

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 13, 2018

Regular Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sharp gave the Invocation.

Members present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Georgia Sharp, Jim Banks and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: Scott Wirtz

Others present: Dale Miller, Diane Adams, Nancy Miller, Suana McDaniels, Bob Van Lente, Jeff Montgomery, Ken Bowen, Jim Valentine, Chris Bredice, Steve Gunn, Mitchell Boatman, Brent Denny, Walt Downes, Carol Hanulcik, Deb Steele, Phil Hesche, Chelsea Kasul, Karen Bota, Kyle Butler, Andrew Buholtz, Mark Jewell, Larry Lewis, Stan Hoskins, Bill Hendrian, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Action on Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes from previous meeting
- B. Approve minutes of closed session October 23, 2018

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

New Business

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Sheriff Dale Miller. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
18-015**

Resolution of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners at a meeting of said Board held on the 13th day of November 2018, at the Ionia County Courthouse, Ionia, Michigan.

We gather here to pay tribute to

DALE MILLER

Who will be retiring from his position as the Sheriff of the County of Ionia on December 8, 2018; and WHEREAS, Dale Miller began his career with the County of Ionia as a Deputy in July 1986; being promoted to Sergeant in 1992, Lieutenant in 1996, and appointed to Detective/Lieutenant in 1998, followed in 2001 by a promotion to Undersheriff; and

WHEREAS, Dale Miller was elected Sheriff in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Miller has worked in partnership with numerous City, County, State, and Federal Officials and has served as a member of various boards, including The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness; IM Safe Child Advocacy Center; MMRMA—Lower Peninsula Law Enforcement Advisory Board; Advisory Board of Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council; Michigan Sheriffs' Association—Awards Committee Member; and Victims' Advocates Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Miller was instrumental in the promotion of various safety programs, including the Bus Safety Program and Handle with Care Child Safety Program; and further was successful in implementing mental health and substance abuse programs which offered critical services to those within the jail population, and

WHEREAS, under Sheriff Miller's leadership, trainings were developed and offered in many area schools and local businesses to safeguard against active shooters and other violent acts, and

WHEREAS, throughout his time with Ionia County, Sheriff Miller worked cooperatively with numerous community partners, school representatives, business owners and other governmental entities, serving the Ionia County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of the County of Ionia with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service, it is fitting and proper that Sheriff Miller be highly commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Sheriff Dale Miller for his faithful and dedicated service as the Sheriff of the 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 Dale Miller.

Tiejema stated that Miller has been an ideal representation of the Public and thanked him for his service. Shattuck stated that he enjoyed working with him. Hodges wished Miller well.

- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Commission on Aging to have the option to fill the vacant, part-time, In Home Aide positions with one full-time employee plus part-time employees up to the current maximum allocation maximum of 276 per week. The current estimate of 97 hours per week remains unfilled. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to approve the following fee schedule additions for the Health Department:
 - 1. Request approval to add a fee for Special Process Office Review to the Health Department fee schedule, effective November 14, 2018.
 - 2. Request approval to add a fee for Birthing Classes to the Health Department fee schedule, effective November 14, 2018.
 - 3. Request approval to add a fee for Lactation Classes to the Health Department fee schedule, effective November 14, 2018.Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk for approval to renew the Local Health Department Grant Contract between Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ionia County Health Department (IChD) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the agreement between Michigan State University and Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to approve the Agreement for MSU Extension Services and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to allow the Chief Public Defender to maintain his Adjunct Faculty status at Davenport University, Grand Rapids, MI by being allowed to teach legal studies and paralegal classes for them. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling-Cronk to provide the Chief Public Defender two paid weeks of vacation as the starting basis of vacation time, based upon prior County employment (over 4.5 years), 33 years of experience, and being a department head. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Walter Downes, Public Defender requested a wage increase. Downes provided statistics from other Public Defenders Offices around the state of similar size. Downes stated that the State of Michigan, not the County would be paying his wages. The matter was referred to the Personnel Committee.
- J. Moved by Banks, supported by Sharp to appoint Brent Denny to the Ionia County Office of Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

- K. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Ionia County, the 64A District Court and Satin Franks. Motion carried by voice vote.
- L. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks to approve the Central Dispatch Budget Amendment request. Motion carried by voice vote.
- M. Moved by Banks, supported by Hodges to approve the Sheriff's Office Budget Amendment request. Motion carried by voice vote.
- N. The Board acknowledged the following applications for appointment
 - 1. Commission on Aging Board — Three three-year appointment

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck stated that there was a Department Head meeting last Friday regarding the Personnel Committee and policies. Shattuck encouraged attendance. The Department Head meetings are the 2nd Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

Administrator's Report

Fox reported that she continues to review health insurance rates. There is a potential drastic increase in 2020.

The Administration Offices moved to the old District Court building last Friday. The move went well.

Public Comment

Cowling-Cronk congratulated Chris Bredice on becoming Commissioner of District 4. She stated that things need to be worked on and that the issues the County has been having has not been addressed. She stated that employees are not comfortable with talking to the commissioners. She agrees that evaluations should be done however she did not find them to be an effective tool. Employees are becoming ill, taking pay cuts and leaving. The situation needs to be figured out.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 4:05 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to enter into Closed Session at 4:11 p.m. to discuss Central Dispatch Union Negotiations. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to return to Open Session at 4:14 p.m.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to enter into Closed Session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss Central Dispatch Lease Agreements. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to return to Open Session at 4:22 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema supported by Hodges to approve to ratify the Central Dispatch Union Contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Tiejema to approve the Central Dispatch Lease Agreement with Michigan State Police as presented at \$12 per square foot. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: