

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Vroman, Calley, Tiejema, Shattuck, Powell (arrived at 7:19 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Jack Elliott, Joel Palmer, Sr., Lisa McCafferty, Tom Thelen, Stephanie Hurlbut, Lynette Seiler, William Weisgerber, Alex Doty and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #1 under Unfinished Business and added items #5 - #8 under New Business. Moved by Tiejema, 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 thanking them for the opportunity to speak and ask questions.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Vroman and Tiejema stated facts of interest.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve per diem and mileage
3. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of January 2009 - \$999,920.57
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$77,514.67

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

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint William Weisgerber to the Ionia Community Mental Health Services Board to fill the vacancy created by Beth Jungel. Motion carried by voice

New Business

1. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to open the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. regarding the Ionia County Department of Public Health Proposed Sanitary Code. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Elliott commented on the Code, specifically questioning the Establishment of Municipal Civil Infractions Violations Bureau. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, answered questions from the public and the Board concerning the Sanitary Code.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Ionia County Resolution Adopting the Ionia County Department of Public Health Sanitary Code. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IONIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SANITARY CODE**

WHEREAS, Ionia County's three existing regulations (1) Sanitary Code, Sewage Disposal and Water Supply, (2) Public Health Code, Housing Regulations, and (3) Public Health Code, Nuisance Abatement are found to be outdated; and,

WHEREAS, updating these regulations is necessary to allow for the application of new technology and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the outdated nature of these regulations has created difficulties in proper enforcement of their requirements; and,

WHEREAS, additional areas of public health concern not covered in existing regulations need to receive proper oversight to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sanitary Code has been written with input by citizen subcommittees and Health Department representatives, reviewed by the County attorney, and has been subject to public review and comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ionia County Board of Commissioners supports the adoption of the "Ionia County Health Department Sanitary Code" to replace the existing Ionia County regulations.

2. Moved by Calley, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department Business Management Services Agreement between the County of Ionia and Bonnita Detweiler, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2011, subject to review by legal counsel and staff. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the Legal Secretary position in the Prosecutor's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Commission on Aging Administrator, Lynette Seiler, requested authorization to purchase two mini-vans for the Commission on Aging (COA) from capital funds left over from 2007 and 2008. Seiler explained that COA is in need of replacing a 1995 and 1998 mini-vans with both vehicles having over 200,000 miles on them. In addition, Seiler stated that the COA Board went through the bidding process and the Board is recommending the purchase of two 2009 Grand Caravans from Bill Snethkamp. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the purchase of two 2009 Grand Caravans. A short discussion took place concerning purchasing used vehicles with low mileage. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Groundwater & Resource Recovery Department to cover attorney fees in reference to the Ionia County v Pitsch Recycling and Disposal lawsuit. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department that would establish a budget for the Mid-South Alcohol & Tobacco Compliance Over-Time Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Clerk's Office-Elections to transfer funds from the General Fund for payment of ballot printing from the November 2008 Election. Motion carried by voice

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Constitution. Joel Palmer, Sr., addressed the Board concerning the purchasing of new cars.

Banks called for a brief recess at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss an attorney/client privilege letter. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners waive the attorney/client privilege of a letter dated January 26, 2009 regarding the Building Code Ordinance from Timothy Perrone. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, County Clerk