

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
December 11, 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: Tom Thelen, Doug Hyland, Mark Jones, Doug DeVries, Deb Thailson, Ken Bowen, Jim Valentine, Cheryl O'Connor, Lisa McCafferty, Loren Gage, Diane Adams, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

Chair Shattuck noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #5 under Appointments and item B. under the Consent Calendar. Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, 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 from November 29, 2012 (3 sets)

The Closed Session minutes from November 29, 2012 were presented and reviewed by the Board. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Doug Hyland, Muir Village President, met with the Board to continue discussions on the County's allocation for the repair of the bridge that crosses the Maple River. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to allocate \$45,000 per year for a period of three years (2015, 2016, 2017), beginning in 2015 to the Muir Bridge Project, with funds to come from the same fund being used for the Cleveland Street Project.

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, answered questions from the Board and discussed the funding/balance of the Capital Fund. Commissioner Mason voiced her concern with the village having to wait until 2015. Commissioner Vroman stated that allocating funds over a three year period is being consistent with what the Board voted on for the Cleveland Street project. Commissioner Calley suggested that a policy be adopted for future requests that sets forth guidelines the Commissioners can use when making these decisions. Commissioner Banks voiced his concern stating he was not

comfortable with these “snap” decisions and for that reason, he would be voting no on the motion.

Commissioner Lower called the question.

Commissioner Mason motioned to table the allocation to the Muir Village Bridge until December 18, 2012. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Shattuck called for the vote on the original motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with Shattuck and Banks voting no.

New Business

- A. Hurlbut stated that item A. should have been removed from the agenda.
- B. Equalization Director, Cheryl O'Connor, stated that the Equalization Study has been completed and mailed to the State of Michigan. O'Connor stated that the market is leveling out. A brief discussion took place concerning the elimination of the personal property tax.
- C. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine and Cheryl O'Connor, discussed amending the Address Ordinance, Article VII, Sec 7.01, which addresses the Appeal Process. Valentine stated that the current process for a citizen that wishes to appeal their address change has become quite time consuming, especially when trying to coordinate a date, time and location for the appeal hearing with the working schedules of the members and the property owners. Valentine proposed having the Central Dispatch Advisory Board also serve as the Addressing Appeal Board. Valentine stated that the Advisory Board currently meets monthly which would allow for a more efficient appeal process and schedule flexibility.

Commissioner Banks requested that the proposed amendment to the Ordinance be given to the Board for their review before the next meeting.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the Central Dispatch Director and Equalization Director to submit the proposed amendment to the Addressing Ordinance, Article VII Sec. 7.01 regarding the membership of the Appeal Board and to bring it back before the Board for approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to approve the three Drug Court contracts with Comprehensive Recovery Services, Inc., North Kent Guidance and ViewPoint Counseling. Commissioner Tiejema stated that the information provided does not give sufficient clarity of what these contracts are for. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to table this matter until more detailed information is given. Motion carried by voice vote, with Mason voting no.

- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the Medical Services agreement with Mid-Michigan Correctional Care PC (Dr. Messenger) for jail medical services starting January 1, 2013 for the term of one year. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to approve the 2013 Marine Grant Application. It was noted that last year's grant amount was approximately \$5,700. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant for FY 2013 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to approve the Body Transport Contract with Lake Funeral Home for body transport services for 2013 – 2014 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the contract between Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Ionia County Health Department for FY 2012 – 2013 that will continue funding for environmental health programs including groundwater protection, drinking water safety, septage disposal, campground and pool inspections. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to approve the ICSAI funding allocation for FY 2012 – 2013. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Tiejema thanked Deb Thailson, Lisa McCafferty and Commissioner Mason on their efforts regarding the Substance Abuse Initiative.
- K. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the proposed timber sale of the west hill as outlined in the Forest Management Plan for Bertha Brock Park with specific diameters of timber harvested to be no less than 22" on the proposed site. Bertha Brock Park Manager, Loren Gage, stated that this will generate some revenue and with that revenue, the County will be reimbursed for the payment of the Study. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report

- 1) The County Auditors are here
- 2) Hurlbut is working on year end and budget amendments

Chair Shattuck requested input from the Board on how to handle the upcoming Road Commission appointment. It was the consensus of the Board to hold interviews at the December 18th meeting and that the questionnaires are to be given to the candidates before the meeting so each candidate has ample time to review the questions that will be asked at the interview.

Commissioner Vroman stated that a recommendation will be given to the full Board from the Facilities Committee at the next meeting as well.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved by:
