

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 13, 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: Georgia Sharp, Chris Bredice, Larry Tiejema, Jack Shattuck,
Scott Wirtz, Jim Banks and David Hodges

Others present: Carol Hanulcik, Mike Blood, Jeff Montgomery, Rod Wells,
Elisabeth Walden, Ken Bowen, Gale Wing, Glenda Wing,
Linda Wells, Mary Voet, Evan Sasiela, Jack Elliott, Brian
Simon, Rod Steele, Andrew Bucholtz, Stephanie Fox and
Janae Cooper

Commissioner Banks stated that he was glad to be back and that he missed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Rod Wells commented on electing road commissioners.

Chair Hodges stated the topic of electing Road Commissioners will be discussed at the last meeting of the month.

Gail Wing commented on Long Lake Road.

Mike Blood commented on road conditions, non-transparency and elected road commissioner positions in the past (1919).

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 Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve filling the open deputy position at the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the Secondary Road Patrol & Traffic Accident Program application for 2020fiscal year. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Bredice, supported by Tiejema to approve the Commission on Aging to hire a replacement Transportation Driver at an FTE .66 or approximately 24.75 hours per week. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz to approve to hire a Home Delivered Meals Driver due to an employee retiring. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. The Board Acknowledged the PA 116 Partial Release (19-006-FA). Tiejema requested more information regarding the property line dispute before the August 27th meeting or the request may be denied.
- F. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Health Department Budget Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck to renew the Speech Therapy Referral Service Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and the school districts of Ionia County and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve a three-year agreement with Open Systems Technologies for annual I.T. Security Assessments, and authorize appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Hodges stated that the Road Commissioner topic is scheduled to be on the next regular Board Agenda on August 27, 2019. Chair Hodges asked everyone to keep working on the strategic plan. Topics on the upcoming Agendas will be discussing a lease program for vehicles and potential savings from programs with the West Michigan Planning Commission.

Commissioner Reports

Sharp stated that the Personnel Committee will meet on August 27th at 5:00 p.m. to finish up reviewing policies. Sharp attended an EightCAP Conference and distributed a handout of the programs offered by EightCAP.

Wirtz stated that he hasn't ran into anyone who is against electing road commissioners.

Bredice stated that he has been contacted by a constituent regarding the electing of road commissioners. The people seem to be in favor of it. Bredice stated that he has been contacted by a Public Official who stated that they are impressed with the Facilities Manager, Rod Steele for accomplishing a great deal in a short amount of time. Bredice also commended County Clerk Janae Cooper for researching a question for him and getting an answer back to him.

Tiejema commented on technology.

Banks apologized for his recent absence.

Shattuck stated that he will be at the MAC Conference Sunday-Tuesday however he should be back in time for the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator stated that the Personnel Committee meeting will meet on August 27th at 5:00 p.m. Several topics will be on the Agenda. Fox also advised the Board that the Budget Meetings are scheduled for September 10th from 1-3 p.m. and on September 16th from 6-9 p.m.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the 3:00 p.m. meeting time being inconvenient for people who are at work. Elliott stated it was good the see Jim Banks return.

Chair Hodges stated that he attends other meetings in the evening such as City Council and Township meetings.

Adjourn

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: