

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 28, 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, Jim Banks and David Hodges

Others present: Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Carly Quinn, Heather Poland, Judy Clark, Karen Bota, Jim Valentine, Paul Spoelstra, Jaakko Kasul, Nick Bowerman, Nick Grifhorst, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair noted the following amendments to the agenda: Add Item D. under Unfinished Business - Approve PA116's #19-002-FA and 19-003-FA and add Item E. under New Business - Resolution by Administrative Findings to Amend the Final 911 Service Plan. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Animal Control Ordinance and following the law.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve closed session minutes from May 14, 2019
- C. Approve per diem and mileage
- D. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of April 2019 - \$973,809.84
- E. Approve payment of Health Fund bills for March 2019 - \$94,639.33

Sharp noted the following per diem amendments: the April 16th Committee of the Whole Meeting should be increased by \$25 for both Sharp and Bredice and to remove the \$25 per diem for the April 8th Quarterly Township meeting for Sharp. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to accept the amendments to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments

1. West Michigan Trail Authority – (3) 3-year terms. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to appoint Ron Gunderson and Georgia Sharp to the West Michigan Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to accept the 2019 Investment Policy Statement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. The proposed language for the Ionia Animal Control Ordinance was brought before the Board. Prior to a motion being voiced, Wirtz questioned wording in the last sentence of the proposed ordinance. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to delete the phrase “but not be limited to” in the last sentence of the proposed ordinance. Wirtz additionally questioned the fourth to the last line of the proposed ordinance. Tiejema stated that it is a public relations problem, not a legal problem. Banks stated that there are too many questions and that he is not prepared to vote at this time. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to approve the ordinance as presented, after the aforementioned deletion. Motion carried 4-3 with Banks, Hodges and Wirtz voting no.
- D. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to approve PA116’s #19-002-FA and 19-003-FA. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Banks to adopt the 2020 Budget Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve filling the Court Recorder position at the Friend of the Court. Motion carried by voice vote. Shattuck clarified the funding source for the position as the Cooperative Reimbursement Program contract.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice, to approve the MiCBCS (Michigan Centralized Birth Certification System) Amendment #1 and to authorize the signature of Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck to approve the Seatbelt Enforcement Grant Budget Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to approve the Resolution by Administrative Findings to Amend the Final 911 Service Plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF IONIA
RESOLUTION #19-005**

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

WHEREAS, Ionia County through its Board of Commissioners (“Board”) has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan (“Plan”) pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (“Act”);

WHEREAS, the 911 Plan and Act require the Board to enact Administrative Findings identifying the telephone service providers facilitating wire-based emergency telephone calls from within the 911 Plans’ Service Districts (“Service District”) and public agencies responding to calls for emergency services with the Service District;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the public within Ionia County’s geographic borders would be best served by the development of a common network and Next Generation 9-1-1 service routing of 9-1-1 calls (“NG911 services”) that will enable additional information to accompany 9-1-1 calls for police, fire and EMS services through the use of fiber optic lines to replace telephone lines as the primary communication service line to the Ionia County Central Dispatch Center, which is the primary public safety answer point (“PSAP”) in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC (“PFN”), is the most experienced primary NG911 service supplier in the State of Michigan and the most qualified to provide common network and primary NG911 service supplier services to the Ionia County’s PSAP;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY FINDS that the PSAP shall maintain the Michigan Public Service Commission’s (“MPSC”) infrastructure and maintain interface as required by the MPSC with any secondary PSAP until NG911 services are implemented through PFN;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all services suppliers within the Service District shall cooperate with PFN in order to facilitate the switchover to its common internet provider network, Next Generation Selective Router and other NG911 services for delivery of NG911 calls to the PSAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PFN and its affiliates and subcontractors are authorized and directed to work with the Plan’s service suppliers, the MPSC, State 911 Director and 911 Committee and any other state, federal, or local authority in order to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to the identification of a specific date and time for the switchover to PFN’s common network and service router;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED when NG911 services are implemented, PFN shall be the PSAP’s primary Internet service provider (“IP”) and shall be the primary NG911 service supplier to the PSAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED when NG911 services are implemented, that all services suppliers within the Service District shall direct 911 calls and texts from within the County to the PFN's common network and NG911 IP service router for delivery of NG911 calls to the PSAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all communication services suppliers within the Service District direct 911 calls and texts from within the County to the PFN's common IP network and NG911 service router for delivery of NG911 calls to the PSAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD FURTHER FINDS that the following is the current list of public service agencies currently providing emergency services within the Service District in response to emergency telephone calls:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Ionia County Sheriff Department
- Michigan State Police – Lakeview Post
- Ionia Department of Public Safety (Police)
- City of Belding Police Department
- Portland Police Department
- Lake Odessa Police Department

FIRE

- Belding Fire Department
- Berlin/Orange Fire Department
- Clarksville/Campbell Twp Fire Department
- Freeport Fire Department
- Hubbardston Fire Department
- Ionia Department of Public Safety (Fire)
- Lake Odessa/Odessa Twp Fire Department
- Lyons/Muir Fire Department
- Orleans Fire Department
- Pewamo Fire Department
- Portland Fire Department
- Ronald Twp Fire Department
- Roxane Fire Department
- Saranac Fire Department
- Sunfield Fire Department

AMBULANCE

- Life EMS
- Portland EMS

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES that these Administrative Findings shall modify, amend, replace or supersede any prior resolution or Administrative Findings.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Hodges stated he sat in on the Audit Committee meeting and the Facilities Committee meetings and the committees are doing a good job starting strategic planning. The next step will be to collect ideas and costs. The Chair will be meeting with the Sheriff, County Administrator and a group of interested individuals to evaluate jail and the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Reports

Sharp stated that the Personnel meeting went very well. Most items that we assigned to the committee have been started and are working toward completion. Sharp attended the Ionia City Memorial Day parade and program. Sharp apprised the Board that she was contacted by a constituent on Monday regarding a zoning issue (bringing chickens into a residential area). Sharp contacted Jeannie Vandersloot and she was very helpful.

Bredice informed the Board of the Booze and Cruise car show and beer tent in Ionia this Saturday.

Tiejema gave an update on the Audit Committee meeting. Items discussed consisted of considering to eliminate the Tax Allocation Board and having a fixed millage. The Tax Allocation Board will meet to discuss this matter. Grant Funding and special department funds were also topics of discussion.

Banks stated that the Facilities Committee have met and as part of the Strategic Plan major projects have been identified. The full Board should be involved due to money for the identified projects.

County Administrator Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator informed the Board that West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission will no longer serve as fiduciary for the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board as of June 1, 2019. (letter on file in the Clerk's Office). The Employee Benefits Task Meeting will be held on Thursday. The Road Commission will be celebrating 100 years on Friday.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board, specifically his commissioner (Bredice) and questioned Bredice as to what authority he used to change the animal control ordinance and how he came up with it, relating to the new verbage in the Animal Control Ordinance that he voted for and that was passed earlier in the meeting.

Adjourn

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on:
