

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 27, 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: Tom Thelen, Lisa McCafferty, Jim Valentine, Ken and Darlene Thompson, Melissa Eldridge, Ken Gasper, Jon Szerlag, Bob Cusack, Dwain Dennis, Allan Vander Laan, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

The Chair noted one additional item to be added under New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Tiejema shared 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 February 2012 - \$1,285,330.79
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$95,195.88

Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

A. Road Commission Interviews

The Board proceeded with conducting interviews for the board position on the Road Commission Board. The candidates were Ken Gasper and Ken Thompson. The interviews concluded at 7:30 p.m.

The Board thanked the candidates.

B. Appointments

Chair Shattuck called for a roll call vote with each Commissioner to call out the name of the candidate, Gasper or Thompson, as their choice to fill the vacancy on the Road Commission Board. The roll call was as follows:

- Calley and Lower voted for Ken Thompson
- Mason, Vroman, Tiejema, Banks and Shattuck voted for Ken Gasper

1. Road Commission Board - Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Ken Gasper to the Road Commission Board with the term expiring in January 2014.

Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Community Mental Health Board - Moved by Calley, supported by Lower, to appoint Melissa McKinstry, Beverley Harger, Gretchen Nyland and Deborah McPeck-McFadden, to the Community Mental Health Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the renewal of a one-year agreement with Veolia Environmental Services, LLC, to handle the transportation, collection, recycling, and disposal of wastes generated through the Ionia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to authorize Ionia County Central Dispatch to enter into a one year maintenance support agreement with the telephone vendor TriTech-Option B for \$14,169. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. County Sheriff, Dwain Dennis, stated that Portland City is requesting the Sheriff's Department to provide patrol services for the Portland Police Department due to staff shortages beginning April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. The City of Portland would be billed \$38.13 per hour for actual hours performed by the Sheriff's Department. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to authorize the Ionia County Sheriff's Department to enter into an agreement with the City of Portland for patrol services. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Commissioners discussed eliminating health insurance for the Board. Each Commissioner was given an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to adopt Insurances Policy 200.125, as presented, which states that County Commissioners shall have the option to purchase health insurance coverage through the plan offered to regular county employees. If a commissioner wishes to enroll in the county insurance plan, he/she will pay 100% of the rate as a premium and that the policy shall take effect January 1, 2013 and shall supersede all other previously adopted policies regarding commissioner health insurance coverage. Motion failed by voice vote, with Commissioners' Lower, Calley and Shattuck voting yes.

E. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to implement the Fund Balance Policy (300.030) as recommended by the county auditors per GASB 54. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Commissioner Banks stated that the Ad Hoc Committee that was appointed to conduct interviews for the county's legal counsel has completed the interviews and on behalf of the Committee, Commissioner Banks recommended appointing Peter Cohl. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Peter Cohl as the county's legal counsel, for a one-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report:

Shattuck commented on the turn out for the park benefit last Friday night.

Public Comment

Bob Cusack commented on the local Boards of Review.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session to discuss a pending lawsuit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to end Closed Session at 8:56 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to follow the recommendation of the legal counsel, on behalf of MMRMA, in regard to the Bletz v. Gribble lawsuit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk