

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Loren Gage, Jack Elliott, Cliff Lazarus, Don Lehman, Dwain Dennis, Bob Cusack, Mike Callton, Jeff Radike, Deb Thailson, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Dale Miller, Rick Norman, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Single Point of Entry for the courthouse and the Land Bank Authority. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning back taxes/properties. Cliff Lazarus thanked the Board for the new animal shelter and further addressed the Board concerning a dog census.

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 June 2011 - \$1,444,770.88
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$134,947.46

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Thomas Lee to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. State Representative, Mike Callton, gave a legislative update that included medical marijuana regulations (or lack thereof) and the upcoming “comfort clubs.”
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan’s Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2012. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to approve the hosting services from Red Horse Geographics to setup, host and maintain an internet mapping service and map viewer for Ionia County for 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$3,600 and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Deb Thailson, Community Health Director, requested the Board’s approval and support for the FY 2011/2012 Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative Implementation Plan. Thailson explained to the Board how the plan works and further explained the prevention and treatment components of the Plan. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the 2011/2012 Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative Implementation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Sheriff Dwain Dennis and Undersheriff, Dale Miller, discussed the installation of a camera system in the lobby of the Ionia County Sheriff’s Department. Dennis stated that the current system does not have the capacity to save video for more than two days and discussed the possibility of an upgrade. No action was taken on the camera system upgrade due to lack of a motion.
- F. Circuit Court Judge, Suzanne Kreeger, Rick Norman, Emergency Manager and Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, discussed the proposed plan to go to a single entrance for the courthouse. It was the consensus of the Board to have this matter placed on the agenda for the August 9th board meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- G. Budget Amendments

Sheriff’s Department– Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff’s Department to reflect the contributions toward marine patrol. Motion carried by voice vote.

Bertha Brock Park – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the budget amendment for Bertha Brock Park to use the donations made to the park for mosquito spraying and replacing/fixing the pavilion roof(s). Motion carried by voice vote.

MSU Extension – Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to approve the budget amendment for MSU Extension Office to increase the hours of the 4-H Assistant with funds to come from the Educator position. Motion carried by voice vote.

Interim County Administrator's Report:

- 1) Updated the Board on the 2012 budget

Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Lower, Vice Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
