

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2009

Amended

7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Calley, Tiejema, Vroman, Shattuck, Powell, Mason (arrived at 7:07), and Banks

Others Present: Bob Cusack, Lisa McCafferty, Stephanie Hurlbut, Deb Thalison, Lynette Seiler, Mary Ellen Snyder, Jack Elliott, Jim Valentine, Don Ransom, Tom Thelen, Alex Doty, Mark Howe and Janae Cooper

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Item #5 under the Consent Calendar; item #2 under Unfinished Business and items #7 and # 8 under New Business. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Law Library. Bob Cusack addressed the Board regarding a ticket he received in the Village of Lyons.

Commissioners' Mason, Shattuck, Vroman and Tiejema stated facts of interest.

Consent Calendar

- 1) Approve minutes of the previous meetings
- 2) Approve per diem and mileage (Banks, Calley and Tiejema presented corrected vouchers)
- 3) Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of July 2009 - \$768,009.19
- 4) Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$86,268.59
- 5) Approve Closed Session minutes from August 11, 2009

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

Unfinished Business

- 1) Funding for the construction of the new Animal Shelter was discussed. Commissioner Tiejema presented the Board with sample spreadsheets regarding funding and payback. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to consult with the county attorney to draft a Resolution of Intent ***to enter into an installment purchase agreement.*** Motion carried by voice vote.
- 2) Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Jani Millard to the Ionia County Central Dispatch Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- 1) Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Aging Board, eliminate nine part-time positions with the Montcalm County Nutrition Program and that the affected employees be placed on layoff status effective October 1, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 2) Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an amount not to exceed \$17,655 from the Central Dispatch budget, for a new roof on the Central Dispatch building by Signature Homes of Fenwick. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 3) Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract between Midstate Security and the County of Ionia for Substance Abuse Screening (Sobriety Court). Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4) Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners' approve the amendment to the Agreement between Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and the County of Ionia due to the modification of the budgets for the Prevention, Treatment, Women's Specialty and SPT-SIG. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 5) Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve amendment #4 to the Michigan Department of Community Health FY 08/09 CPBC Agreement due to increase in the funding for Public Health Emergency Response H1NI Planning Program. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 6) Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department Budget Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 7) Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program. The State of Michigan cut funding for this program so local units need to make up the difference in funding. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 8) Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Clinician Agreement with the Health Department. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

Howe commented that he was able to go up to the dome of the courthouse with the construction crew and found out that Lady Justice is barefoot. He was able to get several pictures up close of Lady Justice.

Howe has been working on the 2010 Budget. He will continue to meet with Department Heads to discuss the budget. Howe gave special recognition to Diane Adams, Register of Deeds, for making several reductions in her budget due to advancements in technology that her department utilizes. Thank you, Diane.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Commissioner Shattuck commented on a proposal that a citizen made concerning lowering the speed limit on gravel roads and that Shattuck will check with the Road Commission on this issue.

Commissioner Mason thanked Howe for all of his work on the budget. It is simplified, yet professional.

Banks stated that the budget has progressed favorably; it is more understandable.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the taxation of guns. Bob Cusack commented on the speed limit on gravel roads and also stated that his term on the Construction Board of Appeals is expiring and that he would like to remain a member.

Motion by Mason, supported by Powell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk