

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 8, 2018

Regular Meeting

3:00 p.m.

The Chair 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, Georgia Sharp and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: Scott Wirtz

Others present: Dorothy Pohl, Paul Spitzley, Al Almy, Dale Miller, Ken Bowen, Diane Adams, Jim Valentine, Elisabeth Waldon, Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair noted the following amendment to the agenda: Item I. under New Business will be deleted. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action on the Consent Calendar

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

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

New Business

- A. Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal for New Additional Millage for Highway, Road, and Street Purposes, Including Bridges, within Ionia County - Dorothy Pohl, Paul Spitzley, and Al Almy with the Ionia County Road Commission presented their proposed Resolution. Spitzley handed out a pamphlet for the 2018 Ionia County Road Improvement Ballot Proposal to the Board. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve the Ballot Proposal for New Additional Millage for Highway, Road, and Street Purposes, Including Bridges, within Ionia County. The

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

**COUNTY OF IONIA
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-004

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR
NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND STREET
PURPOSES, INCLUDING BRIDGES, WITHIN IONIA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ionia (the “Road Commission”), acting pursuant to and in accordance with Act 283 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended (“Act 283”), adopted a resolution on April 11, 2018, to endorse and request that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners (the “County Board”) adopt a resolution to submit a ballot proposal to County electors at the August 7, 2018 state primary election to increase the County’s total tax rate limitation as provided in Section 6 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963 in order to levy taxes for County road purposes for a specified number of years; and

WHEREAS, Act 283 and the Property Tax Limitation Act, which is Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended (“Act 62”), authorize the County to submit a ballot proposal to the County electors for the authorization of a new additional millage for road purposes; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the ballot proposal to be submitted to County electors is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A ballot proposal to increase the County’s total tax rate limitation by, and to levy up to, the amount of 1.000 mill for a period of six (6) years, commencing in 2018 through and including 2023, both inclusive, to provide funding for the construction of, and improvements and repairs to Primary and Major road, street and bridge systems located within the County, which is a request for new additional millage, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County.
2. The ballot proposal shall be submitted to the electors at the state primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, pursuant to the

provisions of Act 62, the General Property Tax Act, and the Michigan Election Law.

3. The ballot proposal to be submitted to the electors shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and in such form is hereby approved and certified to the County Clerk.

4. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide all notices of the election as may be required by law, including the Michigan Election Law. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Notice of Election shall contain a statement by the County Treasurer of the total of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation in the County, and each local unit therein, and the year the increases are effective, as required by Section 3 of Act 62.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A

MILLAGE PROPOSITION NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE FOR PRIMARY AND MAJOR ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES WITHIN IONIA COUNTY

For the purposes of funding construction of, and improvements and repairs to Primary and Major road, street, and bridge systems in the County of Ionia, including its cities and villages, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed upon all property within the County of Ionia, Michigan, be increased by 1.0000 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years (2018-2023) inclusive?

It is estimated that the levy of 1.000 mill will provide revenue of \$1,690,496 in the first calendar year of the levy. If approved, the revenues from this new additional millage will be allocated and distributed among the Ionia County Road Commission for roads located in the townships, and the cities of Belding, Ionia and Portland, and the villages of Clarksville, Hubbardston, Lake Odessa, Lyons, Muir, Pewamo, and Saranac pursuant to the formula set forth in Public Act 133 of 1968, as amended. As required by state law, a portion of the millage (approximately \$29,888 in 2019) may be captured by the downtown development authorities for the cities of Belding, Ionia, and

Portland, the Village of Lake Odessa, and the Village of Lyons' and the City of Ionia's two tax increment finance authorities.

YES __

NO __

- B. National Correctional Officers and Employees Week Resolution - Dale Miller, Ionia County Sheriff presented his Resolution. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

IONIA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

RESOLUTION NO. 18-005

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week was first proclaimed on May 5, 1984, by President Ronald Reagan, when he signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers' Week," to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Employees of the Ionia County Sheriff's Office form a core element of the Public Safety team in this community by providing security supervision, treatment services, and reentry efforts for more than 2800 individual cases in the course of a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, In the Ionia County Sheriff's Office, professional Correctional Employees serve a co-equal role with law enforcement and fire rescue colleagues, engaging in dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Ionia County community recognize and understand the complex, dangerous, and challenging responsibilities carried out by Correctional Employees in the Ionia County Sheriff's Office, and recognize and highly commend their public safety work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Ionia County, duly convened and acting in its capacity

as the governing body of Ionia County, does hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2018, as NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' WEEK in Ionia County, and further encourage residents to join in recognition and appreciation of the outstanding service professional Correctional Employees provide to our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8TH day of May 2018.

- C. Agreement with Village of Lake Odessa for Sheriff's Office Services - Moved by Sharp, supported by Tiejema to approve the Agreement for Sheriff's Office Services between the Village of Lake Odessa and County of Ionia. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Ratify submission of FY19 Community Corrections Grant Application - Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to ratify the submission of the FY19 Community Corrections grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Request approval of funding for FY18 Community Corrections Program - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve local funding for the Group Based program, cognitive behavior just for a 30 day time frame, with the understanding that we might not be reimbursed by the State for the program. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Chair Shattuck voting no.
- F. Approval of National Environmental Public Health Internship Program - Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program Agreement between National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the Signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Approval of addition to Health Department Fee Schedule- Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve added fee for Shingrix to the Health Department fee schedule, effective May 9, 2018. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Approval of Revised Parking Lot Policy - Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve the revisions to the Parking Lot Policy as presented, effective May 25, 2018, or the date of the building opening. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Acknowledgement of Applications for Appointment - The Board acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment:
 - 1. *Land Bank Authority - Fill vacancy expiring April 2021*
 - 2. *Parks Advisory Board - Fill vacancy expiring January 2019*

3. Community Corrections Advisory Board - Fill vacancy for Business Community Representative

County Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator, distributed the Ionia County Courthouse Single Entrance Policy and Procedures Weapons Screening handout, and gave an update in regards to the new addition. Fox also mentioned the Blessing of the Building will be May 14th at 10:00 a.m., and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be May 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Sheriff Dale Miller asked if there was an Appointment for Community Corrections Advisory Board. Fox stated that today was just an Acknowledgement.

Diane Adams, Register of Deeds, mentioned to the Board that there may not be enough employee parking in regards to the Revised Parking Lot Policy.

Ken Bowen, Health Officer, stated that there is a Hepatitis A Clinic next week Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: