

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

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

Members present: Vroman, Tiejema, Mason, Calley, Powell (arrived at 7:19 p.m.),
Shattuck (arrived at 7:23 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Bob Cusack, Jack Elliott, Cliff Lazarus, Mary Ellen Snyder, Henry and
Linda Sanchez, Joel Palmer, Sr., Ron Schafer, Sug Pinnow, Karen and
Bill Miller, Shannon Beech, Mike Anderson, Jim Valentine, Jeannie and
Mike Urbanski, Janice Bunting, Tom Snyder, Beth Wellman, Stephanie
Hurlbut, James Lower, Lisa McCafferty, David Stoker, Alan
VanderLaan, Dwain Dennis Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added Closed Session minutes from
November 10, 2009 to the Consent Calendar; at the request of the County Clerk, removed
the November 17, 2009 board minutes from the Consent Calendar; Added item #2 to
Unfinished Business and added item #10 to New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported
by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board
concerning hiring new employees. Bob Cusack addressed the Board regarding the Board of
Appeals. Mary Ellen Snyder, Linda Sanchez, Cliff Lazarus, Tom Snyder, Bill Miller, Jeannie
and Mike Urbanski and Henry Sanchez addressed the Board concerning restoring the
secretary's hours at the animal shelter.

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
October 2009 - \$1,129,843.78
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$146,263.89
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from November 10, 2009

The Closed Session minutes were presented to the Board for review. Banks stated that
there were two Closed Sessions on November 10, 2009, and noted the minutes being
presented are for both closed sessions.

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

County Clerk, Tonda Rich, requested the November 17th minutes be amended to reflect that Commissioners Vroman and Calley left early rather than Commissioner Powell.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to amend the November 17, 2009 board minutes to reflect that Commissioner Vroman left at 5:20 p.m. and Commissioner Calley left at 5:59 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Ionia Grain, LLC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners change the order of the agenda to have item #10 under New Business to be heard first. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Animal Shelter**

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners restore the hours from 36 to 40 for the Animal Shelter Secretary position.

Commissioners voiced their concerns and discussed in length various issues including the hours that the shelter is open, the impact on the adoption of the animals, revenue and the possibility of doing a dog census/increase in fees. Commissioner Mason requested that more discussion take place concerning the organizational structure of the shelter. It was further noted during the discussion that the Secretary position is still subject to furlough days effective May 2010.

Chair Banks called for a vote on the motion to restore the Secretary hours from 36 to 40 hours a week by a show of hands. Motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Shattuck voting no.

Prosecuting Attorney Office

Moved by Calley, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners restore the Assistant Prosecutor position, as well as, on-call time.

Chair Banks called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands. Motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Shattuck voting no.

MSU Extension Office

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for MSU Extension as presented.

Chair Banks called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands. Motion carried 4 to 3, with Commissioners' Shattuck, Vroman and Calley voting no.

Remonumentation

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for remonumentation to adjust the budget to reflect the \$15,707 reduction. Motion carried by voice vote,

Howe stated that due to the budget amendments made, the budget is unbalanced and a motion was needed to increase fund balance.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners increase the fund balance in order to balance the budget. Motion carried by voice vote, with Commissioner Shattuck voting no.

New Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between the County of Ionia and the City of Portland for the use of the City Council Chambers as a courtroom for 64A District Court. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between the County of Ionia and the City of Belding for the use of the City Depot as a courtroom for the 64A District Court at a rate of \$10 per month. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with MMH Centers, Ins., for services provided to Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court clients and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with Comprehensive Recovery Services, Inc., for services provided to Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court clients and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Administrative Services contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve amendment #2 to the Michigan Department of Community

Health FY 09/10 Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Ionia County Health Department and Meijer, Inc., that will allow the Ionia County Health Department to release anti-virals received from the State of Michigan to Meijer, Inc., for the treatment of uninsured or underinsured citizens of Ionia County. McCafferty answered various questions from the board. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table the Memorandum of Understanding for further review of the proposed agreement.
8. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling a Dispatcher position at Central Dispatch. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Budget Amendments

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Register of Deeds Remonumentation budget for 2009, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for Groundwater & Resource Recovery, increasing the attorney line item due to the lawsuit/appeal with Pitsch. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department's Forfeiture Fund/CMET match. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. An email was sent out to department heads concerning unpaid bills that were returned this month and is working to rectify the situation.

Commissioner Mason briefly updated the Board on Mid-South and further, introduced Janice Bunting, Gratiot County Commissioner.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning heating at the animal shelter.

Banks called for a brief recess at 9:09 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to enter into Closed Session to discuss the John Michael Molinares v Anthony Limine, Jr., lawsuit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners accept the recommendation from the county attorney and the insurance company to settle in the matter of John Michael Molinares v Anthony Limon, Jr., File No. 1:07cv0413, in the US District Court, Western District of Michigan, South Division, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk