

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**April 14, 2009**  
Regular Meeting  
3:30 p.m.

Chair Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley, Powell, Mason and Banks  
Members absent: None

Others present: James Valentine, Alex Doty, Stephanie Hurlbut, Tom Thelen, Cheryl O'Connor, Nancy Hickey, Lisa McCafferty, Bob Cusack, Jack Elliott, Garret Emelander, Diane Adams, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks stated that item #8 under New Business should be deleted. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board. Bob Cusack addressed the Board stating he was in favor of receiving the board's agendas by email. Garret Emelander addressed the Board concerning a Circuit Court case, the Road Commission and Sheriff's Department.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

**New Business**

1. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Resolution. James Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, stated that all personnel, whether being a police officer or dispatcher, work under a great deal of pressure and requested that their hard work be recognized. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The resolution is as follows:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK RESOLUTION**

We gather here to pay tribute to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch and Belding Dispatch Center for their faithful and dedicated service to our community.

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 12 – 18, 2009, has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in tribute to all public safety communications personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Ionia County Central Dispatch and Belding Dispatch Center are vital links in the protection of life and property in Ionia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch and Belding Dispatch Center are a vital and highly valued part of Ionia County; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of their excellent and dedicated service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that they be highly commended and praised.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, declares the week of April 12-18, 2009, as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Ionia County and expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch and Belding Dispatch Center for their faithful and dedicated service; and that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy be forwarded to each center.

2. Equalization Director, Cheryl O'Connor, presented the Board with the 2009 Equalization Report in compliance with the General Property Tax Act, Section 211.34 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended by Act 6 of the Public Acts of 1981. The 2009 report indicates the assessed value of real and personal property in Ionia County is \$2,054,745,352, with the taxable value being \$1,574,788,216. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2009 Equalization Report for Ionia County and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of LiveScan Palm Print upgrade and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2009 Marine Safety Grant and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Care Coordination Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and Health Plan of Michigan and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a two year agreement with Marilyn Smith, who will administer the Community Development Block Grant (housing grant). Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a 5 year contract with Government Payment Service (GPS). County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that many of the county departments use this service when a customer would like to pay for fines, costs, fees, etc. with a credit card. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Budget Amendments
  - 1) Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve establishing a budget for the Safe Communities grant for seatbelt enforcement. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - 2) Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve establishing a budget for the Youth Alcohol Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - 3) Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Health Department to pay accumulated personal and vacation time to an employee who resigned. Motion carried by voice vote.

**County Administrator's report:**

1. Is putting together a Planning Team made up of county employees that will work together in putting a process in place to develop a three year financial plan;
2. Update on the Capital Budget fund;
3. Update on airport hangar; have temporary occupancy permit for hangar;
4. A Security Assessment was done on the network and there was a slight improvement in security;

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning seatbelts. Lisa McCafferty presented the Board with copies of the Sanitary Code.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk