

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2011
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Robbie Mutschler, Jason Eppler, Lisa McCafferty, Nancy Hickey, Don Lehman, Diane Adams, Lynette Seiler, Ron Schafer, Chip Holcombe, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

1) Consideration of additional items

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

Public Comment

Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, presented Commissioner Calley with a Certificate of Completion for Substance Abuse Training 101. Village of Clarksville Trustee, Robbie Mutschler, discussed the concern of residents in the village regarding a fox.

Consent Calendar

1) Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement, File No. 11-007FA, filed by Thomas and Loree Read for property located in Ronald Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Jason Eppler and Chip Holcombe met with the Board to discuss the purpose of the Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) and how ICEA has partnered with The Right Place, Inc. for the purpose of supporting economic growth in Ionia County and to increase regional marketing efforts in West Michigan. Holcombe explained that the financial commitment of the County, as well as, the private and other public investors is needed to enable ICEA to sign a contract with The Right Place, Inc. to begin the search for a new Business Development Coordinator. Eppler and

Holcombe answered various questions from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss/review the funding during their budget workshops.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to approve the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract between Ionia County and the Department of Human Services. Ron Schafer, Ionia Prosecuting Attorney, explained that the contract provides a 66% reimbursement of expenses incurred by the County for child support establishment. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to appoint Stephanie Hurlbut, Interim County Administrator, as the member representative for the County's liability insurance, effective June 19, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports

Lisa McCafferty stated that the new animal shelter has received a certificate of occupancy and that the move will take place shortly. In addition, McCafferty noted the resignation of one of the part-time animal control officers.

Stephanie Hurlbut reported that she has completed the budget meetings with department heads.

Commissioner Mason noted that she will be on vacation and will miss the next two board meetings.

Public Comment

None was given.

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes Approved On:
