

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**September 13, 2011**  
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Paul Spoelstra, Jeff Belmont, Rick Norman, Jim Valentine, Tom Thelen, Deb Thailson, Don Lehman, Jon Szerlag, Lisa McCafferty, Sug Pinnow, Dale Miller, Dwain Dennis, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item B. Closed Session minutes from August 23, 2011 to the Consent Calendar and added item 3. to the Executive Session. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

### **Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes (I & II) from August 23, 2011

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

### **New Business**

- A. Paul Spoelstra and Jeff Belmont discussed the 2011 Investment Review and Proposed Allocations. Spoelstra and Belmont described how the Fixed Income, Stocks/Equity and Real Estate are invested and further discussed the new Floating Rate Funding. Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, to approve the 2011 Investments and Proposed Allocations as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the Chairperson's signature on the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, requested authorization to fill the Supervisor position, which has been vacant since April 2011. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve filling the Supervisor position at Central Dispatch, at a Grade 11, Step 2. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. As an FCC mandate, public safety radio frequencies have until January 1, 2013 to install and/or re-program all licensed frequencies from a 25 MHz to a frequency bandwidth of 12.5 MHz Valentine stated that for Central Dispatch to become compliant with this mandate, it will need to replace one repeater, three tower receivers and install a new fire repeater and control base. Because Chrouch Communication currently maintains all of the equipment, Valentine requested that the bid process be waived and to accept the quote from Chrouch Communications for \$48,936.94, which would be paid from Central Dispatch's Capital Outlay line item. Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, to authorize Chrouch Communications to procure, license and install the needed base radio and receiver equipment in an amount not to exceed \$48,936.94. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to approve and authorize appropriate signatures on the New Participant and Amended Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification forms. Sheriff Dwain Dennis stated that a CMET donation was given to the City of Belding and to make the City of Belding compliant, the Sheriff's Department needs to become a participant. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to approve amendment #3 of the Michigan Department of Community Health Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer, stated that the amendment is due to a reduction in bioterrorism funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to authorize the temporary hiring of Kay Houseman with paid hours not to exceed 20 hours total in September and October of 2011 to help staff some of the flu clinics. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to approve the amendment to the FY 2010-2011 Agreement between Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and the County of Ionia, on behalf of the Ionia County Health Department and authorize appropriate signatures. McCafferty stated that this amendment is due to additional funding in Women's Specialty. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment to reflect the additional funding for the Women's Specialty. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to authorize the cancellation of the Agreement between the County of Ionia and the Michigan Department of Human Services for the Coordination of the Strong Families/Safe Children Program and authorize appropriate signatures on a letter to the Department of Human Services notifying them of this action. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

Chair Shattuck called for a brief recess at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations concerning the Deputies, Deputies-Command and Corrections-Command Union. 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 4:26 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to approve the Settlement Agreement between the POAM Deputy Unit, COAM 312 Eligible Unit and the COAM non-312 Unit of Ionia County. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to enter into Closed Session at 4:27 p.m. to discuss union negotiations concerning Corrections Officers and Clerks Union (POAM). Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to regular session at 4:31 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to approve the tentative agreement with the Corrections Officers and Clerks Union (POAM). Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to enter into Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to discuss union negotiations concerning Central Dispatch. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to regular session at 4:43 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to ratify the signature of the Chairperson on the Letter of Understanding between the County of Ionia and the E-911 Central Dispatch Telecommunications Unit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:

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