

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2010
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason (left at 5:01 p.m.), Powell, Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema and Banks

Members absent: Calley

Others present: JoAnne Eakins, Tom Thelen, Monte Starkweather, Stephanie Hurlbut, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Jim Valentine, Dwain Dennis, Dale Miller, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following items to be added to the agenda: Item #2 added under Consent Calendar; items #9, #10 and #11 added under New Business. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve Closed Session minutes from July 27, 2010

Banks stated that the minutes from July 27, 2010 would be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

The Closed Session minutes from July 27, 2010 were presented to the Board and the County Administrator for their review.

Banks requested that the Closed Session minutes from July 27, 2010 be pulled from the Consent Calendar to be discussed in Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Banks noted that each member was given a copy of the July 27, 2010 board minutes and explained the changes that were made to the minutes.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the July 27, 2010 board minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Juvenile Court Referee, Monte Starkweather, requested authorization to submit the annual Child Care Fund Report to the state. Starkweather answered questions from the Board. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of

Commissioners approve the Child Care Fund Report and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the part-time Youth Service Bureau Counselor position. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the bid from G.A. Frisch, Inc., for the replacement of a portion of the flat roof at the Ionia County Sheriff's Department, in an amount not to exceed \$20,640 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the bid from Signature Homes Contracting, LLC., for the new roof at the Ionia County Health Department, in an amount not to exceed \$17,570. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Secondary Road Patrol & Traffic Accident Prevention Program Application for 2011. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 4th amendment to the Michigan Department of Community Health Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the Environmental Sanitarian position at the Health Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor at the Health Department. JoAnne Eakins, Director of Personal Health, explained that the Health Department was awarded USDA funding for this position. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Ionia County Sheriff and Undersheriff, Dwain Dennis and Dale Miller, discussed the Deputy Clerk position that is currently vacant at the Department. Dennis requested that the responsibilities of this position be transferred to a Corrections Officer and eliminate the Deputy Clerk position. In addition, Dennis requested increasing the Corrections Officer position to a .75 and hiring two additional part-time officers at .50 FTE. A discussion took place on the savings this would be to the County. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Sheriff's Department to eliminate the Deputy Clerk position; increase the hours of the Corrections Officer that will be taking on the additional clerk duties and hire two additional part-time officers at a .50 FTE.

10. Howe presented the Board with a copy of the current vacation policy and proposed a change to the policy that would set forth the definition of “Years of Service”. Discussions continued on the amount of vacation time that should be given to an employee who has had continuous employment with the County, but has went from part-time to full time. Powell moved to have the vacation policy tabled. The motion died for lack of support. Chair Banks referred this issue back to the Personnel Committee.
11. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Chair’s signature on a letter to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners concerning the rail trail. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator’s report:

1. Reminder of workshop on Thursday, August 12, 2010
2. Discussed budget preparation
3. Discussed prescription drug issue with BCBS;
4. Discussed insurance claims
5. National Healthcare changes that will need to be done on the county level;

Commissioner Powell gave an update on the animal shelter.

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

Banks called for a brief recess at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to enter into Closed Session to discuss the Closed Session minutes from July 27th. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to approve the July 27th Closed Session minutes as was presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk