

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**March 8, 2011**  
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Shattuck

Others present: Don Jandernoa, Tom Thelen, Charles Babcock, Brent Schipper, Jim Valentine, Darlene and Ken Thompson, Diane Adams, Sug Pinnow, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

A. Consideration of additional items

The Closed Session minutes from February 22, 2011 (three sets) were added to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

- Ken Thompson addressed the Board regarding Closed Sessions.
- Don Jandernoa requested that a discussion concerning Greenview Point Park be added to the agenda.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to add Greenview Point Park discussion under New Business. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Consent Calendar**

A. Approve minutes of previous meeting(s)

Closed Session minutes were presented and reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Calley requested to pull the three sets of minutes for further discussion. (Closed Session minutes are discussed in Closed Session).

**New Business**

1. Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to approve filling the District Court Compliance Officer position, with the authority to backfill the position if the Compliance Officer position is filled from within. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the revisions to the Health Department Fee Schedule, as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the Capital Fund. County Administrator, Mark Howe, Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom and Information Technician, Brent Schipper, answered various questions from the Board. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve the Capital Improvement Budget and Plan. (A copy of the Plan is on file in the Clerk's Office). Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Don Jandernoa discussed the Greenview Point Park.

## **Reports**

### County Administrator's Report

1. The adoption rate on cats has decreased and it is being recommended that the adoption fee be lowered for cats at the Animal Shelter. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to lower the adoption fee for cats to \$25 for the month of March. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower voting no.

## **Public Comment**

Ken Thompson commented on the County's finances.

Lower called for a recess at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

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

(Commissioners Mason and Vroman left at 5:07 p.m.)

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:21 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to enter into Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss the Closed Session minutes from February 22, 2011. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Calley, supported by Banks, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to approve the amended Closed Session minutes (all three sets) from February 22, 2011 as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Calley, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James Lower, Vice Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:

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