

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2010
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley (arrived at 3:35 p.m.), Mason, Powell (arrived at 3:50 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Nancy Hickey, Diane Smith, Bob Cusack, Jack Elliot, Dwain Dennis, Stephanie Hurlbut, Evelinda Onstott, William and Barbara Sedlar, James Valentine, Lisa McCafferty, Dale Miller, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

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

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Evelinda Onstott, William and Barbara Sedlar addressed the Board regarding the Orleans citizens that are dealing with the cockroach problem.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

1. Diane Smith, Director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance, addressed the Board concerning the Kitchen Incubator Project that was tabled at a previous meeting. Smith addressed the liability issue, as well as, how many other counties are participating in the Project. In closing, Smith requested a \$1,000 contribution from Ionia County. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution of Intent to Support a Kitchen Incubator for the Mid-Michigan Area. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: No, with Commissioner Mason voting yes.

New Business

1. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Strong Families/Safe Children Coordination Contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Budget Amendments
Sheriff's Department-Community Corrections – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for Community Corrections to reflect the extra \$300 in capital outlay. Motion carried by voice vote.

Register of Deeds – Remonumentation – Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for Remonumentation to reflect the actual amount of the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Speech Therapy Referral Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and the school districts for speech therapy referral service for 2010-2011. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Contract Amendment #7 to reflect a reduction in Community Grant funding for ABW match and to reflect the reallocation of funding from Ionia County PA2 to SPF-SIG funding. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Safe Communities Traffic Safety Grant Application that provides over-time funding for seatbelt and drunk driving enforcement, as well as for the purchase of child passenger safety seats. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of two police cruisers, not to exceed \$50,000. Sheriff Dwain Dennis and Undersheriff Dale Miller discussed the need for the new cars and stated that the funding was budgeted for in 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. County Administrator, Mark Howe, discussed in length the changes to the current employee health insurance. Howe stated that the Employee Benefit Task Force got together and went over the current plans with a target of eliminating 10%. In addition, Howe discussed a Health Savings Account (HSA) and asked the Board to consider partially funding the HSA.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Evelinda Onstott, Bob Cusack, Bill and Barbara Settler addressed the Board concerning the cockroach problem in Orleans Township. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Sheriff's Department.

Banks called for a brief recess at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Commissioner Tiejema left at 6:19 p.m.

Commissioner Calley left at 6:35 p.m.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session at 6:49 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk