

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m.

Chair Hodges called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance and also the Invocation.

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

Members Absent: Jim Banks

Others present: Nick Grifhorst, Robert G. Cusack, Deb Steele, Carol Hanulcik, Jack Elliott, Elizabeth Waldon, Stephanie Fox and Amy Gorham

Approval of Agenda

Fox noted the following addition to the agenda: Circuit Court is requesting to fill two full-time Circuit Court Administrator positions as soon as possible. Rachelle Gaines has transferred to the Finance Department, Bev Lester (Circuit Court Recorder) has transferred to the Friend of the Court and Tracy Szymanski (Court Administrator) is going to fill the Court Recorder position. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice, to approve the addition to the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott spoke to the issue of the amount of pay Judge Kreeger receives compared to how much other offices get paid. He also commented on the fact that there is no law library anymore in the courthouse.

New Business

A. Approval of L-4029, Millage Request Report

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to approve the L-4029 Millage Tax Rate Request. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Approval of Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to approve the grant of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Planning Program for the purpose of assisting the county in the tracking of hazardous materials storage and emergency response planning. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Ionia County

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to adopt the Resolution between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Ionia County for the purpose of delineating the relationship and responsibilities between the WMRMC and Ionia County. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
19-006**

WHEREAS, Ionia County, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official emergency Operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program supports State and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events, and prepares the nation for the threats and hazards that pose great risk; and

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC) is the fiduciary for the Homeland Security Grant Program for the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, The WMRMC and Ionia County enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of delineating the relationship and responsibilities between Ionia County and West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium, and the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board Regarding the Homeland Security Grant Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners agrees to enter into the Intergovernmental agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Ionia County

D. Review of the City of Ionia Master Plan

Fox explained a few of the proposed items from the master plan.

Tiejema stated that he wished someone from the City of Ionia were present as he had several questions regarding things such as a possible traffic circle, fiber internet, downtown condominiums etc.

Chair Hodges commented on how well the City of Ionia typically keeps things up to date.

E. Approval of agreement with KKzo LLC and Ionia County Health Department

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to approve the agreement between KKzo LLC and the Ionia County Health Department to allow schools and daycares the ability to securely submit mandatory communicable disease reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Request to fill two part-time Animal Shelter Kennel Assistants

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to fill the two vacancies at the Animal Shelter. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Request to hire Substitute Home Delivered Meals Driver for Commission on Aging

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to hire a 3rd substitute home delivered meals driver. Motion carried by voice vote.

H. Request to hire Site Hostess Coordinator for the Ionia County Commission on Aging's Clarksville meal site

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to fill the site hostess coordinator position. Motion carried by voice vote.

I. Request to create two full-time In-Home Aide positions for Commission on Aging

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to fill the two full-time in-home aide positions. Motion carried by voice vote.

J. Request to fill two Circuit Court Administrator Positions

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to fill the two full-time circuit court positions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Chair Hodges noted that the new maintenance director, Rod Steel, saved the county \$3000 with the work he did on the condenser at the Health Department.

Chair Hodges also commended the committees on a good job with their strategic plans last month.

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

Commissioner Sharp would like the Personnel Committee to have a meeting at the end of June to make changes to the current policy.

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator, passed out a letter from Dale Parus, Director of the Ionia Community Library. The letter would like the razing of the old Friend of the Court building addressed due to parking issues.

Public Comment

Bob Cusack complimented the beautiful new courthouse addition. He also stated that he has been on the committee for 10 years for substance abuse but will not continue to do so.

Jack Elliott addressed the board regarding the old Friend of the Court building being torn down. He also gave his opinions on the dog ordinance.

3:45 p.m. short recess

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to enter into Closed Session at 3:53 p.m. to review and discuss attorney/client privilege written opinion pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). Motion carried by roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Amy Gorham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:
