

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

Vice-Chair Banks 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 and Jim Banks

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Chris Bredice, Ally Cook, Ken Bowen, Dick Hoekstra, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the following minutes:
 - 1. June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - 2. June 26, 2018 Closed Session Minutes
 - 3. July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - 4. July 17, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of June 2018 - \$1,429,712,.21
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$136,181.64

Commissioners Sharp and Shattuck amended their vouchers. The pay scale regarding meetings was discussed briefly as a refresher. Special Board Meetings and meetings up to one hour are \$25.00; a meeting over one hour but under 3 hours is \$50.00 and any meeting over 3 hours is \$75.00. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to amend the vouchers for Shattuck and Sharp. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Mel McCloud to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors to fill a vacancy. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve to increase the Public Health Nurse II position from a 0.6 FTE to a 1.0 FTE. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to renew the Speech Therapy Referral Service Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and the school districts of Ionia County and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve the Health Department Budget Amendment #22. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema to approve the Substance Abuse Therapy/Treatment program to be funded with the Ionia Health Plan Fund Balance. There is \$360,000 in the Fund. Ken Bowen, Health Officer and Dale Miller, Sheriff are approved to use the funds and negotiate a contract. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to authorize filling the full-time position of Animal Control Officer at a Grade 7, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve the creation of a full-time Chief Public Defender position at a Grade 18, Step 2, and to further authorize the County Administrator to fill the position as soon as a qualified candidate is found. Motion carried 5-1 with Cowling-Cronk voting no. Further discussion included the County Administrator, Stephanie Fox stating that the Indigent Defense Plan submitted by Ionia County was approved by the State of Michigan and the State will award the funding on October 1st . Fox would like to have a candidate in place at that time. The Chief Public Defender will receive the same pay level as the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. The Chief Public Defender will then interview and hire their own staff to include two full-time Public Defenders, one full-time assistant and one part-time assistant.

Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox reported that the temporary ramp has been removed and a bid process for the wood from the ramps will take place. The County received final occupancy for the new addition. The Circuit Court room renovations are finishing up and a Rededication Ceremony will take place on September 6, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Ken Bowen, Health Officer, reported that the DEQ is testing every school and municipality for the p-phos chemical. Testing has begun in Ionia County.

Janae Cooper, Ionia County Clerk, stated that she will be a guest on WION Radio on Friday, July 27th to discuss procedures for voting in a Primary Election and the new voting machines that will be used in the polls. In addition Cooper and her Chief

Deputy, Amy Gorham will attend Nation Senior Citizen day at the Commission on Aging to apprise voters of the ways the Touch Writer (the ADA Complaint voting machine) can assist them at the polls, ex. larger font, different contrasts and the capability to read a ballot to an individual.

Ajourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Vice-Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
