

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Organizational Meeting
January 11, 2011
3:30 p.m.

County Clerk, Tonda Rich, called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Loren Gage, Dick Pohl, Gregg Yeomans, Stephanie Hurlbut, Jim Valentine, Mari Droste, Sharyn Overton, Lisa McCafferty, Cheryl O'Connor, John Bush, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Organization of Board and Committees

1. Selection of Chairperson

Clerk Rich opened up nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2011. Commissioner Mason placed the name of James Banks in nomination. Commissioner Tiejema placed the name of Jack Shattuck in nomination.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to close nominations and record the votes by roll call vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

The roll call vote for Commissioner Banks for Chairperson:

Yes votes: Mason, Vroman and Banks

No votes: Lower, Shattuck, Tiejema and Calley

The roll call vote for Commissioner Shattuck for Chairperson:

Yes votes: Calley, Tiejema, Shattuck and Lower

No votes: Banks, Vroman and Mason

Commissioner Shattuck was elected as Chairperson for 2011.

2. Selection of Vice Chairperson

Chair Shattuck proceeded to conduct the election of Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Tiejema placed the name of Commissioner Lower in nomination.

Commissioner Mason placed the name of Commissioner Vroman in nomination.

Chair Shattuck placed the name of Commissioner Calley in nomination.

Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to close nominations and record the votes by roll call vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Calley respectfully withdrew her name from nominations.

Commissioner Lower was elected as Vice Chairperson by a roll call vote, with Mason, Vroman and Banks voting for Commissioner Vroman.

3. Review and Adoption of Board Rules

Discussion took place on various Board Rules:

- Commissioner Vroman presented the Board with a proposed Committee-of-the-Whole 2011 Reporting Schedule. Discussion followed concerning a time frame allotted to Department Heads for reporting at the Committee-of-the-Whole.
- The question was raised concerning the Finance Committee and if this committee was mandated. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated he would check on this.
- The word "Monday" in 5.1.2 of the Bylaws was changed to "Tuesday."
- Commissioner Tiejema requested that justification be given to add any agenda items the day of the meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Chair act as a "filtering mechanism" to add/justify items to be added to the agenda. Howe proposed adding #1 under Approval of Agenda for any discussion on items to be added and item #2 for the adoption of the agenda.
- Discussions continued concerning the time of the meetings. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to have the first meeting of the month start at 9:00 a.m. Due to work schedules, it was determined that a morning meeting would not work for everyone. Motion failed by voice vote. Chair Shattuck confirmed that the meeting times would stay the same.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to adopt the Board Rules as discussed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Agenda

Clerk Rich requested that the Closed Session minutes from December 21, 2010, be added to the Consent Calendar. Howe requested that the first Closed Session on the agenda be removed and under Other Appointments add item G. Central Dispatch Advisory Board.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Chair Shattuck opened up the first Public Comment period. Dick Pohl addressed the Board concerning the airport.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve Closed Session minutes from December 21, 2010

The Closed Session minutes from December 21, 2010 were passed out and reviewed by the Board. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Appointments

1. *Appointments to Standing Committees*

A. Financial Review Committee – no action taken.

2. *Commissioner Appointments to Boards/Commissions*

A. Airport Board – Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Commissioners' Vroman, Banks and Shattuck to the Airport Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors – Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to appoint Commissioner Tiejema to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Bargaining Committee Representative – Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to appoint Chair Shattuck as the Bargaining Committee Representative. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Commissioner Mason as a third member of the Bargaining Grievance Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Board of Public Works – Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to appoint Commissioner Lower to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium – Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to appoint Commissioner Tiejema to the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Central Dispatch Board of Directors – Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to appoint Commissioner Vroman to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Calley, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Commissioner Lower as an alternate member to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Community Corrections Advisory Board – Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to appoint Commissioner Calley to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

H. Department of Human Services Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Commissioner Vroman to the Department of Human Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

I. Green View Point Park Ad Hoc Committee – Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Chair Shattuck to the Green View Point Park Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

J. Ionia County Economic Alliance – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Commissioner Banks to the Ionia County Economic Alliance. Motion carried by voice vote.

K. Lake Boards – Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to appoint Commissioner Lower to the Long Lake Board, Commissioner Banks to the Jordan Lake Board and Commissioner Tiejema to the Morrison Lake Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

- L. MAC Workers' Compensation Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint Chair Shattuck to the MAC Workers' Compensation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - M. Midwest Michigan Trail Authority – Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to appoint Commissioner Banks to the Midwest Michigan Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - N. Park Advisory Board – Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to appoint Chair Shattuck to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - O. Pension Advisory Board – Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Commissioner Banks to the Pension Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - P. Planning Commission – Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to appoint Commissioner Mason to the Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - Q. Road Commission – Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to appoint Chair Shattuck to the Road Commission Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - R. Tax Allocation Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to appoint Commissioner Calley to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Legal Counsel – Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to appoint John R. McGlinchy from Abbott Nicholson PC Law Firm as Legal Counsel. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. ***Department Heads***
- A. Administrative Health Officer – Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to appoint Lisa McCafferty as the Administrative Health Officer for a one- year appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Building Codes Official – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Don Sult as the Building Codes Official for a one- year appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Central Dispatch Director – Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to appoint James Valentine as the Central Dispatch Director for a one- year appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. Animal Control Officer – Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to appoint Gordon Douglas as the Animal Control Officer for a two- year appointment. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower and Calley voting no.
 - E. Equalization Director – Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to appoint Cheryl O'Connor as the Equalization Director for a one- year appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. ***Other Appointments***
- A. Board of Public Works – Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to appoint Dorothy Pohl to the Board of Public Works for a three-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Don Benjamin to the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium for a one-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Park Advisory Board – Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to appoint Gregg Yeomans to the Park Advisory Board for a two-year term. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower and Shattuck voting no.

D. Pension Advisory Committee – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Don Ransom to the Pension Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Planning Commission – Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to appoint Jeff Sandborn to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Tax Allocation Board – no action taken due to no applicants. It was the consensus of the Board to have this vacant position posted on the County’s website for anyone interested in serving on this board.

G. Central Dispatch Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to appoint Gerald Tiemann to the Central Dispatch Board for a two-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the two Farmland Agreements filed by Mona and Adam Reiff for property located in Ionia Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to approve reducing the Planning Commission membership from nine members to seven members. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator’s Report

1. Brief discussion on liability insurance;
2. Discussed the vacancy of the Veteran’s Counsel due to the retirement of John Geisen. Commissioner Mason agreed to meet with the County Administrator on this issue.

Public Comment

Chair Shattuck opened up the second Public Comment period. Gregg Yeomans commented on the Planning Commission.

The Chair called for a recess at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:24 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to enter into Closed Session at 5:24 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to enter into Closed Session at 5:49 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve the Letter of Understanding with the Ionia County Animal Shelter union concerning a wage freeze and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 6:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to enter into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to adjourn Closed Session at 6:23 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
