

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Deb Thailson, Dale Miller, Loren Gage, Tom Morgan,
Wayne DePotty, Karen Bota, Larry Brown, Lisa McCafferty,
Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Mason, Lower and Tiejema stated facts 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 April 2012 - \$1,387,735.26
- D. Approve payments of Health Fund bills - \$297,816.28

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to Request Designation of Coordinating Agency for Substance Use Disorder Services. Commissioner Calley stated that due to there being no savings she was not in favor of the Resolution. Commissioners' Lower, Mason and Tiejema commented on the Resolution, as well as, Chair Shattuck extending his thanks to those involved that worked on this. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Yes, with Calley voting no. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
DESIGNATE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY OF CLINTON, EATON AND
INGHAM COUNTIES AS THE COORDINATING AGENCY FOR IONIA COUNTY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER
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WHEREAS, Section 6226(1) of Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended, provides for designation of a Coordinating Agency to administer substance use disorder services subject to the approval of the affected county board or boards of commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission entered into an Agreement on the 21st day of January, 2010, between the Counties of Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Lenawee, and Newaygo Counties, to be the Coordinating Agency for the aforementioned nine county region, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan approved the Inter-Local Agreement on the 2nd day of July, 2010, for Mid-South to perform functions as the Coordinating Agency for the nine counties under Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission strives to continually improve services for residents in the nine county region, and has approved a Transformational Plan addressing Substance Use Disorder services with the focus of partnering with other systems, and

WHEREAS, many significant future uncontrollable events, including but not limited to health care reform and state legislative action, may be detrimental to the public SUD system absent undertaking realignment of SUD with behavioral health services, and

WHEREAS, the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties contains six of Mid-South's counties and provides and contracts for behavioral health services for Ionia County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan Department of Community Health to designate the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties as the Coordinating Agency for administering Substance Use Disorder services under Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended, effective October 1, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Commissioners authorize the Board Chair and County Clerk to sign any and all amendment agreements consistent with this resolution.

- B. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Phil and Mary Seidelman for property located in Easton Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Larry Brown requested the use of the courthouse and the courthouse lawn for an Ionia Civil War Encampment that will take place the weekend of September 7th. Morgan described the events for the encampment, as well as, a dedication ceremony that will take place by the statute on the courthouse lawn. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, stated she discussed this with Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, and he was in favor of the encampment to take place on the lawn and to also open up the courthouse so the public will be able to view the civil war artifacts displayed in the lobby. Commissioner Lower questioned the county's liability insurance. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the use of the courthouse and lawn for this event.
- B. Wayne DePotty, Orange Township Supervisor, discussed the deterioration of three bridges in Orange Township that are located on Reeder Road, David Highway and Grand River Avenue. DePotty stated that Orange Township does not have the funding to have the bridges repaired, but did discuss a proposal that he is willing to take to the other townships regarding the establishment of a road fund where each township would pay \$5,000 annually, have the county make a matching contribution, and use these funds for road repairs throughout the county. When questioned about applying for a grant or the possibility of a millage proposal as possible funding for the repairs of the bridges, DePotty stated the Orange Township Board does not have the knowledge or experience on how to apply for grants and that his Board would not be in favor of putting a millage proposal before the voters. In closing, DePotty stated that the townships are under no legal obligation to repair the roads or bridges in their townships.
- C. Loren Gage, Bertha Brock Park Manager, discussed the need for road repairs at the park. Loren stated that the side roads, which are seasonal roads, are in need of repair as well, but believes the seasonal roads can get by with just seal coating (filling in the cracks). Tom Morgan with the Ionia County Road Commission stated that because of the age of the asphalt, seal coating the main road at the park would not be possible. Gage requested an additional \$22,000 on top of the \$8,000 already budgeted for this project. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve an additional \$22,000 from the General Fund for road repairs at Bertha Brock Park. Commissioner Lower stated he would like to review the forestry report when completed and further stated the funds from the timbering could go toward the road repair. Gage stated that there has not been a decision made yet on the timbering because there is only one area in the park where trucks would be able to get to. Motion failed, with Lower, Banks and Calley voting no.

- D. Dale Miller, Undersheriff, requested the Board’s approval to hire three seasonal marine deputies. Miller stated that these deputies are paid for by federal grant funds, as well as, funds contributed by the townships. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of three seasonal marine deputies. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment from the Sheriff’s Department for the Alcohol/Tobacco Compliance Check Grant as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Health Department. Deb Thailson, Community Health Supervisor, stated that the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative incorporates utilizing PA2 funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the 2013 Budget Calendar. Commissioner Tiejema requested that a summary of the budget be published in the newspaper. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator’s Report

- 1. The mid-year budget amendment will be forthcoming in June.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema summarized the meeting of the last Audit Committee.

Commissioner Banks gave an update on the Personnel Committee and stated the Drug Enforcement Policy has been amended and pending review of legal counsel, the policy will be brought before the Board.

The Chair opened up the second Public Comment period. Loren Gage stated a donation from the Adams’ family, in memory of Steve Adams, was made to the park and volunteers worked two days revamping the baseball field and tonight Ionia verses Belding are playing a game there.

Commissioner Mason reminded the Board of the May 29th Mid-South meeting at the Ionia Commission on Aging that will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: <hr style="width: 80%; margin-top: 10px;"/>
