

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 10, 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, Calley, Mason and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, James Valentine, Alex Doty, Deb Thailson,
Lisa McCafferty, Nancy Hickey, Garrett Emelander, Mark Howe and
Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added Closed Session minutes from January 27th under Consent Calendar; added item #5 under New Business and one Executive Session. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks noted an amendment to the January 27th board minutes to reflect that the last Closed Session was entered into by a roll call vote rather than a voice vote. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to approve the amended January 27th board minutes to reflect the roll call vote for the second Closed Session meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve Closed Session minutes of January 27, 2009

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

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Application for Farmland Agreement filed by Mary and Philip Seidelman on January 2, 2009, for property located in Ronald Township. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Application for Farmland Agreement filed by William Mills on January 5, 2009, for property located in Campbell Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a new contract with AT&T for Central Dispatch T-1 line, and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Judge Suzanne Hoseth Kreeger to the Ionia Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Ionia County Health Department Agency Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that the Health Department is required by the Medical Services Administration to enter into a Care Coordination Agreement with each Medicaid Health Plan which are Care Source Health Plan, Molina Health Plan, McLaren Health Plan and Physicians Health Plan of Mid-Michigan Family Care. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the four Care Coordination Agreements and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve expenditure up to \$22,000 for a new Animal Control vehicle and ancillary equipment for the vehicle. A brief discussion took place concerning the equipment needed for the truck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Chair Banks discussed the procedure/process concerning issuing permits to residents when the resident is not in compliance with a township ordinance and what procedures may need to be implemented to better the communication between the township and county regarding this matter.

County Administrator's report:

1. Attended the MAC and updated the Board on the lawsuit regarding foster care homes and 911 surcharges;
2. Handed out a summary of foreclosures in the county and briefly discussed the process for foreclosures;
3. Will be interviewing for a board position with MMMRA;

Commissioner Tiejema requested further discussions regarding the Child Care Fund and stated that Livingston County has not had an out of state placement in over 6 years.

Commissioner Powell stated that Todd Roberts has been working tirelessly putting up over 300 posters all over the county for the animal shelter fundraiser/project.

Banks opened up the second public comment period. Garrett Emelander addressed the Board concerning a Circuit Court case.

Banks called for a brief recess at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 4:40 p.m. to discuss an attorney/client privilege letter. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk