

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
Regular Meeting  
3:00 p.m.

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

**Members present:** Scott Wirtz, Georgia Sharp, Jim Banks, Chris Bredice, Larry Tiejema and David Hodges

**Members absent:** Jack Shattuck

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Kyle Butler, Jeff Montgomery, Elisabeth Walden, Mitchell Boatman, Chad Shaw, Carol Hanulcik, Lisa Insley, Bill Hendrian, Brenda Long, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the Agenda: Change Item E to COA approval to purchase a new commercial steamer for preparation of meals for Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Programs. All other Items move down one letter. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott distributed two handouts to the Board of Commissioners; one regarding Michigan State Police and one regarding Ordinances. (Handouts are file in the Clerk's Office).

**Action on Consent Calendar**

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

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

**New Business**

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Bredice to approve a request to hire an APA to fill the existing vacant position created by the departure of APA Giacomo Mattioli. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz approve the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Ionia County and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Sharp to approve to renew the Long-Term Food Information Sharing Agreement between Food and Drug Administration and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Bill Hendrian and Brenda Long from the MSU Extension gave their semi-annual report. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- E. Moved by Sharp, supported by Tiejema to approve for the Commission on Aging to purchase a new commercial steamer, for preparation of meals for Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Programs at a cost of \$34,026.96 for HPS. Carol Hanulcik, COA Director, stated that they obtained three bids and went with the second lowest bid as the installation and repair are done locally; the lowest bid would require installation and repair from California. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Bredice, supported by Wirtz to approve a three-year contact with CSZ Services, LLC for Equalization services for 2020, 2021 and 2022 assessment years and approve the appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners to do a lighting project on the Runway -at the Ionia County Airport - Contract No. 2019-0229, Federal Project No. B-26-0048-3217, and to authorize the signature **of Airport Chairperson Jim Banks**. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. The Board acknowledged the filing of a PA116, for Phil and Mary Seidelman, 19-001-PA.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve the budget amendment for the Midwest Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to ratify the signature in the termination letter sent to Weight Watchers. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve the agreement between Michigan State Police and Ionia County, and the approval of the Board of Commissioners to Include Stephanie Fox, County Administrator authorization to sign the Lease. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. The Board acknowledged the following Appointments:
  - 1. Community Mental Health - 4 - Three year terms

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Hodges reminded the Board of some "homework" assignments that he requested earlier in the year. He would like those to be turned in this week and then committees will be assigned.

**Commissioner’s Report(s)**

Sharp stated that the Personnel Committee tabled the Animal Control Item regarding warrants. The results of the County Administrator Evaluations will be tallied soon. Sharp has been appointed by the Right Door, Ionia County Collaborative Committee, and are coming up with some good resources for Ionia County Citizens starting with children first.

Bredice has had contact with a couple of concerned citizens regarding the bridge over the Grand River; no one is willing to clear the ice.

**Administrator’s Report**

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator stated that the auditors are here. The County received a rebate check for \$117,000. Administration remains concerned with the rising cost of health insurance. Fox received and distributed a letter (on file in the Clerk’s Office) from the Command Officers Association regarding pay to the essential offices during the State of Emergency. This would include 49 people plus Central Dispatch. The cost would be \$4700 x 4 days per person. Wirtz suggested comp time. Chair Hodges asked Fox to put some numbers together.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott commented on reuse of State Police videos being unconstitutional. Elliott further commented on Ionia County not being a municipality as we do not have Articles of Incorporation and a Charter.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Banks, supported by Sharp, to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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David Hodges, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: