

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2010
6:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Mason, Powell, Shattuck, Vroman (left at 9:54 p.m.), Tiejema, Calley (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) and Banks

Others Present: Jim Valentine, Cliff Lazarus, Ed Hoopman, Fred Chapman, Larry Listerman, Gary Reisbig, Deb Thalison, Janet Jones, Phil Jones, Robert Dunton, Kenneth Olson, Dorothy Pohl, Richard Pohl, Frank Lance, Tim Antonides, Don Lehman, Jill Renucci, Jerry Renucci, Doug Wiley, Helen Wiley, Joe McCord, Lisa McCafferty, Jerry Tiemann, Tom Thelen, Larry Listerman, Dave Tucker, Mark Howe and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Cliff Lazarus commented on the Road Commission Board and Animal Control. Jerry Tiemann, Larry Listerman, Phil Jones, Bob Dunton, Richard Pohl and Doug Wiley commented on the Road Commission 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 November 2010 - \$819,098.68.
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$88,065.46

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to amend the December 14, 2010 board minutes by taking out the following wording in #4: "... \$20,000, and in addition, \$600 for supplies and new scales," Motion carried by voice vote.

Vroman submitted vouchers for per diem and mileage approval.

Powell requested to amend her voucher for per diem and mileage.

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

New Business

1. Banks called a brief recess at 6:36 p.m. to move the meeting to the Circuit Courtroom to conduct the interviews for the Road Commission Board. Upon relocation, Banks called the meeting back to order at 6:41 p.m. The following applicants were interviewed for the Road Commission Board: Ronald (Buzz) Possehn, Raymond Krieger, Herbert Cusack, Stephanie Hurlbut, Todd Babcock, William Weisgerber, Charles Minkley and Kenneth Gasper.

Banks called for a brief recess at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

2. Road Commission
 - a. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to accept Earl Strater's resignation from the Ionia County Road Commission Board effective January 15, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - b. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to adopt a Resolution to increase the size of the Ionia County Road Commission Board from three members to five members, with staggered terms. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Mason – yes; Powell – yes; Shattuck – no; Tiejema – no; Calley – no; Vroman – yes; Banks – yes. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MCL 224.6 provides the statutory mechanism for a county board of commissioners to expand the appointed membership of a board of county road commissioners from three (3) to five (5) members; and,

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has considered the question of expanding the appointed membership of the Board of Ionia County Road Commissioners from three (3) to five (5) members, and on December 14, 2010, prior to acting on this Resolution, held the public hearing on this question as required by MCL 224.6(6); and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, as provided for in the County Road Law, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, MCL 224.6, does hereby expand the appointed membership of the Board of Ionia County Road Commissioners from three (3) to five (5) members, effective January 1, 2011; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms for members of the Board of Ionia County Road Commissioners be staggered with one member serving a term to expire on December 31, 2016, two members serving terms to expire on December 31, 2014, and two members serving terms to expire on December 31, 2012. Members currently serving and appointed shall continue to serve the term for which they were appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

- c. The Board discussed the selection process of the applicants at length.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to appoint five Road Commissioners regardless of broad geographical location. Motion carried by voice vote.

The four available Road Commission Board terms to be filled are as follows:

- One six- year term expiring December 31, 2016
- One four- year term expiring December 31, 2014
- One partial term expiring December 31, 2014 (15 days short of a full four- year term due to the resignation of Earl Strater)
- One two- year term expiring December 31, 2012
- Fred Chapman will be the Road Commissioner At- Large member, with his current term expiring December 31, 2012.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to use the following procedure in determining which Road Commissioner would serve what term: Each County Commissioner would vote for four of the applicants, ranking them in order of preference. The applicant with the highest number of votes would be appointed to the longest term. Motion carried by voice vote, with Banks and Tiejema voting no.

The Commissioners voted for their choice of Road Commissioners' by ballot. County Administrator, Mark Howe and Deputy Clerk, Janae Cooper, tallied the votes. A second vote took place to break a tie between Gasper and Cusack. Cusack won the tie vote 4-3.

Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to appoint the following members to the Ionia County Road Commission Board with the following terms:

- Charles Minkley - six-year term, expiring December 31, 2016
- William Weisgerber – four-year term, expiring December 31, 2014
- Stephanie Hurlbut - partial term expiring December 31, 2014
- Herbert Cusack - two-year term expiring December 31, 2012

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioners' Mason and Banks and the County Administrator commended Commissioner Powell for her service to the Ionia County Board of Commissioners.

(Banks called for a brief recess at 9:48 p.m. to move the meeting back to the board room and reconvened at 9:54 p.m.)

3. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to approve the 3-year contract with Curtis Cleaners for dry cleaning services. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Michigan State University Extension Office and the County of Ionia to hire a full-time Program Coordinator with benefits to be paid by MSUE and the salary to be paid by the County. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Howe discussed the Liability Insurance Renewal. No action was taken by the Board at this time.
6. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to approve a two-year agreement between AT&T and Central Dispatch. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Appointments
Central Dispatch Board of Directors
 - a. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Gerald Skeltis, Greg Moore and Jani Millard to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. It was noted that the township officers will meet in January 2011 to recommend a township board representative at that time. Motion carried by voice vote.

Eight Cap Governing Board

- b. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint James Banks to the Eight Cap Governing Board. Motion carried by voice vote. Banks appointed Don Benjamin as his appointed representative.

Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission

- c. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to appoint Lynn Mason to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and to appoint James Lower as an alternate. Motion carried by voice vote.

Substance Abuse Initiative

- d. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to appoint Sharon Carlson to District 2 and Robert Cusack to District 6 Substance Abuse Initiative. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. Budget Amendments

- a. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to approve the budget amendment for Central Dispatch as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- b. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to approve the budget amendment for Bertha Brock Park as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- c. Year-End Budget Amendments

Building Inspection Fund

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to approve the budget amendment for the Building Inspection Fund as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Register of Deeds Automation Fund

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to transfer funds from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund to the General Fund to cover IT Services as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Special Investigative Fund

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to transfer \$1,000 to the Special Investigative Fund as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Animal Shelter Building Project

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to approve the budget amendment for the new Animal Shelter as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Human Services Program

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to approve the budget amendment for the Human Services Programs as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Banks called for a brief recess at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:48 p.m.

Moved by Calley, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes: - all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session and return to Regular Session at 11:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Banks, Chair

Janae Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:
