

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Jon Szerlag, Jen Marhoff, Lisa McCafferty, Andrea Lask,
Marilyn Smith, Suzanne Hoseth-Kreeger, Stephanie Hurlbut and
Shirley Austin

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested to add items G. and H. under New Business. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no public comment.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Mason stated a fact of interest.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of January 2012 - \$1,417,717.59
- D. Approve payment of the Health Fund bills - \$77,328.08

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved, which included Commissioner Banks' voucher for December 2011.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Lower, supported by Mason, to appoint Mark Howe to the Ionia County Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Brian Thompson (local file no. 12-002FA) for property located in Campbell Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to open up the Public Hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Homeowner Rehabilitation Grant. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Marilyn Smith discussed the grant and explained that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners would need to recommend to the Grant Committee two or three local communities in the county as “place making communities” which the grant would be split giving 50% to the recommended communities and the other 50% to go to the remaining communities in the county. Smith stated that no set amount for these funds has been set yet.

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Application for a CDBG Grant. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ionia County is interested in continuing efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low-to-moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners recommends that Ionia County continues to make application for county allocation funds for housing rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners is requesting application for \$275,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorizes an application for funding be made through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s Housing Resource Fund.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners recommend the City of Belding and the City of Ionia as the “place making communities.” Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to ratify the signatures on the FY2012 Office of Highway Safety Grant Award and Contract. Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Kreeger stated that the 8th Circuit Court has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to be

used for Adult Drug Court. Kreeger stated that these funds are going to benefit both Ionia and Montcalm Counties. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to move the Animal Care and Control budget from the General Fund to the Health Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Stephanie Hurlbut as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Doug DeVries as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to approve the Anti-Fraud Management Policy as presented. Amendments to the implementation will be submitted to the Board after discussion at the next department head meeting and the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Discussion took place concerning the purchase of the T-Hangar from Murphy Management, which is located at the Airport. The Airport Board has had a property lease agreement with Murphy Management for many years and the Murphy's have contacted the Airport Board indicating that they wish to sell their T-Hangar. The Airport Board has offered the Murphy's \$30,000 and the offer was accepted. Commissioner Banks stated that the hangar is in need of repairs. Commissioner Mason moved to loan \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Airport Board for the purchase of the hangar. After further discussion, Mason withdrew her motion. Discussions continued regarding the cost of the repairs, as well as, closing costs. Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, authorizing no more than \$45,000 from the Capital Fund to the Airport Fund, for the purchase and repairing of the T-Hangar and further, with the understanding that the funds are to be paid back by the Airport. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. A brief discussion took place on forming an ad hoc committee for interviewing two or three law firms that would be interested in becoming the county's legal counsel. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Stephanie Hurlbut, Jim Banks and Ron Schafer to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committee

Personnel Committee

Commissioner Banks reported on a new policy concerning drug testing for county employees. The Committee will review and compare policies from other counties and make a recommendation to the Board in the near future.

Planning Commission

Commissioner Banks reported that the meetings of the Planning Commission will stay in a "holding pattern" at this time.

There was no Public Comment given.

Chair Shattuck called for a brief recess at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to enter into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a pending lawsuit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Shirley Austin, Deputy Clerk