

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order 3:00 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Sharp gave the Invocation.

Members present: Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, David Hodges, Jack Shattuck and Jim Banks (arrived at 3:05 p.m.)

Others present: Jessica Wierckz, Mike Callton, Dave Holliday, Carly Quinn, Jim Valentine, Charlie Noll, Mark Bernstein, Ken Bowen, Scott DeRuisher, Todd Holliday, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shattuck noted the following changes to the Agenda: Add Closed Sessions 1 and 2. Moved by Cowling-Cronk supported by Hodges to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Mike Callton, former Barry County Commissioner and 87th District State Representative announced his candidacy for the 19th District State Senate.

Dave Holliday, Owner, Custom Office Systems, complimented the Board on the new building addition and stated that he wanted to defend his furniture proposal.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)

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

New Business

- A. Carly Quinn, Animal Control Manager, reported that she received a \$10,000 Grant to purchase equipment for the Kitty Kingdom. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema approve the Grant Agreement with Two Seven Oh Inc. for a \$10,000 grant for the Ionia County Animal

- Shelter, and authorize the signature of the Board Chair on the Grant Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Mark Bernstein, President and Managing Partner of the Sam Bernstein Law Firm gave presentation on the Opioid epidemic. (Hard copy of presentation on file in the Clerk's Office). Bernstein reported that Michigan is one of the top ten worst states for opioid abuse. Life expectancy is falling due to opioid use. Bernstein explained the difference between a Mass Action and a Class Action Lawsuit and the benefits of retaining his law firm to file a claim on behalf of Ionia County to fight manufacturers of opioids. Chair Shattuck stated that he would like to discuss this matter further in a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.
 - C. The Sheriff's Department was awarded funding from the 4 Bulletproof Vest Partnership for a maximum of \$8,032.28 to purchase new bulletproof vests that are due to be replaced under the vest replacement cycle of five years (for safety issues and contractual obligations). The award amount is for 27 vests; the Sheriff's Department will be purchasing 21 vests at this time for a total of \$15,645, with additional unknown shipping costs. The County will purchase six vests, with \$4,470 out of the Inmate Housing Project within the General Fund Designated Fund and use unallocated funds for the balance of \$4,927.71. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to authorize the use of capital funds to purchase bulletproof vests. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz to approve the service agreement between AMBS Call Center and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - E. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve Amendment #3 of the Agreement between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services FY 17/18 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.
 - F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema for approval to provide additional paid hours to health department hourly staff to participate in Hepatitis A clinics and other associated Hepatitis activities as necessary. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - G. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema for Ionia County Central Dispatch to purchase from TriTech a system upgrade replacement for the TriTech Inform 9-1-1 telephone system for the amount of \$123,208 and to forego further competitive bids for other systems; and authorize Ionia County Central Dispatch to transfer the amount from fund balance into the Capital-Communication Equipment line (970.300). Motion carried by voice vote.
 - H. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to adopt the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Resolution. The Resolution was

adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

18-003

We gather here to pay tribute to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service to our community.

WHEREAS, the week of April 8 - 14, 2018 has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in tribute to all public safety communications personnel; and

WHEREAS, Ionia County Central Dispatch is a vital link in the protection of life and property in Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch are a vital and highly valued part of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their excellent and dedicated service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that they be highly commended and praised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, declares the week of April 8 - 14, 2018 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Ionia County and expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service; and that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy be forwarded to the dispatch center.

- I. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adopt the request from the County of Ionia to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. The Board Acknowledged the filing of the PA116 Farmland Agreement for 189-001-FA - MarLyle LLC for farmland located in Sebewa Township.
- K. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a three-year Farmland Lease Agreement with Ryan Huhn to farm the Main Street Property for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021, and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

- L. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to approve the District Court Budget Amendment to establish Veteran's Court Grant Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve an expenditure of up to \$17,500 for moving services from Just Us Pro Movers and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- N. A motion was brought before the Board to approve an expenditure of up to \$33,539.82 for furniture purchases from Advantage Business Systems with funds to come from the General Fund Designated Fund –New Facility Furniture Project. Dave Holliday, owner of Custom Office Systems in Ionia came before the Board to defend his quote. Holliday stated that he has serviced the County for over 30 years and continues to service old furniture for free and wanted to be reconsidered. Custom Office Systems furniture is manufactured in Holland, Michigan; it is brand new and not refurbished. Holliday stated that he offers an excellent product with an excellent background. Banks stated that the County is bound by the bidding process. Tiejema wanted examine the product. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz to postpone the decision until staff can physically examine the product. Motion carries 6-1 with Hodges voting no.
- O. The Board Acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment
 1. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council – One three-year position
 2. Community Corrections Advisory Board – Fill vacant Media Representative position
 3. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Three three-year positions
 4. Land Bank Authority – Two three-year positions

Closed Session

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema, to go into recess at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema, to enter into Closed Session at 4:51 p.m. to discuss Union Negotiations - Corrections. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. and return to Open Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to enter into Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss Union Negotiations - Deputy Command. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and return to Open Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck stated that before a decision is made regarding retaining counsel for the opiate crisis that Ionia County should consult with Clinton County and that we look at our options before making a decision.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox reported that Morgan Carroll is no longer with ICEA. The Right Door is looking to fill a position.

Special Reports

Cowling-Cronk stated that DHHS wants to speak with Administrator Fox.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on:
