

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2012

Amended

4:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Cheryl O'Connor, Lisa McCafferty, JoAnne Eakins, Chris Pelz, Karen Bota, Stephanie Hurlbut and Janae Cooper

Shattuck added *Closed Session minutes* under the Consent Calendar. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Shattuck opened up the first Public Comment period. Chris Pelz thanked the Board for his recent appointment to the CMH Board.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve Closed Session minutes from October 23, 2012 (3 sets)

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

New Business

- A. Cheryl O'Connor, Director of Equalization, discussed the Equalization Apportionment Report. O'Connor stated that the County is looking at a minimal decrease in taxable value of approximately a ½%. Commercial and Industrial Property are showing a decline in taxable value. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Spreading of Millage and further authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the 2012 Tax Warrants. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPREADING OF MILLAGE 2012
2012-15**

WHEREAS, the township and city assessors have certified to the county the various millage rates to be applied to the taxable valuation for the year 2012, including those to be spread for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, intermediate school, special education, community college and drains and special assessments, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction has certified that the requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31) and that the requested tax levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e and 211.24, and

WHEREAS, the constitutional 50 mill limitation is not violated in any local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the equalization director has made available for board review, copies of these certificates, and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the certificates showing the millage rates and appropriate amounts of money to be raised in the several townships and cities for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drain and other purposes, the information, as certified, appears to be correct, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been made to raising any such moneys by any taxpayer to be affected thereby

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners directs that such of the several amounts of millage proposed to be levied for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drains and all other purposes as shall be authorized by law, be spread upon the 2012 assessment rolls of the various townships and cities in Ionia County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the township and city assessors be allowed to correct any clerical errors they may find in their respective rolls, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board chair and clerk be authorized to sign the 2012 Tax Warrants as submitted by township and city assessors.

- B.** Stephanie Hurlbut, County Administrator, discussed the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Subcontract. The grant partially funds the Ionia County Sheriff's Office Deputy position with CMET. Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to approve the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant/Subcontract for Ionia County Sheriff's Department/CMET. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C.** Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, advised the Board that written agreements are now required by Medical Services Administration to enter into a Care Coordination Agreement with each of the five Medicaid Health Plans with enrollees in Ionia County. Moved by Lower, supported by *Mason*, to appoint McCafferty as Care Coordinator for all five health plans as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D.** McCafferty further requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Health Department and the Department of Community Health's Medical Services Administration. The purpose of the MOU is to establish full cost reimbursement to the Ionia County Health Department for its Medicaid managed care encounters. Moved by Banks, supported by *Mason*, to approve the MOU and authorize McCafferty's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E.** Hurlbut requested renewal of the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. The contract will add Autism treatments as of January 1, 2013. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to approve the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan for January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F.** The following budget amendments were discussed:
- 1.** Central Dispatch requested to transfer \$10,000 from Fund Balance to Operating—Training Wireless to cover training and wages for 2012. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2.** The Ionia County Sheriff's Department requested to transfer \$3075 to the Corrections Training Fund to cover wages and training as booking fees have not been coming in as projected. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 3.** The Ionia County Sheriff's Department requested to transfer \$6,200 to the Drug Forfeiture Fund to reflect the actual forfeitures received. Moved by Calley, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 4.** General Fund/Special Revenue Funds— *services funded by GASB54 should be included in the General Fund*. Moved by Tiejema, supported by *Mason*, to authorize the budget amendments for the activity of each account as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Chair Shattuck discussed revising the December board meeting schedule. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to conduct regular board meetings on December 11th at 4:00 p.m. and December 18th at 7:00 p.m. and to cancel the December Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Motion carried by voice vote

County Administrator’s Report:

- 1) Open enrollment has started;
- 2) The Community Corrections Manager position has been reposted;
- 3) Interviews will be conducted for the temporary, full-time position in the Treasurer’s Office
- 4) The Airport Board will be meeting to discuss facilities;
- 5) An application has been received to fill the vacancy on the Brownfield Development Authority Board. The appointment is scheduled to be filled at the November 27th meeting.

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Commissioner Tiejema updated the Board on his meeting with the Pension sub-committee which discussed the County Retirement Plan and MERS, including death benefit considerations. Tiejema also attended the “The Right Place” hosted by Ionia County ISD. Tiejema stated that it was an impressive presentation regarding benefiting businesses with ten or more employees.
- B. Commissioner Mason stated that the Rail Trails will begin building from Ionia to Saranac and Ionia to Owosso in the spring. There will potentially be a trail from Saranac to Owosso in August 2013.

Public Comment

Chris Pelz thanked the Board again for his appointment to the CMH Board.

Moved by Lower, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: _____
