

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Loren Gage, Lynette Seiler, James Valentine, Joel Palmer, Sr., Alex Doty, Bob Cusack, Stephanie Hurlbut, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: The vouchers for Banks, Tiejema and Powell were added to item #2 under the Consent Calendar; added item #8 under New Business and added one Executive Session. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning the Meth 101 Training he attended at Community Mental Health.

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 August 2009 - \$788,550.26
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$85,206.71

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

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Robert Reynolds, Larry Tiejema and Alice Forshey Luscher to the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Loren Gage, Park Manager, requested to lower cabin rental rates at Bertha Brock Park to \$25 during the fall season. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the cabin rental rates (starting after Labor Day until January 1st) to \$25 per night, including weekends. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, requested approval of a contract for fundamental funding for many Health Department programs. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Community Health and Ionia County Health Department Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement for FY 09/10, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. McCafferty discussed the internship program at the Health Department and requested approval of an agreement for the internship. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between Central Michigan University and Ionia County Health Department, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. McCafferty discussed the Netwerkes software that is used to provide claims, remittance and eligibility lookup for clients at the Health Department, and requested approval of the service agreement for the new fiscal year. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Netwerkes Service Contract, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. County Administrator, Mark Howe, requested the approval of an amended agreement with Wal-Mart for prescription prices. Howe stated that due to a lawsuit settlement that Wal-Mart was involved in, Wal-Mart needed to add language to the current agreement and further noted that the amendment does not change the pricing for prescriptions. A short discussion took place concerning having the prescriptions go out for bid. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended Prescription Agreement with Wal-Mart Stores. Motion carried by voice vote, with Vroman voting no.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Auditor Agreement with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. that will freeze the rates over the next three years. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the Chair on the State of Michigan Department of Human Services Contract amendment regarding the ICCFCC coordinator position. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Howe stated that a Freedom of Information Act request was recently submitted to the County, and the request was denied. Howe presented the Board with a copy of the request, as well as, a copy of the letter denying the request. The denial is now being appealed to the Board of Commissioners. A discussion took place concerning FOIA requests and why the request was denied. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners deny the appeal filed by Kimberly Orlich due to the following reasons:

- A) Court records are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.232(d);
and
B) There are no documents that exist that meet the criteria of the request (MCL
15.233(5)).

Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. A Resolution from the Road Commission regarding gravel roads will be coming to the Board shortly;
2. Had a discussion concerning a letter received from Christy Valentine with Concerned Citizens for Clear Air and Water;
3. Nicole Frost, who was the Park Manager for Ionia County, applied for the County Administrator position in Gratiot County and wanted to share with everyone that she will be signing a contract for the position. Congratulations, Nicole!

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

Banks called for a brief recess at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk