

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Tiejema, Vroman, Powell, Calley and Banks

Members absent: Shattuck and Mason

Others present: Joel Palmer, Sr., Jack Elliott, James Valentine, Tom Thelen, Lisa McCafferty, Alex Doty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks stated the vouchers for Commissioners' Tiejema, Calley and Banks shall be added to item #2 on the Consent Calendar. In addition, the following items were added to the agenda: Item # 5 under the Consent Calendar; item #3 under New Business and one Executive Session. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board complimenting the Register of Deeds Office for the service he received and further commented on property taxes.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Powell, 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 June 2009 - \$1,010,451.04
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$90,410.15
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from July 21, 2009

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

New Business

1. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that in order for the local health departments to be in compliance with Section 325.13001 of the Administrative Rules, an amendment is needed to the Medical Direction, Administrative and Program Consultation Services Agreement and to authorize the Associated Health Department Agreement.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amendment (#2) to the Ingham County Medical Direction, Administrative and Program Consultation Services Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Associated Health Department Agreement for Sharing Medical Direction between Local Government Public Health Entities in the State of Michigan and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, discussed the installation of a fiber optical cable that would run from Central Dispatch, down Union Street to the courthouse and continue on to the jail. Valentine discussed in length the proposed project and answered questions from the Board. In addition, Valentine stated that bids were received for the design, engineer and construction management of the installation and requested the Board to approve the bid from Geotech, Inc. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve Geotech, Inc. to design and engineer the fiber optic project for an amount not to exceed \$5000. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the Ionia County Road Commission. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the
Ionia County Road Commission**

The Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize appropriate signatures and approve the transfer of property to the Ionia County Road Commission commonly known as Pit #3 – Riverside Drive, purchased in 1925 and more fully described in the attached Quit Claim deed.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the Ionia County Road Commission. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the
Ionia County Road Commission**

The Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize appropriate signatures and approve the transfer of property to the Ionia County Road Commission, commonly known as 170 E. Riverside Drive – Lot 13 & Part of Lot 12, purchased in 1927 and more fully described in the attached Quit Claim deed.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the Ionia County Road Commission. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Property to the
Ionia County Road Commission**

The Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize appropriate signatures and approve the transfer of property to the Ionia County Road Commission, commonly known as Larson Pit #9, purchased in 1932 and more fully described in the attached Quit Claim deed.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Banks stated that the first design meeting for the animal shelter took place on July 28th, which included the new construction manager. Banks stated he was very pleased with what the new Construction Manager had to offer.

County Administrator's report:

1. Working on a mid-year budget amendment and a draft of the amendment will be coming soon;
2. Had an exchange student from Germany visit the courthouse;
3. The repainting and repairing of the dome is well underway and the project is going well;
4. The School of Missionary of Aviation had an open house last week;
5. Finance Officer will be on vacation for a couple of weeks;
6. Met with the attorney for the CIS (Clinton, Ionia, Shiawasee) Rail Trail regarding an agreement;
7. Was asked and accepted the campaign chairman position for United Way

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the fiber optic line and further commented on the law library.

Banks took a brief recess at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to adjourn Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize counsel to accept the settlement offer recommended by counsel in the Raterink case. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk