

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
February 22, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Lower, Vroman, Banks, Calley and Shattuck
Members absent: Tiejema

Others present: Loren Gage, Jack Elliott, Jeff Radike, Bob Cusack, Paul Spoelstra,
Stephanie Hurlbut, Lisa McCafferty, Dale Miller, Dwain Dennis, Mark
Howe and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

Chair Shattuck noted the following additions to the agenda: Added Closed Session minutes from February 8th to the Consent Calendar; Added items H and I under New Business and noted that item D was two separate agreements, and last, added three Executive Sessions. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning changing the board meetings to night meetings and further commented on a FOIA request case that was remanded back to Circuit Court. Bob Cusack commented on a lawsuit in Sanilac County.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of January 2011 - \$748,011.24
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$88,548.60

Commissioner Lower requested to pull Commissioner Mason's per diem voucher for discussion. After discussion on Mason's voucher and hearing no further objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved, as well as, Commissioner Mason's per diem voucher.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Dan Zeigler for property located in Orleans Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Paul Spoelstra, the County's Pension Investor, discussed adding a Fully Paid Lending Program as a pension option. Spoelstra explained how the program works and the advantages of using this option. In addition, Spoelstra noted that this is a recommendation from the County's Pension Committee. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to add the Fully Paid Lending Program as a pension option and further authorize the County Administrator, Mark Howe and County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, to approve loaning the securities. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower voting no.
- B. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to approve the County's 2011 Investment Review and Proposed Allocations as presented by Paul Spoelstra. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Park Manager, Loren Gage, discussed the need to purchase a dump truck for the Park. Gage stated that there is not a big market for these trucks and has found one in Illinois. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve the purchase of a dump truck without having to submit bids and further, not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Household Waste Agreements
 - 1. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to approve the contract with Veolia Environmental Services, LLC, to handle the transportation, collection, recycling and disposal of wastes generated through the Ionia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to approve a one year agreement for \$75 with Comprenew for electronic collections. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to authorize the Ionia County Sheriff's Department to dispose unclaimed stolen property. Discussion took place concerning transferring the unclaimed property to the State to sell or to go through an auctioneer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Dale Miller, Undersheriff, discussed replacing three police cruisers. Discussion followed concerning the number of cars in the fleet and how the fleet is managed. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve the purchase of two cars from

the 2010 and 2011 Capital Funds, with all insurance proceeds deposited into the Capital Fund as well. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower voting no.

- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve option 3 of the 2011 Renewal Agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the county's liability insurance. The different options of coverage were discussed. Moved by Lower to amend the motion to approve option 4. Motion failed for lack of support. The Chair called for a vote on the original motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower voting no.
- H. Jeff Radike, Assistant Friend of the Court, discussed filling the Case Management Assistant position to be classified as temporary and without benefits. Radike explained the responsibilities of this position. The County Administrator stated that he is concerned with the downward trend in the cash balance over the years for the Friend of the Court Office and stated that a discussion needs to take place concerning staffing at the Friend of the Court Office. Moved by Lower to approve filling the Case Management Assistant position with an expiration/review date of December 31, 2011. Motion died for lack of support.

Howe stated that the county will risk losing money if this position is not filled and explained to the Board how the position is funded. Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to approve filling the Case Management Assistant position classified as a temporary position with no benefits and further the position will expire on December 31, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote, with Mason voting no.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to grant permanent status to the Child Support Specialist/Conciliator position at Friend of the Court. Motion carried with Lower and Shattuck voting no.

(Commissioner Calley left at 9:09 p.m.)

- I. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to authorize the County Administrator to work with the attorney to revise the interlocal agreement to add the City of St. Johns as a member of the Rail Trail Authority representing the Clinton County area. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

Reports

Shattuck requested that the Step Increase issue be put on the agenda for future discussions and would also like to put together an Ad Hoc Committee concerning the Friend of the Court staffing/budget issues.

County Administrator's Report

1. The Equalization Director is requesting to bring one of the positions in her office back up to 37.5 hours a week;
2. Presented a handout on the annual cost of a deputy. Howe stated that the Sheriff will negotiate a contract with those township/villages that are requesting a deputy.

Other Reports

Commissioner Lower discussed Michigan State University Extension Office Programs.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Friend of the Court office. Bob Cusack commented on the police cars and Board of Reviews.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to enter into Closed Session at 9:44 p.m. to discuss deputy union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn Closed Session at 9:50 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to enter into Closed Session at 9:51 p.m. to discuss correction union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to adjourn Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to enter into Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss animal control union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes –all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
