

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 23, 2012
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Vroman, Tiejema, Banks, Calley, Lower (arrived at 8:42 p.m.) and Shattuck

Others present: Tom Thelen, Sallie Possehn, Joel Palmer, Sr., Dick and Dorothy Pohl, Jack Elliott, Roland Self, Diane Adams, Lynette Seiler, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Deb Thailson, Ken and Darlene Thompson, Georgia Sharp, Miranda Sharp, Kim Courtney, Jeff Radike, Bill Weisgerber, Paul Spoelstra, Karen Bota, Albert Almy, Lisa McCafferty, Al Sharp, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested to add one item under Unfinished Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the new security at the courthouse and the Land Bank.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Mason thanked the County Clerk, her staff and the local township and city clerks for the work they have put into the November General Election.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of the General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of September 2012 - \$1,082,591.22
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$105,345.59

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to pull the October 16, 2012 board minutes and approve the amendment to the board minutes, item A, paragraph 5, clarifying that the reason the Road Commission fees increased substantially was due to changes in benefits. Motion carried by voice vote. Hearing no further objections, the Chair declared the remaining Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments
 - 1. County Road Commission

Interviews were held for the Road Commission Board vacancy. Al Sharp, Ken Thompson and Al Almy were interviewed by answering questions from Chair Shattuck. Each applicant was given the opportunity to make a closing statement to the Board.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation to all the applicants for applying for the position.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Al Almy to the Road Commission Board. Motion carried by voice vote, with Vroman voting no.

- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the PA 116 Applications (Local File Numbers 12-006, 007, 008 and 010FA) filed by the Linda Wolverton-Atena Trust for properties located in Odessa and Sebewa Townships. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Commissioner Tiejema stated he was not ready to vote on the Pension Plan due to information that was brought to the Board's attention at a past meeting and would like more time to look into both Plans. Tiejema recommended that a committee of two commissioners and two employees that are in the County Plan, to meet as soon as possible and do a comparison of "apples to apples" with the current County Plan and the MERS Plan. Tiejema recognized that this has been an ongoing issue and again emphasized that the comparison be done as soon as possible.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve appointing two employees that are in the County Plan and Commissioners' Tiejema and Banks to meet, make comparisons of both Plans and bring their findings back to the Board. Motion carried by voice vote, with Vroman voting no.

- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2012 Drain Report in accordance to Sec 31 of Chapter 2 of Act No. 40 of the Public Act of 1956. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Calley, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Christopher Pelz to the Community Mental Health Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2012 AAAWM Nutrition Contract Amendment 61.54-6 with an overall increase of \$292, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Clean Sweep Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement between Ionia County on behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative (ICSAI) and Candy Straubel-Sower, the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement with Margery Briggs (Two Rivers Counseling), the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement with Dawn Campbell, the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement with Chris VanStee (Comprehensive Recovery), the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement with Kim Brown (Fresh Horizons Counseling) and the FY 12/13 Substance Abuse Agreement with Ben Langman (Run 2 Recovery), and authorize appropriate signatures on each agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Community Health and Ionia County Health Department FY 12/13 Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Agreement for Services between Ingham Health Plan Corporation (DBA: Ionia Health Plan) and Ionia County Health Department and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Business Associate Agreement between Ingham Health Plan Corporation (DBA: Ionia Health Plan) and Ionia County Health Department and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department budget amendment that moves the Animal Care and Control budget to the General Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a temporary, full time Account Clerk in the Treasurer's Office for three months at a Grade 7, Step 1. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the 2013 Drug Court Grant Award, and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Vroman gave an update on the DHS Board.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the newly appointed member to the Road Commission Board and commented on the County Treasurer's Office.

Paul Spoelstra thanked the Board for the pension discussion tonight and stated he looked forward to meeting with the committee.

Joel Palmer, Sr., addressed the Board concerning the Sheriff Deputies.

Ken Thompson addressed the Board stating that the security in the courthouse was a poor decision.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners enter into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss a lawsuit settlement. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the settlement as recommended by the county attorney in the matter of Nicholas Law Firm v County of Ionia. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners enter into Closed Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss the deputy union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

(Commissioner Lower arrived at 8:42 p.m.)

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

(Commissioner Vroman left at 8:57 p.m.)

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners enter into Closed Session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss PERA Union Arbitration. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:16 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved by:
