring.

### **Public Comment**

Judy Swartz commented on the Indigent Defense Plan.

### **Closed Session**

Moved by Hodges, supported by Tiejema to move into Closed Session for Deputy Unit Union Negotiations at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried by the following Roll Call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to move out of Closed Session and return to Regular Session at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sharp stated that she received a complaint call regarding the Road Commission. Wirtz advised the Board that this incident was brought to the Road Commissions attention at their last meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: