

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

**Members present:** David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Georgia Sharp and Jim Banks

**Members absent:** Jack Shattuck

**Others present:** Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Joyce Hamp, Carol Hanulcik, Deb Steele, Chris Bredice, Ron Morseau, Brent Denny, Elisabeth Walden, Stan Hoskins, Judy Clark, Melissa Eldridge, Tammy Kemp, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott stated that there is a difference between Public Interest and Interested Public and that the People have authority.

**Action on Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes (Sessions 1 & 2) of September 18, 2018
- C. Approve per diem and mileage
- D. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of August 2018 - \$974,453.49
- E. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$95,289.27

Vice-Chair Banks added Tiejema's per diem and mileage. Vice-Chair Banks commended Clerk Cooper on a job well done on the Closed Session minutes.

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

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Appointments
  - 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to reappoint Michael Carigon as the Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency

- Services Emergency Coordinator. Motion carried by voice vote. Roger Packard declined being reappointed as the Assistant Coordinator.
2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to reappoint Dennis Sitzer and Laura Linebaugh to the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote. William Roeser did not wish to be reappointed.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Sharp to fill up to 8 vacant, part-time, In-Home Aide positions to total up to 110 hours per week. This would bring total hours per week for In Home Services to a maximum of 276 per week, per County Allocations. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Cowling Cronk, supported by Hodges to approve the request for signatures on FY 2019 Older American Act Contract and related documents with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan which includes: FY 2019 Older Americans Act Contract 61.54-FY-19.1; attachment, Authorization for Signature for Service and Financial Reports for AAAMW Funded Programs and HIPPA Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp approve the 2018-2019 Clean Sweep Program Grant Agreement between Ionia County and the Michigan Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$20,000 and authorize the appropriate signatures on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote. This grant is specifically for pesticides and herbicides only; not for household hazardous waste.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to authorize the County Treasurer to move Ashley Wakely into the Chief Deputy Position as of December 1st at at Grade 8, Step 3. Also to authorize the Treasurer to backfill the position of Account Clerk as of November 1, 2018 at a Grade 7, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote. Virgene Pung is retiring on November 30<sup>th</sup> after 15 years of service. Pung was instrumental in Clark's transition as Treasurer after she was appointed after former County Treasurer Nancy Hickey's death
- E. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz that the Board moves to enter into the FY2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant with the State of Michigan and allow the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the necessary paperwork. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve the Revised and Approved Community Corrections Grant Application and Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to adopt the Resolution of Approval of Amended FY19 Community Corrections Grant Application. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes-all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE  
AMENDED FY19  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION  
18-010**

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2018, the Ionia County Community Corrections Advisory met;  
and

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of members were present; and

**WHEREAS**, the original and amended Fiscal Year 2019 Community Corrections Grant Application was presented to the Ionia County Community Corrections Advisory Board for review and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, a motion was made Judge Suzanne Kreeger and seconded by Ron Possehn to submit the grant application as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, a roll call vote was taken to approve the original and amended Fiscal Year 2019 Community Corrections Grant Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the motion passed by the following roll call vote: Yes – all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has been presented with the original and amended Fiscal Year 2019 Community Corrections Grant Application for review and approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms its review and approval of the original and amended Fiscal Year 2019 Community Corrections Grant Application.

- H. Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the Smart Start Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Sharp to approve the contract for State FY19 between Ionia County and Deborah Davis to provide Cognitive Behavior treatment services (classes) to be funded buy Community Corrections funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve the American Interlock LTD Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Administrator's Report**

Stephanie Fox reported that the 2019 Budget Hearing will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Central Dispatch.

**Special Reports**

Tiejema updated the Board about some issues that Brian Simon (a concerned constituent) brought to his attention about a month ago. Tiejema stated that the public has an interest to ensure that animals are treated humanely however, the accused should have the right to know who made the complaint and obtain a copy of it. Currently the Ionia County Animal Control Ordinance gives certain rights, but goes against public relations. Tiejema suggested that the Animal Control Committee meet and look at the current ordinance and adopt a procedure to make it more friendly to the owner.

Brian Simon was present at the meeting and stated that Animal Control is using the County Ordinance and claiming it is the “law”. He was concerned as so many things were done incorrectly

**Public Comment**

Joyce Hamp stated that she is a long-standing member of the Community Corrections Board and was happy that the Grant and Resolution passed. She stated that Morseau has really turned the program around for the better.

Jack Elliott asked the Board to remind Dale Parus that the roof on the proposed library is like the roof on the jail and that is has had nothing but issues. Elliott commented on ordinances; you must have a charter to enact an ordinance.

Tammy Kemp stated that Animal Control was very brassy when they went to her mother’s home.

Brian Simon stated that the compliant relating to him had the wrong address listed when they entered his property. With no complaint they have no cause.

**Ajourn**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Vice-Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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