

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**May 26, 2009**  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Joel Palmer, Sr., Jim Valentine, Stephanie Hurlbut, Alex Doty, Dave Cook, Penny Beeman, Ken Watkins, Mary Bliss and Tonda Rich

Banks noted one addition to the agenda under New Business. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Following Public Comment, the Chair, without objection from the Board, stated that the agenda items would not be heard in the order as appearing on the agenda.

Banks opened discussions on New Business, items #1 and #2.

**New Business**

1. Vice Chair Vroman discussed the President's Volunteer Service Award, which was part of President George W. Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, wherein President Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and nation through service. Ionia Kids Club had 7 members who qualified for the Presidential Service Award and as a group, the Club achieved the Gold level award, which was 1000 or more hours of service.

Chair Banks and Vice-Chair Vroman recognized Daniel Beeman and was issued the Bronze award for 50 to 74 hours of service and Kendra Moon and was issued the Silver award for 175 to 249 hours of service. All members were issued the Gold award.

2. Banks introduced Ken Watkins, president of Architectural Concepts. Banks stated that Architectural Concepts is the recommendation from the "dog team" for the architectural planning of the animal shelter. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract, upon review of the county attorney, between the County of Ionia and Architectural Concepts in the amount not to exceed \$29,750, and further authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Did You Know?**

Commissioners' Banks, Tiejema and Mason stated facts of interest.

Following *Did You Know*, Banks addressed the Consent Calendar.

## **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 April 2009 - \$763,961.98
- 4) Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$92,961.26

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint David Wheelock to the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

After Unfinished Business, the Chair opened up discussions again under New Business, starting with item #3.

## **New Business (continued)**

3. Central Dispatch Director, James Valentine, discussed the agreement between the City of Ionia and the County of Ionia, wherein Central Dispatch was granted permission by the City to place communication equipment on the city's tower. The State of Michigan has notified the City that an annual fee for tower monitoring will be implemented. The City of Ionia is requesting that Central Dispatch pay 50% of the monitoring fee, in addition to the electrical and maintenance costs Central Dispatch already pays. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amendment to the agreement between the City of Ionia and the County of Ionia for use of the city's communication tower, not to exceed \$5000, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Community Corrections 2010 FY Application. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees**

Commissioner Mason gave an update on the Rails-to-Trails meeting.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Joel Palmer, Sr., addressed the Board concerning the Road Commission and Belding's Central Dispatch.

Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Chair

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Tonda Rich, County Clerk