

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Organizational Meeting**  
January 12, 2010  
3:30 p.m.

County Clerk, Tonda Rich, called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Jack Elliott, Nancy Hickey, Cheryl O'Connor, Sharyn Overton, Diane Adams, Stephanie Hurlbut, Holly Setter, Mari Droste, Don Ransom, Jim Valentine, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

**Organization of Board and Committees**

**1. Selection of Chairperson**

Clerk Rich opened up nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2010. Commissioner Tiejema placed the name of James Banks in nomination. Commissioner Powell supported the nomination.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for James Banks to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.

**2. Selection of Vice Chairperson**

Chair Banks proceeded to conduct the election of Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Mason placed the name of Mark Vroman in nomination. Commissioner Powell supported the nomination.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to closed nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Vroman to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.

**3. Review and Adoption of Board Rules**

Chair Banks discussed the Board Bylaws and the options available to the Board concerning the structure of having standing committees. Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and opinions of having standing committees; the option of keeping the meetings the way they are and/or "tweaking" the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Board Bylaws. Banks reminded the Board that with the adoption of the Board Bylaws, as presented, will include keeping the same meeting schedule. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda. Added item #2 to the Consent Calendar; added item #1 under New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the deputy situation that he discussed at the last board meeting and further commented on property taxes.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve Closed Session minutes from December 22, 2009

Banks noted that the Closed Session minutes include two separate sessions held on December 22, 2009, regarding union negotiations for deputies and District Court.

The Closed Session minutes were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

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

### **Appointments**

1. **Appointments to Standing Committee(s)**
  - A. Financial Review Committee
  - B. Grievance Hearing Committee

Chair Banks appointed Jack Shattuck, Larry Tiejema and Mark Vroman to the Financial Review Committee.

County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that the appointments made to the Grievance Hearing Committee, per the Board Bylaws, consist of the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and the representative appointed by the Board to serve on the Union Negotiations Bargaining Team. (Jack Shattuck was later appointed to the Bargaining Committee).

2. **Commissioner Appointments to Boards/Commissions**
  - A. Bargaining Committee Representative – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Jack Shattuck as the Bargaining Committee Representative. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium – Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to appoint Larry Tiejema to the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Community Corrections Advisory Board – Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to appoint Julie Calley to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Department of Human Services Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint Mark Vroman to the Human Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Green View Point Park Ad Hoc Committee – Moved by Calley, supported by Powell, to appoint Jack Shattuck to the Green View Point Park Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Ionia County Economic Alliance – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Amanda Powell to the Ionia County Economic Alliance. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Lake Boards – Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to appoint Amanda Powell to the Long Lake Board; appoint James Banks to the Jordan Lake Board and Larry Tiejema to the Morrison Lake Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

H. MAC Workers' Compensation Board – Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Jack Shattuck to the MAC Workers' Compensation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

I. Road Commission – Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to appoint Jack Shattuck to the Road Commission Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

J. Tax Allocation Board – Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to appoint Julie Calley to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Legal Counsel – Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Peter Cohl as the County's legal counsel. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Department Heads**

A. Administrative Health Officer – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Lisa McCafferty as the Administrative Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Building Codes Official – Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to appoint Don Sult as the Building Codes Official. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Equalization Director – Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to appoint Cheryl O'Connor as the Equalization Director. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Medical Examiner – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Dr. James Banner as the Medical Examiner. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

1. Banks acknowledged the filing of a PA 116 from Dusty Farms. In reviewing the information presented from the land owner, it was the consensus of the Board to request more information concerning the detachment of the two acres. Rich stated she would notify the property owners.

**County Administrator's report:**

1. Commended Cheryl O'Connor for a remarkable job this past year;
2. Stated that the City of Ionia is in the process of eliminating their building ordinance department.

Commissioner Mason commended James Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, for his involvement in the transition and discussions concerning Ionia County Central Dispatch taking over Belding Dispatch.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Board's appointment of legal counsel.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk