

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Bob VanLente, Dave Holliday, Todd Holliday, Tony Meyaard, Elisabeth Walden, Chris Bredice, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Dave Holliday, Custom Office Systems, commented on the furniture proposal for the new court annex.

Todd Holliday, Custom Office Systems, commented on the furniture proposal for the new court annex.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Hodges stated that there will be a blessing on the new building on May 14th. Every Pastor in Ionia County is invited to participate.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes from April 10, 2018
- C. Approve per diem and mileage
- D. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of March 2018 - \$1,051,414.87
- E. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$87,625.30

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the PA116 Farmland Agreement filed by MarLyle LLC, 18-001-FA, for property located in Sebewa

Township as outlined in the PA 116 Farmland Application. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Appointments

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to appoint Norma Kilpatrick to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council. (One three-year appointment). Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to appoint Karen Bota to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as a Media Representative. (one appointment). Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to appoint Melissa Eldridge, Ken Bowen and Mike Dodds to the Economic Redevelopment Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. (three three-year appointments). Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to appoint Ron Possehn to the Land Bank Authority. (two three-year appointments; one applicant). Motion carried by voice vote.

C. At the April 10th Board of Commissioner Meeting, a proposal was brought to the Board to approve a quote from Advantage Business Systems for furniture for the new court facility. The Commissioners requested that Scottt DeRuiser , Physical Plant Manager and Stephanie Fox, County Administrator look at a sample of furniture from both vendors and to also verify that both use American made products. Both vendors were asked to come up with the best design at the best price. It was confirmed that both vendors use American - made products. Advantage Business Systems quote is \$8,322 less than Custom Office Systems. The Commissioners discussed the matter at length.

- Banks wanted opinions of the users of the office furniture. He stated that Custom Office Solutions is a local business; has a history of furnishing the Courthouse and they pays taxes to Ionia County.
- Tiejema inquired as to whether there has been any independent recommendations or opinions.
- Hodges stated that for approximately \$7000 more and a good history with Custom Office Solutions his vote lies with them. Custom Office Solutions has a better furniture layout and Advantage business Systems is partially made in China.
- Cowling-Cronk stated that she likes the desk space and desing of Custom Office Solutions.
- Sharp stated that she has talked to employees who have used Custom Office Solutions furniture for years and they are all satisfied with it.
- Wirtz stated that everyone knows how he is voting: keep business local.
- Tiejema stated that if the furniture was short-term he would recommend the lower price; however since its intentions are long-term to go with the local company.

- Chair Shattuck stated that he has a problem with the bid being higher, and he is not sure if the furniture is any better.
- Cowling-Cronk inquired about the warranty; Dave Holliday from Custom Office Systems stated that the furniture has a lifetime warranty.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the bid of \$41,862.00 to Custom Office Solutions to furnish the new courthouse. Motion carries 6-1 with Chair Shattuck voting no.

New Business

- A. Tony Meyaard, Equalization Director, gave the Annual Equalization Report. Meyaard reported a 3.45 taxable value increase and property values have gone up. Campbell Township had a 9.75% taxable value increase due to a \$4 million investment from a local utility company. Orleans Township is the only township that did not reflect an increase in taxable value. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve and accept the Annual Equalization Report. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve the Budget Amendment for the ITASC Program (Drug Grant Budget) in the amount of \$155,000. Motion carried by voice.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve filling the part-time seasonal employee position at Bertha Brock Park at a Grade 4 Step 1, for a total of 576 hours in 2018. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve a lease agreement with Neopost for a 60-month lease on a new postage meter at a cost of \$221.89 per month, and authorize the appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk for signature on FY 2019 Older Americans Act Continuation of Funding Request to the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck met with Emergency Management and it was determined that signal cannot be reached in the new courthouse addition with an 800 mega-hertz radio. Antennas and repeaters and possibly another booster may be needed to obtain signal. The current bid is \$22,000.00.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox stated that the ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m. Fox is also working on the move schedule.

Special Reports

Banks thanked everyone who reminded him of the filing deadline for County Commissioner.

Cowling-Cronk mentioned that the Clerk's Office vault will be discussed at the Facilities Meeting.

Public Comment

Bob VanLente commented on the Adult Day Care at the Commission on Aging.

Dave Holliday, Custom Office Systems, thanked the County for their support.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
