

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

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

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

Members absent: Jim Banks

Others present: Jack Elliott, Mitchell Boatman, Elisabeth Walden, Brian Simon, Bruce Feuerstein, Miranda Sharp Boisseau, Jim Valentine, Tom Albert, Bob Lake, Deb Thalison, Dennis Craycraft, Carol Hanulcik, Paul Geiger, Rob Price, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: under New Business add Item K. Central Dispatch back parking lot re-pavement; Item L. Airport request to Purchase Mower; Item M. Snow Days. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on statutes.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve closed session minutes 2-26-19
- C. Approve per diem and mileage
- D. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of February 2019 - \$918,410.57
- E. Approve payment of Health Fund bills for February 2019 - \$91,055.78

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve the PA116 Farmland Agreement for Philip and Mary Seidelman, 19-001-FA. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to appoint Mary Barker, Nancy Patera, Susan Meagher and Linda Purcey to the Community Mental Health Board (three-year appointments). Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Dennis Craycraft; 86th District State Representative Thomas Albert and Rob Price, State of Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Agency Director of Targeted Outreach appeared before the Board. Craycraft discussed the Soldiers and Sailors Annual Report. Craycraft distributed the 2017 and 2018 financial figures (on file in the Clerk's Office). As a group, Craycraft, Albert and Price discussed at length the County Veteran Service Fund - Grant Guidance (handout on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to approve the Addendum to the Intergovernmental Contract for the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board between Mid-State Health Network and Ionia County and authorize the signature of Stephanie Fox, Administrator or authorized designee. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to approve the Amendment to FY 2019 Substance Use Disorder Prevention Contractual Agreement between MSHN and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to allow Ionia County Central Dispatch to fill the position of Office Manager. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to accept the low bid of \$14,910.00 (for 4 inch pavement) from Great Lakes Paving to repave the south parking lot at Central Dispatch and to approve Central Dispatch transfer the amount from fund balance to be expensed through Capital Outlay (261-325-000-970-000). Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Bredice, supported by Wirtz to approve Ionia County Commission on Aging to enter into a Space Utilization Agreement with WW North America Holdings, Inc. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema that the Board approve of grant between Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Ionia County. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to adopt the Resolution for the Little Thorn Apple Drain. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes-all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

19-003

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR IRREVOCABLE LINE OF CREDIT FOR LITTLE THORNAPPLE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

WHEREAS, Administrative Consent Order No. 05304 (the “ACO”) was entered on December 18, 2018, by the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Water Resources Division (“DEQ”), in the matter of: Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Drain Commissioner is one of the member counties of the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board (“Drainage Board”); and

WHEREAS, Part 3.4 of the ACO requires the Drainage Board to provide a Financial Security Instrument in the amount of \$600,000 in favor of the MDEQ (“Financial Assurance”); and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Financial Assurance in the amount of the percentage apportioned to Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the 63.5% of the costs of the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain (“Drain”) has been apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Barry; 36.3% of the costs of the Drain has been apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Ionia, and 0.2% of the costs of the Drain has been apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Kent; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board has requested that each County pledge its full faith and credit for its respective percentage of the ACO, that being \$381,000 from Barry County; \$217,800 from Ionia County, and \$1,200 from Kent County; and

WHEREAS, providing the Financial Assurance pursuant to Part 3.4 of the ACO is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore it is in the best interest of the County of Ionia that the Financial Assurance be secured and provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IONIA:

1. That the Ionia County Board of Commissioners does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Ionia in the amount of \$217,800 for the prompt payment of the Financial Assurance required by the ACO, Part 3.4 for , and does agree that in the event such Financial Assurance shall fail or neglect to account for the acquisition of approved credits from a wetland mitigation bank or other requirements of Part 3.4 of the ACO, then such requirements shall be immediately met with advancements of County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancements to the extent necessary.

2. That in the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Ionia advances out of County funds, all or any part of said Financial Assurance, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Ionia, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

3. That all resolutions and part of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

I. Moved by Bredice, supported by Shattuck to accept the Personnel Committee's request to update the job description to match the updates made to the job requirements for the Facilities Manager. They must have 5-10 years HVAC service and installation experience and the must be able to pull mechanical permits on behalf of Ionia County. With these updates an increase in salary will be required. The position will start at Grade 17, Step 3.

Motion carried by voice vote. Chair Hodges commended Bredice on his wonderful idea and insight.

- J. Chair Hodges distributed the 2019 Strategic Plan (2 handouts on file in the Clerk's Office) for the commissioners to review and to be prepared to discuss at the April 9th meeting. Commissioner Wirtz added that he would like to see the Road Commissioner positions placed on the ballot.
- K. Moved by Sharp, supported by Tiejema to begin a Jail Fact Finding discussion. Sheriff Noll is looking into finding a company that will assess the condition of the jail at no cost. If there is a cost, the request will come back before the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Bredice, supported by Shattuck to spend up to \$5,500 to purchase two mowers for the airport. Bredice amended the motion to include repairs to the larger mower. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. The Board discussed how to address the policy for snow days and how to provide fair compensation for essential staff as other offices who were closed received their regular pay. The Board discussed setting a new policy, then opted to the following: Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, in regards to the snow days in January and February of 2019 (where non-essential offices were closed) to compensate essential staff in 24/7 or mandated operations who were regularly scheduled to work, and who worked a full shift to receive 2 hours of regular pay per day in 2019 only. Motion carried 5-1 with Wirtz voting no.

Commissioner Reports

Sharp reported on the Personnel Committee meeting. Sharp, Chair to the Personnel Committee, met with County Administrator Stephanie Fox, Prosecutor Kyle Butler and Animal Control Manager Carly Quinn to discuss Animal Control having warrants quickly issued in animal control situations. Butler offered suggestions to rectify the situation. Sharp stated that Sheriff Noll is not in favor of deputizing Animal Control Officers to act as law enforcement officials. Chair Hodges asked for this topic to be discussed at an April meeting.

County Administrator Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator advised the Board that the Facilities Manager interviews will take place next week. There are 5-6 applicants.

The auditors are done. Fox thanked the Treasurer and her staff for their help.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on ordinances and state law.

Chair Hodges called for a brief recess at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to enter into Closed Session to discuss the County Administrator Evaluation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes-all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to adjourn Closed Session and return to Open Session at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported Shattuck by to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on:
