

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2009
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Powell, Mason and Banks
Members absent: Calley

Others present: Mike Carlton, Tom Thelen, Stephanie Hurlbut, Lynette Seiler, Lisa McCafferty, Eric Hufnagel, Don Ransom, James Valentine, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #2 to the Consent Calendar and item #7 under New Business. Banks further indicated there would be a discussion on the budget after the Executive Session. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Mike Carlton, Chairperson for the Barry County Board of Commissioners, announced his candidacy for the 87th State Representative seat.

Consent Calendar

- 1) Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- 2) Approve Closed Session minutes from July 28, 2009

The Closed Session minutes were presented and reviewed by the Board. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

New Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the AAAMW Contract Amendment 61.54-9, which decreases funding in congregate meals and increases funding for equipment for both Ionia and Montcalm Counties. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the AAAMW Contract Amendment 51.54.4, which reduces funding in Supportive Services by \$6,706. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Speech Therapy Referral Service Agreement between the Health Department and the school districts of Ionia County, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve reallocating unused funds from the MSU Extension wage line item for the purpose of providing a local match for an AmeriCorps Michigan Foreclosure Corps program member. Eric Hufnagel, MSU Extension Director, stated that this person would be certified to provide counseling to those individuals who are dealing with foreclosures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$12,414, from the General Fund Designated Fund for a new roof for the Maintenance Building, and authorize appropriate signatures. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, stated that the building was built in 1956 and has never had a new roof. The roof is leaking and because of the documents that are stored in the building, the roof needs to be replaced immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. County Administrator, Mark Howe, presented a handout for a Mid-Year Budget Amendment. Howe indicated that the amendment represents a reduction of \$589,575 in revenue line items and a reduction of \$588,875 in appropriation line items for the General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Friend of the Court Fund, Building Inspection Fund, Child Care Fund and the Courts Security Fund. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement Program contract, and authorize appropriate signatures. Howe stated that this contract is for federal funds and is the primary source to operate the Friend of the Court office. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. Discussed a proposed Departmental Information Questionnaire.

Banks opened up the second public comment period. No one addressed the Board.

Banks called for a brief recess at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 4:53 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks called for a recess at 4:53 p.m. and reconvened at 4:59 p.m.

Howe presented the Board with a handout entitled Major Funds Current Budget and Fund Balances. A lengthy discussion took place concerning budgets for the Building Department, Central Dispatch, Aging Fund, Child Care Fund, Courts Security Fund, Parks & Recreation, Friend of the Court, General Fund Designated and the General Fund. Howe answered various questions from the Board.

(Commissioner Tiejema left at 6:17 p.m.; Commissioner Powell left at 6:21 p.m.)

Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk