

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

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

Members present: Powell, Mason, Vroman, Shattuck, Tiejema, Calley and Banks

Others present: Lacey Bull, Dorothy Pohl, Jason Eppler, Nancy Hickey, Bill Weisgerber, Fred Chapman, Tom Thelen, Jon Szerlag, Jim Valentine, JoAnne Eakins, Craig Wheeler, Deb Thailson, Deb Pung, Lisa McCafferty, Bob Cusack, Dwain Dennis, Dale Miller, Don Jandernoa, Stephanie Hurlbut, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Banks stated that Don Jandernoa has requested to be added to the agenda to give a park update. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Lacey Bulls and Deb Pung from the Health Department commented on the Travel Policy.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

New Business

1. Ionia City Manager, Jason Eppler, requested approval of the resolution authorizing the water and sewer refunding bonds for the City of Ionia. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution Authorizing Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds (City of Ionia), Series 2010. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes –all. (The Resolution is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
2. Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the District Court Day Report Program Contract with Satin Vandenberg for services provided to the 64A District Court and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Northpoint Counseling Services Contract in order to

obtain funds to pay providers from the Drug Court Grant funds. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Comprehensive Recovery Services Contract in order to obtain funds to pay providers from the Drug Court Grant Funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with MMH Centers, Inc. for services provided to Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court clients and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve changes to the Scope of Services and approve the Medical Services Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits and authorizing appropriate signatures. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes –all. (The Resolution is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
8. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Clean Sweep Grant with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the County of Ionia in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize increasing the existing Social Worker position (in-home substance abuse treatment) from a .6 FTE to a 1.0 FTE. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. Don Jandernoa gave an update on Greenview Point Park.
11. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the Travel Policy. Chair Banks gave those wishing to comment on the Travel Policy an opportunity to speak. Discussion included employees traveling to an occasional meeting verses those that travel daily for their job; the use of county owned cars and doing a tiered system verses using the IRS rate.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Travel Policy as presented.

Moved by Powell to table Tiejema’s motion until a reasonable savings can be found. Motion dies for lack of support.

Commissioner Tiejema withdrew his motion.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Travel Policy, as presented, effective January 1, 2011. Motion failed, with Commissioners' Mason, Powell, Vroman and Banks voting no.

12. Road Commission Discussion

Banks began the discussion on the Road Commission Board stating that there is one position that will be open on the Board as of January 1st with the possibility of another position becoming vacant as well. In the past, the Board has been approached requesting the Road Commission Board be made elective positions rather than appointed positions, and further that the Board membership be increased from three members to five members.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing to be held on December 14, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. for public comments concerning increasing the Road Commission Board from three members to five members.

County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that this would be done through a policy change.

Banks stated that any applications that the County has on file from those individuals interested in serving on the Road Board should be contacted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. The Employer's portion of the health insurance premiums will go up from 8.7% to 9.2%;
2. Details will be forthcoming regarding the change to the pension document;
3. Attended a Nuts and Bolts MSUE Presentation where a funding formula was provided;
4. Discussed contracting with the Soil District to do the resource recovery grant in exchange for the County's payment to the Soil District from the General Fund. Howe further indicated that Public Health plays a role in providing some of these services as well;
5. Ionia Economic Alliance update;
6. Hand out for New County Commissioner workshops that are being offered;
7. The City of Ionia has given funds for the sidewalk portion of the parking lot area project that is taking place by the maintenance garage.

Other Reports

Commissioner Powell gave an update on the animal shelter.

Commissioner Shattuck reminded everyone of the gun raffle at the Park.

Commissioner Calley commented on the new technology at the jail.

Public Comment

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Bob Cusack congratulated Brian Calley on the election of Lt. Governor.

Banks called for a recess at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
