

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Chair Banks called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mason, Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley, Powell (arrived at 3:39 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Paul Spoelstra, Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Dale Miller, Bob Cusack, Lisa McCafferty, Don Ransom, Stephanie Hurlbut, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted one additional item to be added 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. Bob Cusack updated the Board on a Public Works meeting he attended and further commented on the Sanitary Code.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

1. Before proceeding with discussions on the Per Diem Policy, County Administrator, Mark Howe, discussed the procedure on bringing back an item to the agenda when it has been tabled.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the discussion concerning the Per Diem Policy be taken off the table. Motion carried by voice vote.

Comments from Commissioners were made on the current procedure/policy governing Per Diem vouchers submitted by Commissioners. Commissioners reviewed the proposed Per Diem policy. Suggestions were made that in the event that a Commissioner attends a meeting that relates to county business, but the meeting does not meet the criteria as stated in 1 – 4 in the Policy, then a brief explanation of what the meeting was for needs to be added to the voucher as well.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Per Diem Policy as presented, with the word “prior” taken out in item #5 under C, and to further submit an explanation for any meetings that are attended by Commissioners that do not meet the criteria as listed under C. 1 – 4. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Brenda Long, with the MSU Extension Office, introduced Don Lehman, who will be the new District 8 MSU Extension Coordinator. Lehman explained that due to reorganization, the Coordinators will be taking on the administrative duties for the Extension Offices, thus eliminating the Regional and County Extension Directors.
2. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract amendment with the Michigan Department of Human Services for Strong Families Safe Children Coordination Services, which increases the grant amount by \$1,047.60, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2011 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract between Ionia County and the Michigan Department of Human Services for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for services relating to child support establishment. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2011 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract between Ionia County and the Michigan Department of Human Services for the Friend of the Court Office for services relating to mandated court services. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Paul Spoelstra, with Milestone Wealth Management, discussed in length the county's investments and answered various questions from the Board. Spoelstra requested that the approval of the 2010 Investment Policy Statement (IPS) be approved by the Board, which is also the recommendation from the Pension Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Tiejema voiced his concerns and thoughts on the IPS.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2010 Investment Policy Statement, except for page 8 in the document. After further discussion among the Board, Commissioner Tiejema withdrew his motion.

Chair Banks stated that the recommendation from the Pension Advisory Committee is to approve the IPS, which includes page 8, and further asked Commissioner Tiejema, who chairs the Pension Advisory Committee, to make a motion on the proposed Investment Policy Statement. Commissioner Tiejema declined to make the motion.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2010 Investment Policy Statement, as presented. Discussions continued with Commissioners' voicing their thoughts/opinions on the proposed IPS.

Chair Banks called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands:

Yes votes: Vroman, Shattuck and Mason
No votes: Tiejema, Powell, Calley and Banks

Motion failed for lack of support and the matter was referred back to the Pension Advisory Committee.

6. Howe stated that there were 180 bids received on the Animal Shelter project. Howe further explained that there were 25 areas that the bidders had to bid on.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the construction of the Ionia County Animal Shelter for a total cost not to exceed \$798,000. Motion carried by voice vote, with Shattuck and Calley voting no.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the Construction Manager to accept bids for a construction cost of the Ionia County Animal Shelter not to exceed \$728,000. Motion carried by voice vote, with Shattuck and Calley voting no.

(Commissioner Calley left at 6:02 p.m.)

7. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the full time Corrections Officer position and subsequent open part-time Correction Officers position at the Ionia County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report

1. Updated the Board on the Central Dispatch surcharge appeal case;
2. On June 15th, a meeting will be held at the Orleans Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. where representatives from Pitsch Landfill will be requesting an increase of the cap at the landfill;

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Bob Cusack commended Commissioner Tiejema for his work/knowledge of the county's finances.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting 6:10 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk