

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2012
4:00 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: Doug DeVries, Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Jon Szerlag, Lynette Seiler, JoAnn Eakins, Barbara Trierweiler, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

The Chair noted one additional item to be added to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

No one addressed the Board.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes from March 27, 2012

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

New Business

A. Cheryl O'Connor, Equalization Director, presented the 2012 Equalization Report in compliance with Sec 211.34 - 1948, as amended by Act 6 of the Public Acts of 1981. The 2012 report indicates the assessed value of real and personal property in the county is \$1,808,632,549 and the 2012 taxable value of real and personal property in the county is \$1,468,635,321. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2012 Equalization Report, as presented, and further authorize all commissioners to sign the report. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, stated that Congress has designated the week of April 8th as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and in honor of the personnel at Ionia County Central Dispatch, Valentine requested the adoption of

the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Resolution. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The resolution is as follows:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK RESOLUTION
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We gather here to pay tribute to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service to our community.

WHEREAS, the week of April 8 – 14, 2012 has been designated as national Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in tribute to all public safety communications personnel; and

WHEREAS, Ionia County Central Dispatch is a vital link in the protection of life and property in Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch are a vital and highly valued part of Ionia County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their excellent and dedicated service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that they be highly commended and praised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, declares the week of April 8-14, 2012 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Ionia County and expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the personnel of Ionia County Central Dispatch for their faithful and dedicated service; and that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy be forwarded to the dispatch center.

C. Doug DeVries, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement with West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). DeVries stated that this agreement is in regard to the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program, and it sets forth the relationship and responsibilities between the WMSRDC, County of Ionia and Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Millage Request for fiscal year 2012 that will be presented to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Commissioners Vroman and Lower discussed the proposed Resolution to Phase Out Commissioner Health Insurance. Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to comment on the Resolution. Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to Phase Out Commissioner Health Insurance. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Mason, Vroman, Banks, Lower and Calley voting yes. Tiejema and Shattuck voting no. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION TO PHASE OUT COMMISSIONER HEALTH INSURANCE

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WHEREAS, health insurance costs have and will likely continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, revenues for the county general fund have steadily decreased; and

WHEREAS, county departments and employees have been asked to do more with less; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has passed into law Public Act 152 of 2011, which could ultimately lead to a higher rate of contribution towards health insurance costs by county employees;

WHEREAS, the following health insurance premium payment schedule to phase out commissioner health insurance benefits is hereby specified:

- During the 2013-14 term, commissioners shall pay 20% of the illustrated rate;
- During the 2015-16 term, commissioners shall pay 30% of the illustrated rate;
- During the 2017-18 term, commissioners shall pay 40% of the illustrated rate;
- During the 2019-20 term, commissioners shall pay 50% of the illustrated rate;
- And during all future terms, commissioners shall pay 100% of the illustrated rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners agree to adopt the aforementioned health insurance premium payment schedule to phase out commissioner health insurance benefits.

Chairperson's report:

- 1) Update on the hangar project at the airport.

County Administrator's report:

- 1) Received the determination letter from the IRS;
- 2) The Audit Committee will be meeting on May 10, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema gave a brief update on his review of the Anti-Fraud Policy. Secondly, Tiejema requested that the facilities committee gather information on what the county has and how much can the county afford to put toward projects that are needed.

Commissioner Mason announced that Gary VanNorman from Mid-South will be at the Committee-of-the-Whole next week.

Commissioner Lower congratulated Commissioner Mason who was nominated as Chairperson for the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission.

Commissioner Vroman gave a brief update on the facilities committee meeting that was held earlier in the day. Vroman stated that the committee will be developing a time line.

Commissioner Calley announced it was Commissioner Lower's birthday and wished him a Happy Birthday.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: _____
