

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Members absent:** Georgia Sharp

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Marie Hodges, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the Agenda: Add per diem voucher for Wirtz under the Consent Calendar and add Item C. Construction Recommendation re: Corridor Wall under New Business. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on several items including zoning, removing a judge from the bench, Jury Demand fees, the County Treasurer and the proposed wall in the courtroom.

Banks raised the Point of Order to the Chair. The Chair closed Public Comment.

**Action on Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of December 2017 - \$1,267,924.96
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$127,877.15
- E. Approve addition of mileage and per diem voucher for Wirtz

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

**New Business**

- A. Appointments
  - 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to appoint Dennis Sitzer to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz to appoint Dave Hodges to the Parks Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
  3. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to appoint Mark Howe to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
  4. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to appoint Ronald Thomas to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve the Sheriff's Department request authorize the travel of Sgt. Dinehart to the National Jail Leadership Command Academy. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the temporary outside employment of Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, with the Village of Lake Odessa for three months at five hours per week. Chair Shattuck noted he approved of this as long as there are no complaints and the outside employment does not interfere with Valentine's position with the County. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema, to approve the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan Detail. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Bulletin #6 as presented by Beckering Construction for the remodel of the Circuit Courtroom, including the construction of a wall creating a corridor with a door leading into the newly constructed building, at a cost of \$76,218, with funds to come from the New Facility Contingency Fund. Motion carried 5-1 with Cowling-Cronk voting no. Jack Elliott questioned as to whether the corridor could be 6-foot wide rather than 8-foot wide to preserve more benches in the Courtroom. Banks agreed and the matter will be discussed with Beckering Construction.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shattuck stated that I3 was discussed at the Department Head Meeting. Chair Shattuck and Banks met individually with Department Heads regarding their concerns with the IT services that I3 provides. The concerns were then conveyed to the County Administrator, Stephanie Fox and she will work with I3 to implement changes.

### **Administrator's Report**

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox stated that she will revise the request to MIDC to attempt to secure some funding for the Courtroom wall.

Cheryl "Sug" Pinnow's retirement party is on Monday from 3-5 at the Commission on Aging.

There will be a Facilities Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

I3 will have someone track IT tickets.

**Special Reports**

Banks reported that both he and Chair Shattuck met with 6 Department Heads to discuss IT services. Both Commissioners reported it to be a very good experience.

Cowling-Cronk questioned the status of the high temperature (88 degrees) in the Clerk's Office vault. Fox reported that a fan would be installed later this week.

Cowling-Cronk and Hodges attended the West Michigan Planning Commission meeting.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on a judge and filing a Motion for Summary Disposition.

Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: