

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 26, 2019
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation.

Members present: Georgia Sharp, Jack Shattuck, Chris Bredice, Larry Tiejema and David Hodges

Members absent: Jim Banks and Scott Wirtz

Others present: Jack Elliott, Bob Van Lente, Tim Lewis, Ric Pifer, Jeff Montgomery, Mitchell Boatman, Monty Joslyn, Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott stated the County Administrator position needs to be elected to establish the position.

Tim Lewis suggested that the County should, in some way, additionally compensate the 49 employees that showed up for work during the State of Emergency Closing of the County Offices.

Monty Joslyn handed a letter to Chair Hodges that he had received in regards to being removed from his home. Tiejema stated that he did recall this voicemail and he had not had a chance to get back with him yet, but he will look into this and return his call soon.

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 January 2019 - \$1,230,986.18
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills for January 2019 - \$97,816.01

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to add per diems for Tiejema for January 2019. Motion carried by voice vote. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

New Business

- A. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the 2019 Marine Patrol Grant Application. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to approve the Ionia County Commission on Aging to enter into a Rental Agreement with the First Congregational Church in Portland at a cost of \$75 per month for congregate meal service in Portland. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Sharp, supported by Bredice to approve the change of requirements for the Physical Plant Director to a Facilities Manager, and to have the position start at a grade 17 step 3. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. County Administrator Evaluation – Sharp suggested to add this topic to the agenda to discuss March 12th. (All Commissioners placed their statements in a sealed envelope that Commissioner Tiejema held on to.)

Chairperson's Report

Chair Hodges thanked Tiejema for stepping in while he was gone, and thanked Shattuck for sitting in on a few meetings for him as well.

Board of Commissioner's Report

Sharp reported on the ice jam in Portland. The ice has broken up and melted with water levels decreasing 3 feet.

Bredice attended the Michigan State Extension Meeting. This was the first meeting he has attended.

Tiejema attended the ASCET Meeting.

Sharp attended the CAC Fundraiser.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott stated that the Board cannot simply change the title of the Physical Plant Director to Facilities Manager. (Chair Hodges advised Elliott that he will explain why the title was changed during recess before Closed Session).

Chair Hodges called for a brief recess at 7:25 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to enter into Closed Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss the Deputy Union Negotiations Update. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to end Closed Session and return to Open Session at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sharp addressed the Board with her concerns about the public approaching them during their public comment.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: