

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 22, 2019
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation.

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

Members absent: Jim Banks

Others present: Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Evan Sasiela, Elisabeth Walden, Jeff Montgomery, Ken Olsen, Janet Olsen, Dorothy Pohl, Dick Pohl, Brent Denny, Stephanie Fox, Janae Cooper

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair noted the following changes to the Agenda. Delete Item F. County Board of Commissioner Four-Year Term Resolution to the next meeting and add Item F. Special Meeting for Discussion of Road Commission at 6:00 p.m. next Monday. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Resolution on the Agenda (Item F.)

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve closed session minutes from October 8, 2019 meeting
- C. Approve Commissioners' Per Diem and Mileage
- D. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of September 2019 - \$964,463.36
- E. Approve payment of September Health Fund bills - \$100,500.94

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

Unfinished Business

- 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to appoint Laura Linebaugh to the Department of Human Services Board (three-year term). Motion carried by voice vote.
- 2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to appoint Robert Cusack, Greg Yeomans, Nathan Sprague, and Chris Bredice to the Construction Board of Appeals (two-year terms). Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to approve the 2019 Apportionment Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes- all. The Resolution is a follows:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Your Equalization Department respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

R E S O L U T I O N

19-009

WHEREAS, MCL 211.37 as amended, requires the County Board of Commissioners at their October session, to apportion the amount of property taxes to be raised by the various taxing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the attached Apportionment Report contains a summary of the requests for millages to be levied by the various taxing jurisdictions and the County of Ionia; and

WHEREAS, MCL 207.12, as amended, requires the Director of the County Equalization Department to make and submit to the Department of Treasury, State Tax Commission, a detailed report of such actions by the County Board on a form prescribed by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approves the attached summary of millage requests by the various taxing jurisdictions and further authorizes the Ionia County Equalization Director to certify such forms and submit them as required by law to the appropriate departments.

Respectfully Submitted,

IONIA COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to approve the County Administrator to sign the Master Lease Agreement. The Master Lease Agreement is needed for each vehicle lease. Motion carried by voice vote. Shattuck requested that this be put on the calendar for review in one year.
- C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to approve the PROFC 17-034001 Contract for the Prosecutor’s Office. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to approve to hire the new District Court Recorder and for the training period to start November 25, 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve signature on the AAAM Contract Amendment 61.54-FY19.4 which grants ICCOA and additional \$2,379 in FY 2019 funding and corresponding Budget Amendment. Once signed Ionia County Administration will return one signed copy to AAAM, retain a signed copy for county records, and forward a signed copy to Ionia County Commission on Aging for agency files. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to approve to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging for discussion on the Road Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Commissioner Hodges updated the Board that he is still waiting for answers from the lawyers on some questions regarding the Road Commission.

Commissioner's Reports

Sharp reminded the Board about the chili cook-off Thursday night at Palmer Lodge.

Shattuck stated that he cannot attend the Special Meeting. He asked the Board to let Dorothy know if they have questions ahead of time to give her a chance to have information available.

County Administrator

County Administrator Stephanie Fox that she has received a letter from the State Police; the second request regarding emergency management has been denied (letter on file in the Clerk's Office). Fox stated that she has not received anything on the budget vetos—approximately \$600,000 of our funding is affected by this. Additionally, Fox informed the Board that there will be a Personnel Committee meeting on December 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Tiejema commented on the State Police's denial.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on resolutions. Elliott suggested ridding of the Court Recorder job as there is technology available—there would be no mistakes. Elliott additionally commented on the Road Commission issue.

The Chair called for a five-minute recess at 7:24 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting 7:31 p.m.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to enter into Closed Session to discuss Union Contract negotiations for Deputy Command. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to move back into Open Session at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to approve the Deputy Command wage increase for 2020. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: