

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 10, 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, Scott Wirtz, Jim Banks and David Hodges

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Elisabeth Walden, Ken Bowen, Evan Sasiela, Andrew Bucholtz, Charlie Noll, Jim Valentine, Diane Adams, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

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 Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve The Resolution for Art Wiles. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes- all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

Resolution of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners at a meeting of said Board held on the 10th day of September, 2019 at the Ionia County Courthouse, Ionia, Michigan.

We gather here to pay tribute to

Art Wiles

Who will be retiring from the Ionia County Sheriff's Office on
September 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Art Wiles has served the Ionia County Sheriff's Office as its Facility Manager for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Art Wiles has maintained the Ionia County Sheriff's Office with the highest degree of integrity and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Art Wiles was recognized by his peers in 1999, 2008, and 2015 as Support Person of the Year; and

WEHREAS, Art Wiles has had a positive impact on the many inmates he has worked with over the past twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Art Wiles has been an example of commitment to youth in Ionia County as a foster parent, adopting many of those he fostered; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this outstanding service, it is fitting and proper that Art Wiles be commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Art Wiles for his faithful and dedicated service as the Facility Manager of the Ionia County Sheriff's Office, County of Ionia, and wishes him well in his future endeavors; and, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy presented to Art Wiles.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve to fill the vacant Public Health Nurse II position, 0.40 FTE, Grade 12, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz to approve the Agreement between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services FY 19/20 and Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. The Board acknowledged the following PA 116 Applications:
 - 1. 19-007-FA
 - 2. 19-008-FA
 - 3. 19-009-FA
- E. The Board acknowledged the following Applications for Appointment:
 - 1. Commission on Aging Board
 - 2. Board of Canvassers
 - 3. Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board
- F. The Board discussed the County Administrator's Contact. Fox is requesting a three-year contract with 180s days severance which was consistent with the former Administrator's contract. Moved by Banks supported by Bredice to approve a three year contact with 180 days severance pay. Chair Hodges stated the Shattuck contacted him prior to the meeting to discuss the matter. Chair Hodges stated that a half a year severance a package is unheard of in executive positons and to maybe wait to make a decision after the next evaluation. Chair Hodges asked the Board how they felt about a 60 day severance. Bredice stated that he had no problem with

6 months severance without cause. Tiejema suggested 90 days but wait until the end of the year after a full evaluation and the contract will follow that. Wirtz agreed with Tiejema. A motion was on the table; motion fails 0-6. Moved by Bredice, supported by Wirtz to approve a three-year contact with 90 days severance pay. Motion carries 5-1 with Tiejema voting no. Tiejema stated that he wanted to wait for the evaluation.

Chairperson’s Report

Chair Hodges advised the Board of the Public Hearing regarding electing the Road Commissioners at the Road Commission at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16th and on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging e , ion will take place on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. There is also regular Board Meeting on September 24th in which a Public Hearing will also be held.

Commissioner Reports

Tiejema stated he will probably not be able to attend the Public Hearings. At-Large positions will favor large areas. If the BOC were to add an Advisory Board it would become a department and the BOC would have authority.

Administrator’s Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator stated there will be a Budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Moved by Banks, supported by Bredice to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: