

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 9, 2010
Regular Meeting
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Shattuck, Tiejema, Mason, Vroman, Powell, Calley and Banks
Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Hurlbut, Linda Sanchez, Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Elizabeth Robins, Brent Schipper, Don Ransom, Holly Setter, Lisa McCafferty, Nancy Hickey, Margie First, Dan First, Garrett Emelander, Mark Howe, Shirley Thomas and Tonda Rich

Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning a letter he received from the Ionia County Sheriff's Department. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning the County Treasurer/proof of ownership. Garrett Emelander addressed the Board concerning the Road Commission, recalls and the Prosecutor's Office. Linda Sanchez addressed the Board concerning the Animal Shelter.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the PA 116 Farmland Preservation Request for Release of Part of an Agreement Prior to Expiration filed on January 7, 2010, for property located in Berlin Township, by Dusty Lane Farms. Motion carried by voice.

New Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2010 Clean Sweep Grant and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission for the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, requested authorization to fill a dispatcher position due to the retirement of another dispatcher, as well as, the consolidation with Belding's Dispatch. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the vacant full-time dispatcher position at the new hire rate, effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Tim Blackmer, IT Director for Ionia Public Schools, gave a Power Point Presentation concerning forming a coalition to build a fiber-optic network infrastructure with future redundancy within Ionia County, which will interconnect educational, non-profit, governmental and medical organizations to an IP network. Blackmer described in detail the steps involved for this project and asked for the County's participation/commitment. Brent Schipper, the County's Information Systems Technician gave his thoughts and opinions on the project and listed the benefits this network would bring to the County. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Governmental, Health, Library and Educational Institutions in a Mid-Michigan Cross Agency Collaboration. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the guidelines as presented by the Michigan Department of Community Health: Requirements for Body Art Facilities, 2007 PA 149; MCL 333.131101 et. seq., to be entered into the Health Department's Sanitary Code. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Lisa McCafferty, Health Officer, discussed the proposed changes to the Ionia County Health Department Agency Fee Schedule. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Agency Fee Schedule as presented.

Commissioner Tiejema questioned the change concerning the increase in the temporary campground fee. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners amend Mason's motion to approve the Agency Fee Schedule with the temporary campground fee staying at \$35.

Banks called for a vote by a show of hands on the motion made by Tiejema and supported by Powell, to approve the Agency Fee Schedule with the temporary campground fee staying at \$35. Motion failed for lack of support.

Banks called for a vote by a show of hands on the motion made by Mason and supported by Vroman, to approve the Agency Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried with Powell and Tiejema voting no.

7. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contractual allowance adjustment of \$8,877.32 and

write off adjustment in the amount of \$134 for a total adjustment of \$9,011.32 for the Health Department's fiscal year 2008. Motion carried by voice vote.

(Vice Chair Vroman acting in absence of Chair Banks at 4:40 p.m.)

8. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Register of Deeds, as presented, to adjust the remonumentation fund to match the State of Michigan's Grant figures. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department, as presented, to increase the state grant budget to reflect the actual amount received for FOC Bench Warrant Enforcement funds. Motion carried by voice vote.

(Chair Banks returns to meeting at 4:46 p.m.)

9. Commissioners' Banks, Vroman, Powell, Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom and County Administrator, Mark Howe, discussed the new animal shelter project. Discussions included the development plans for the construction of the new shelter, as well as, the financing of the shelter. A cost opinion was given to the Board, in an amount of \$788,055, with other unknown costs at this time. Each commissioner was given the opportunity to ask questions and voice their thoughts and opinions regarding the recommendation. Banks stated that approving the preliminary plans and cost opinion does not lock the County into the cost opinion and further stated that the project will go to bid.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the architect and construction manager to develop final plans for the construction of a new animal shelter as outlined in the preliminary plans and cost opinion and to put the project out for bids. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the county administrator to develop and submit to the Board an installment purchase agreement for the financing of the construction of a new animal shelter to borrow an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Motion carried by voice vote, with Shattuck voting no.

County Administrator's report:

- 1) Received a letter from the West Michigan Regional Planning regarding the dues;
- 2) Reminded the Board of the workshop scheduled on February 23rd at 3:00 p.m.
- 3) Gave a brief overview of the Finance Review Committee meeting;
- 4) Has received about 30% of the questionnaires back from department heads;

Banks recognized Dan First from the Orange Township board. First commented on the animal shelter.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning proof of ownership. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning county positions and commented on the animal shelter project.

Banks called for a brief recess at 6:37 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. 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 to settle in the matter of Candy Bussell v Ionia County, Case No. 1:08-CV-504, in the US District Court, Western District of Michigan, South Division, and authorize appropriate signatures.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk