

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 13, 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: Dorothy Pohl, Wayne Schoonmaker, Tom Thelen, Jon Szerlag, Dwain Dennis, Don Lehman, Mark Jones, Don Jandernoa, Bernard Russell, Jim Valentine, Lynette Seiler, Robert Reynolds, Lisa McCafferty, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

County Clerk, Tonda Rich, requested to add the approval of the Closed Session minutes from February 28, 2012 to the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Don Lehman from MSU Extension stated that the vacant position at MSUE has been filled.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes from February 28, 2012

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Robert Reynolds, Committee to Promote Senior Millage for Ionia County and Lynette Seiler, Director of Commission on Aging, discussed the proposed Senior Millage to appear on the August 7th Primary ballot in Ionia County. Stephanie Hurlbut, County Administrator, stated that the millage language has been reviewed by legal counsel. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the Resolution approving the language of the senior citizen millage

that will appear on the August 7th Primary ballot in Ionia County. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
2012-1**

WHEREAS, the voters of Ionia County supported .0375 mill special tax 2006 to fund senior services within Ionia County, which millage provided authorization through the 2013 tax levy, and will be collected in 2014, and continued levy of this tax in 2014 and thereafter requires voter reauthorization; and

WHEREAS, Act 39 of the Public Acts of 1976 expressly authorizes the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ionia to appropriate funds to public or private non-profit corporations or organizations for the purpose of providing activities or services to the older persons, being individuals sixty (60) years of age or older of said County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ionia has appropriated funds to the Ionia County Commission on Aging as the public non-profit organization eligible to receive funds appropriated for the purposes of planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to the older persons; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ionia seeks to have the voters of said County determine whether or not they desire to continue to raise additional funds for the purpose of supportive activities directed toward the provision and improvement of senior citizen services by an ad valorem property tax levy of 0.500 of one (1) mill for a period of eight (8) years, 2014 through 2021, inclusive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Ionia at the next State Primary Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 7, 2012:

**SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the County of Ionia levy up to 0.500 mill (\$0.500 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of eight (8) years, 2014 through 2021, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing operating millage for the funding of Senior Citizen Services? (If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$674,853 for countywide Senior Citizen Services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value). This proposal is a renewal of a previously voter authorized millage of 0.375 mills and a new additional millage of 0.125 mills.

Yes ()

No ()

2. Said proposition shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the manner provided by law.

3. All Public Officials of the County of Ionia, State of Michigan, and all Governmental units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law, be and are directed to perform all acts which shall be necessary to be performed in order to submit the above stated proposition to the duly qualified voters of said County at the State Primary Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

4. It is further ordered that a certified copy of said proposition be filed with the County Clerk as required by law.

New Business

A. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to open up the Public Hearing at 4:15 p.m. on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Community Development Block Grant Number MSC 207015-EDIG - Herbruck's Poultry Ranch Infrastructure Project. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Shattuck, on behalf of the Board, thanked Herbruck's for donating funds for the project, as well as, the jobs this project has created.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to close the Public Hearing at 4:18 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to open up the Public Hearing at 4:19 p.m. on the proposed grant application for Green View Point Park. Motion carried by voice vote.

Don Jandernoa, Chair of the Green View Point Park Committee, discussed the grant application and what the funds would be used for. The Commissioners' thanked Jandernoa for his continuing efforts and his dedication to the park. Moved by Lower, supported by Mason, to close the Public Hearing at 4:26 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Commissioner Tiejema discussed adding wording to the Resolution for Green View Point Park Recreation Grant Application that states that the local match of the grant would come from the Green View Point Park Restoration Project Committee.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to adopt the Resolution to Submit a Recreation Grant Application for Green View Point Park with the added language as recommended by Commissioner Tiejema. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION
GREEN VIEW POINT PARK
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the County of Ionia has prepared a recreation plan intended to guide future recreational projects and financing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ionia has previously undertaken construction of improvements that have had a positive impact on Green View Point Park; and

WHEREAS, the recreation plan has identified the need for additional improvements to Green View Point Park; and

WHEREAS, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has determined it to be in the best interest of the County to apply for state and/or federal monies to assist in the financing of said improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Ionia does hereby authorize the County Administrator to submit an application to the DNR for a grant for recreation improvements at Green View Point Park and further the County acknowledges the required local match for the grant program that shall come from the Green View Point Park Restoration Project Committee.

- D. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve a three year renewal lease with Bader & Sons for the lease of two John Deere tractors in the amount of \$1,500 per tractor, per year and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that the grant application was approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The funds from this grant will be used for spay/neuter services on cats and dogs. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to authorize appropriate signatures on the MDARD Grant #791N2200249. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, to approve the budget amendment for the One Time Moms, Lifetime Pets Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the Health Department Environmental Health Services Agreement between Ionia County and Gene Paez, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Vroman, supported by Lower, to authorize the distribution of the 4D WellCardRx Discount Cards using Ionia County as the distributing agency with the Ionia County logo affixed to the card. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to approve system upgrades to the jail and court surveillance cameras. Lt. Mark Jones stated that with these upgrades, the jail will have access to view District and Circuit Court cameras. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. Probate Court will be moving one of their full time positions down to Juvenile Court.
2. Update on the carpet for the garden level of the courthouse.
3. Update on Emergency Management.
4. The Anti-Fraud Policy is being reviewed by Department Heads.

Appointments

A brief discussion took place concerning the appointment to the Ionia County Road Commission Board that currently has a vacancy. It was the consensus of the Board to hold interviews for this board position at the March 27th full board meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk