

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

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

Members present: Mason (left at 4:00 p.m.), Tiejema, Vroman, Powell, Shattuck, Calley and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Brent Schipper, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Hurlbut, Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Lynette Seiler, Loren Gage, Nancy Hickey, Diane Adams, Don Ransom, Ron Schafer, Don Lehman, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #2 under the Consent Calendar; added items #10 and #11 under New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **2011 Budget**

Banks opened up the 2011 Budget Hearing. Jack Elliott commented on the budget.

1. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget as presented and to adopt the 2011 Budget Resolution. County Administrator, Mark Howe and Commissioners' Tiejema, Banks, Mason and Calley commented on the proposed budget.

The 2011 Ionia County General Appropriations Act Resolution was adopted by a roll call vote, with Commissioners' Calley, Powell and Tiejema voting no. (A copy of the 2011 Ionia County General Appropriations Act Resolution, as well as, the budget document are on file in the Clerk's Office).

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the budget. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning the Health Department.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve the Closed Session minutes from September 28, 2010

The Closed Session minutes were reviewed by the Board. Chair Banks requested that the Closed Session minutes be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion and

consideration. Banks noted that the review of the Closed Session minutes would take place in Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

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

### **New Business**

1. Brent Schipper, IS Technician, discussed the purchase of upgraded networking equipment, as well as, funding for the upgrade. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the bid from NeTech Corporation for the purchase of upgraded networking equipment in an amount not to exceed \$78,543, with \$40,914 to come from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund, \$3,073 to come from the Health Department, \$3,748 to come from District Court, and \$30,808 to come from the General Fund Designated Fund, Project IS-09-3. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the bid from Fire Pros for the installation of Reduced Pressure Zone Assemblies Systems at Commission on Aging, 64A District Court and the Courthouse, in an amount not to exceed \$10,360 with funds to come from the General Fund Designated Fund, Project BG-09-4 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended AAAWM Contract 51.54.3 for the state and federal funding for the 2011 Supportive Services, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended AAAWM Contract 61.54-2 due to an increase in the NSIP funding for congregate and home delivered meals, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended AAAWM Contract 61.54-3 due to an increase in funding for congregate and home delivered meals, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department Environmental Health Services Agreement between the County of Ionia and Gene Paez, and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Spreading of Millage. The

Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPREADING OF MILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the township and city assessors have certified to the county the various millage rates to be applied to the taxable valuation for the year 2010, including those to be spread for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, intermediate school, special education, community college and drains and special assessments, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction has certified that the requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31) and that the requested tax levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e and 211.24 , and

**WHEREAS**, the constitutional 50 mill limitation is not violated in any local unit of government, and

**WHEREAS**, the equalization director has made available for board review, copies of these certificates, and

**WHEREAS**, upon examination of the certificates showing the millage rates and appropriate amounts of money to be raised in the several townships and cities for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drain and other purposes, the information, as certified, appears to be correct, and

**WHEREAS**, no objections have been made to raising any such moneys by any taxpayer to be affected thereby.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners directs that such of the several amounts of millage proposed to be levied for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drains and all other purposes as shall be authorized by law, be spread upon the 2010 assessment rolls of the various townships and cities in Ionia County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each of the township and city assessors be allowed to correct any clerical errors they may find in their respective rolls, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board chair and clerk be authorized to sign the 2010 Tax Warrants as submitted by township and city assessors.

8. (The Drug Court discussion was held after the County Administrator’s report)

9. The Board acknowledged the filing of the following PA 116's:
  - Ronald Hoeksma
  - Hoeksma Farms
  - Simon Hoeksma Real Estate, LLC.
  - Simon Hoeksma (two filed)
  - Swisslane Farms, LLC
10. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the District Court Probation Officer position. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. Moved by Calley, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Clerk to sign and submit the application for Jail Reimbursement – Option A. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **County Administrator's report**

1. Updated the Board on the construction of the road being built at the new animal shelter site.

### **New Business (continued)**

8. Judge Kreeger discussed the Drug Court Planning Coordinator position and explained the purpose of a Drug Court. In addition, Kreeger discussed possible funding streams for a staff person that may be needed to carry out the job duties of the Drug Court. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the execution of the Drug Court Planning Contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Appointments**

It was the Board's consensus to have applications submitted and interviews conducted for those persons wishing to be appointed to the Ionia County Road Commission Board.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board on the pressure system (Physical Plant Director's report) and the Sobriety Court in District Court.

Banks called for a brief recess at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, to enter into Closed Session to discuss the Closed Session minutes from September 28, 2010. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Calley, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk