

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 26, 2012  
7:00 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: Loren Gage, Jim Valentine, Tom Thelen, Lisa McCafferty, Don Ransom, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

A. Consideration of additional items

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Chair opened up the first Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

**Did You Know?**

Commissioner Lower 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 May 2012 - \$1,422,509.24
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$114,964.33

Commissioner Mason requested the correction of the word "Frannie" to "Fannie" in the June 19<sup>th</sup> board minutes and further requested that the per diem on her voucher for the meeting of May 22, 2012 be changed to \$25.

Commissioner Lower requested that the per diem on his voucher for the meeting of May 10, 2012 be changed to \$75.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amendment to the June 19, 2012 board minutes and

to also approve the amended vouchers for Commissioners Mason and Lower as noted. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint William Kavanagh to the Ionia County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a three year lease agreement with Neopost for the mail machine meter at a cost of \$960 per year, and the maintenance agreement at the cost of \$764.35 per year and to authorize signatures on both agreements. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, discussed the need for the reconstruction of the parking lots located adjacent to the courthouse and the lots located on the west and east sides of the Friend of the Court building. Ransom described the reconstruction process and stated he received three bids with the lowest bid submitted by Buck Garland Excavating. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an agreement with Buck Garland Excavating for the reconstruction of the county parking lots at a cost not to exceed \$88,340.

Discussions continued concerning parking for the employees and being able to get in and out of the Friend of the Court building while the reconstruction is taking place. Commissioner Vroman discussed facility planning and the uncertainty of the Friend of the Court building. Vroman questioned Ransom on the possibility of holding off on the Friend of the Court parking lots reconstruction until after the Facility Planning Committee brings a recommendation to the full Board. Commissioner Banks stated that he was not in favor of reconstructing the lots at this time, again, due to the uncertainty of the FOC building.

Commissioner Tiejema moved to amend his motion, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an agreement with Buck Garland Excavating for the reconstruction of the east parking lot located next to the Friend of the Court building, not to exceed \$47,350, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Loren Gage, Park Manager, stated that due to the recent passing of the new fireworks law, he is requesting the Board to adopt a Fireworks Policy for Bertha Brock Park and Greenview Point Park that would prohibit fireworks in both parks due to fire and safety reasons. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Fireworks Policy for Ionia County Parks effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an agreement between Sanford Brown College and Ionia County Animal Care and Control for externship opportunities that will allow the students to focus/work on the veterinary technology, and authorize the signature of Lisa McCafferty, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution Mandating the Purchase of American Made Flags. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION MANDATING THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN MADE FLAGS  
2012-8**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Snyder has signed into law Public Act 167 of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, State owned buildings will be required to display American made flags; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 167 of 2012 exempted local governments from the American made flag requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners believes the symbol of our nation should be manufactured in this nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the government of Ionia County will purchase and display only American made flags.

- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners amend the Anti-Fraud Management Policy to add Section G - Fraud Detection and Prevention. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Drug Testing Policy 200.118 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Member Certification and Governing Body Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**MEMBER CERTIFICATION AND GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION  
2012 - 9**

As provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the Employer's policy there under, the additional credited service described above is hereby granted this Member by Resolution of the Governing Body of Ionia County, at its meeting on June 26, 2012. The Employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and actual experience will affect the true cost of the additional service. For example, changes in benefit programs through adoption or transfer of the affected employee to a division with "better" benefits; increases in wages other than 4.5% per year; and changes to the anticipated date of termination, will affect the actual cost of the additional service (increase or decrease). Thus, actual future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than that estimated. The Employer understands and agrees that it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

## Reports

Chair Shattuck stated he had a meeting with the county attorney concerning negotiations and received direction on the upcoming union negotiations.

Commissioner Mason gave a brief update on Mid-South.

There was no public comment

Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 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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