

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Vroman, Tiejema, Powell (left at 8:43 p.m.), Mason, Calley, Shattuck and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Stephanie Hurlbut, Tom Thelen, James Valentine, Marc Thompson (Wood TV8), Deb Thailson, Lynette Seiler, Alex Doty, Brian Calley, Aaron Stevens, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted one additional item to be added under New Business. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Chair opened up the first Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

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 May 2009 - \$1,137,688.26
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$130,996.77

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

New Business

1. Aaron Stevens with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C., presented the Board with the 2008 County Audit and answered various questions from the Board. In addition, Stevens discussed the key areas of the audit and gave an overview of the report. (Copies of the Supplementary Information to Basic Financial Statements and the Financial Statement reports are on file in the County Clerk's Office)
2. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, discussed the repairs needed on the courthouse dome. Ransom stated that two bids were received and requested the Board to approve the contract with Greg Cook Builders. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with Greg Cook Builders for \$112,500, contingent upon the qualifications of the contractors. Further discussions included the "what if's" and if the amount of repairs exceeds \$112,500. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that he has the

authority to approve expenditures up to \$10,000 and if necessary, this matter can come back to the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

(With the approval of the full board, the Chair stated that item #4, *Approval of Court Services Contract*, would be discussed later in the meeting)

3. Community Health Supervisor, Deb Thailson, discussed the 2009/2010 Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative Implementation Plan and requested approval of the Board to submit the application to Mid-South. Thailson stated that many hours and hard work went into gathering the information found in the Plan and described some of the highlights of the Plan. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2009/2010 Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative Implementation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Commission on Aging Director, Lynette Seiler, requested the upgrade of a Food Service Aide at Commission on Aging and stated that COA has enough savings to support the upgrade for a year. Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the upgrade of a Food Aide position from a 0.75 FTE Grade 4 to 1.00 FTE Grade 5. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Howe stated that the State Court Administrative Office has advised that in order to receive reimbursement for interpreter services for the Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court, the County would need to enter into a sub-contract for that service. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Court Services Contract with Fran Rowland to provide interpretation services to the Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Application for Farmland Agreement filed on June 1, 2009, for property located in Ronald Township, by 4A Properties. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Howe stated that two grievances were filed by the deputy union concerning holiday pay and how the County and the deputy union had interpreted the language differently. Howe discussed the holiday pay process and stated that with the Letter of Understanding, new language has been added and the grievances have been withdrawn. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners ratify the Letter of Understanding between the Police Officers Association of Michigan (union), the County of Ionia and the Sheriff of Ionia (Employers). Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Chief Circuit Court Judge, Suzanne Kreeger, discussed the upgrade needed to the AS400 (JIS) and requested approval from the Board to have the system upgraded, which includes a three year software and hardware maintenance contract. Discussions followed concerning how to pay for the upgrade and why the upgrade has become necessary. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia

County Board of Commissioners approve the AS400 upgrade with funding to come from the 102 Fund. Commissioner Tiejema requested that once the upgrade has been purchased, he would like a report on how the upgrade was funded. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. Budget Amendments –

Juvenile Transport Reimbursement– Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for Juvenile Court due to additional grant money received for transportation services. Motion carried by voice vote.

2009 Marine Safety Budget – Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department for additional money received for marine safety. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Banks commented on the flooding at the fairgrounds during the B93 Birthday Bash and recognized Rick Norman, Emergency Manager, for setting up shelter at the Ionia Middle School and for contacting the Red Cross; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in transporting concert goers to the hospital and shelter and to the Health Department and Central Dispatch for their assistance. Banks stated that the County of Ionia is supportive and will lend the County's services to the City of Ionia if needed.

Banks updated the Board on the Construction Manager position for the new animal shelter and interviews have been completed.

No report was given by the County Administrator.

Commissioner Tiejema requested a time table to address fund cuts and long range planning. Howe stated that this discussion will take place at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting in July and will be scheduling a Strategic Planning meeting with the Board.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

Moved by Calley, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk