

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, December 17, 2019  
Regular Meeting  
3:00 p.m.

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

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

**Members absent:** Jim Banks

**Others present:** Roman Wilson, Travis Alden, John Piercefield, Charlie Noll, Robert G. Cusack, Ken Bowen, Paul Spitzley, Ken Wilson, Evan Sasiela, Jack Elliott, Mark Schaafsma, Julianne Burns, Stephanie Fox and Amy Gorham

**Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Add item M. Limestone bid. Add item N. Mutual aid agreement. Add item O. Commissioner Tiejema per diem. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliot commented on the entrance and exit points of the courthouse and the need for speed bumps on Main Street. Robert Cusack said he was thankful for having been on the Construction Board of Appeals. Travis Alden with The Right Place wanted to introduce himself to the commissioners.

**Action on Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Closed Session Minutes
- D. Approve Health Department Payroll and Accounts Payable
- E. General Fund

Hearing no objections, Chair Hodges declared all but the closed session minutes on the consent calendar approved. Closed session minutes will be available at the next meeting for review.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to appoint Star Thomas and Troy Thomas as City of Portland and City of Ionia Citizen Representative to the Central Dispatch Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to appoint Cori Anderson, Jason Smith, Randy Hodge and Margery Briggs to the Substance Abuse Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to appoint Michael Baker as the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the substance Abuse Advisory Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

3. There were no applicants for the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to have a discussion on the Road Advisory Board by-laws at the January 7, 2020 organizational meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Tiejema gave his opinion that Maner Costerisan is over billing on the quote for the Road Department audit. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to decline the offer.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Bredice to enter into a Public Hearing at 3:25 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion regarding Resolution for Brownfield Amendment.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Sharp to return to regular meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve the Resolution for Brownfield Amendment. The motion passed 6-0 by the following roll call vote: Yes-Bredice, Sharp, Shattuck, Tiejema, Wirtz, and Chair Hodges.

- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck to enter into a Public Hearing at 3:31 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to approve the 2020 budget.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to return to regular meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to approve the capital equipment schedule.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Bredice to approve the primary road projects.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to approve to operating budget.

Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve the resolution for Deborah Coon. Motion carried by the following 6-0 roll call vote: Yes-Wirtz, Sharp, Shattuck, Bredice, Tiejema and Chair Hodges. Chair Hodges presented a plaque to Deborah Coon and wished her well in her retirement. Deborah Coon received a standing ovation round of applause for her work and dedication to Ionia County.

- E. Moved by Bredice, supported by Shattuck to fill the Soil Erosion Inspector/Drain Maintenance Supervisor position in the Drain Commissioner's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Sheriff Noll presented information regarding jail medical services and the need to increase the contract to 40 hours per week. Wirtz noted that the increase in hours/cost may actually be a cost savings over time. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to enter into a medical services agreement with Mid-Michigan Correctional Care PC. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Bredice, supported by Tiejema to enter into a two year contract with Shoreline Cleaners for dry cleaning services for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to continue the agreement with Tyler Technologies for Records Management and Jail Management Records from January 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck to pay per diems to the Road Advisory Board at \$25.00 per hour/less than 1 hour, and \$50.00 per hour/over an hour. Shattuck asked what the Road Commissioners per diem was before and it was a base rate plus per diems. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Paul Spitzley from the Road Department discussed the budget. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema to approve the Road Commission Budget Amendment for 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Year End Budget Amendment: Tiejema asked Fox if there will be a property tax increase. Fox said yes. Tiejema asked if the county is putting less in the child care fund. Fox said yes. Tiejema asked what the airport bought. Fox said a plow truck and the manager is paid more. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Bredice to approve the year end budget amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Bredice, supported by Wirtz to transfer fund balances. Motion carried by voice vote. Fox passed out a debt service schedule.
- M. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to approve the limestone bid. Motion carried by voice vote.
- N. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**

- A. Chair Hodges said the signs on all the Road Department trucks etc. will not need to change at this time. He thanked everyone for their hard work this year and said great job on the Christmas party.
- B. Wirtz attended an airport meeting and reported that more hangars have been rented out which means more revenue.  
Tiejema attended a Pension & Budget meeting and was impressed with the members.
- C. Fox told everyone Merry Christmas.

#### **Public Comment**

Elliott said he wondered if the Road Department needed by-laws. He talked about property taxes and property values and who is allowed to determine them.

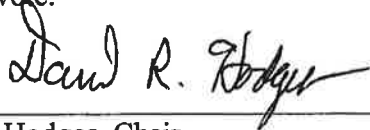
Cusack made comments regarding the community.

Piercefield had questions about how the new Road Advisory Board is going to work. He would like more information on the objectives and goals.

Hodges observed Piercefield at a meeting and was impressed with how he dealt with employees.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.



David Hodges, Chair



Amy Gorham, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:

1-7-2020