

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 26, 2019
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

The Vice-Chair 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 and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: David Hodges and Jim Banks

Others present: Jack Elliott, Elisabeth Walden, Evan Sasiela, Jeff Montgomery, Ken Bowen, Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Miranda Sharp Boisseau, Paul Spitzley, Jim Valentine Janet Olson, Ken Olson, Carol Hanulcik Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chair Tiejema noted the following additions to the Agenda: Add Item I. Road Commission Gravel Agreement and J. Road Commission Equipment Purchasing Recommendation. Moved by Bredice, supported Wirtz by to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Clerk's resignation. Elliott commented that Ionia County has had the best clerks and questioned if their leaving is because of a hostile work environment; every time a County Clerk goes before the Board they are grilled at length (in comparison to other Department Heads) with rarely a positive outcome. Elliott told the Board to visit the Clerk's Office, especially during election time to see how busy the office is.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve correction of Road Commission Special Meeting minutes.

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointment

1. The Right Door – 1 (one) 3-year term: Moved by Sharp, supported by Wirtz to appoint Lacey Charboneau to the Community Mental Health Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck to authorize filling the Maintenance I position. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Moved by Bredice, supported by Shattuck to authorize filling the Road Department managing Director position. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to fill two additional substitute home delivered meal drivers to cover employee absences due to illness or scheduled time off. Carol Hanulcik, Commission on Aging Director discussed the extensive background check and hiring process for these positions. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to approve the increase the Public Health Nurse I position from a 0.4 FTE to a 0.6 FTE. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Moved by Bredice, supported by Shattuck to approve the Central Dispatch Budget Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. The Board reviewed the Road Advisory Board By-laws at length. Sharp distributed a copy of her notes (on file in the Clerk's Office) on the two prior amendments. Sharp stated that the By-laws do not reflect the resolution that was passed, as well as several contradictions were noted. Sharp suggested adding the word "Advisory" back into the title of the Road Board. Sharp suggested clearer wording with Shattuck concurring. Shattuck inquired as to who will be preparing the Agendas. Paul Spitzley weighed in on the possibility of a staff member preparing the Agendas versus a Board Member. Spitzley addressed several of Sharp's comments. The process for Road Department budget amendments was discussed. Bredice stated that he would not vote for the By-laws as they stand. Tiejema stated a set of by-laws need to be established to the Road Department can have a set of rules to work from. Board members thanked Tiejema for the time he has spent on developing the by-laws. Fox stated that the Board of Commissioners cannot delegate their Budget Authority to the Road Department. The possibility of a holding a special meeting next week was discussed. The Board decided to hold a Special meeting on Monday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. with the main items being discussed as being: Changing back to Advisory Board; Budget Amendment authority; Page 4, section 7.4 - make the hiring of a replacement Manager clearer; Section 8.1 - full control over position hiring and union negotiations as well as who sets in on union negotiations. Spitzley was under the impression that the Personnel Committee would decide hiring, not the full board. Grievances will be handled by the County Grievance Committee. Additionally, on page one in the first draft of the by-laws, section 3.2 the Secretary duties were removed. Spitzley stated again, agendas and minutes should be done by staff, not a committee member. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to hold

a special meeting to consider the by-laws of the Road Department on Monday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to approve the Gravel Agreement with Judith Reynolds. Motion carried by voice vote.

H. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to approve the Equipment Purchases of a Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader from Michigan Cat, a John Deere 6120 M Boom Mower Tractor from Bader & Sons, a John Deere 5090E Tractor from Bader & Sons, a Woods 10-foot batwing mower from Farm Depot. Financing is to be secured at no more than 3% for no more than 5 years as authorized by the Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

I. Moved by Sharp, supported by Shattuck to approve the additional per diem and additional wage of the County Clerk.

J. Moved by Shattuck, supported Bredice by to change the December 17 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to a Regular Board Meeting. The meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

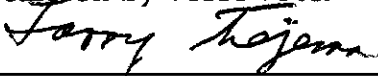
Stephanie Fox reported that she is working on the year-end Budget Amendments, the Auditors will be visiting the Road Department next week, and Fox thanked Jim Valentine for letting Cathi Brodbeck, Central Dispatch Administrative Assistant, process the county payroll last week in the absence of a payroll clerk. Fox is working on the finance position posting.

Public Comment

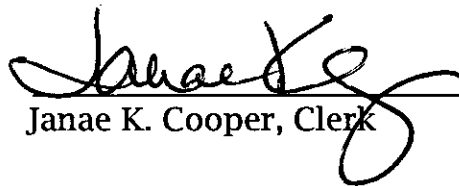
Jack Elliott commented that the Commisisoners work for the people and also commented on the Road Commission.

Adjournment

Moved by Sharp, supported by Shattuck to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.



Larry Tiejema, Vice-Chair



Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:

12-10-19