

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 14, 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: Jason Eppler, Jim Valentine, Loren Gage, Jon Szerlag, Lisa McCafferty, Lynette Seiler, Judy Kalmanek, Carol Brown, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

The Clerk requested the approval of the Closed Session minutes from January 24, 2012 be added to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Lower, supported by Mason, to 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 the Closed Session minutes from January 24, 2012

The Closed Session minutes were reviewed by the Board. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the PA 116 Application for Farmland Agreement (local file no. 12-001FA) filed by Robert S. Baker, for property located in Campbell Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Judy Kalmanek, Chairperson for the Committee to Promote Senior Citizen Millage for Ionia County and Lynette Seiler, Commission on Aging Director, discussed the proposed Senior Citizen Millage that would appear on the August 7, 2012 ballot. Kalmanek stated that by renewing the previously authorized millage of 0.375 mill and adding a new millage of 0.125 mill (for a total of 0.500 mill) would support senior citizen activities. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested authorization to send the resolution with the proposed ballot language to the county

counsel for legal review. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the County Administrator to obtain a legal review of the proposed resolution supporting a Senior Citizen Services Millage. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, requested authorization to fill a vacant dispatcher position. Valentine stated that there are three positions vacant, but requested to fill two of the positions on a part-time basis with former dispatchers. Valentine stated this would only be temporary. Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to authorize the Central Dispatch Director to hire part-time dispatchers on a temporary basis. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Chair Shattuck acknowledged the filing of PA 116 Application for Farmland Agreement, local file number 12-002FA, filed by Brian Thompson for property located in Campbell Township.
- D. Commissioner Mason discussed the amendment to the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority Local Agreement. Mason stated that the amendment is to Section B. Board Members. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the amendment to Section B. of the Inter-Local Agreement for the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Jason Eppler, Ionia City Manager and Stephanie Hurlbut, County Administrator, discussed the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Due to the recent resignation of Rick Norman, Hurlbut and Eppler proposed contracting with the City of Ionia for this service. Discussions included the cost/savings for the county, as well as, housing the Emergency Management Coordinator at Central Dispatch. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ionia and County of Ionia for Emergency Management Coordinator Services. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's Report:

- 1. Loren Gage, Bertha Brock Park Manager, received a plaque from the Chamber of Commerce honoring Bertha Brock Park for 80 years of service.
- 2. Discussed a grant that was applied for by the Sheriff's Department that would help fund or possibly fund cameras for court security.
- 3. Briefly discussed the status of the Single Point of Entry.

Reports

Commissioner Mason discussed the Rails-to-Trails, Mid-South update and the upcoming Adult Spelling Bee for the Ionia Literacy Council.

Commissioner Lower commented on Mid-South as well.

Commissioner Vroman discussed the 31 turbines that were approved by the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals. The turbines are going to be installed in Odessa and Sebewa Townships. Commissioner Calley stated she attended a Community Mental Health Conference.

Public Comment

Lisa McCafferty introduced Ken Bowen, Environmental Health Supervisor. Jim Valentine commended the County Administrator on the handling of the Emergency Management Coordinator position.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk