

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting - *Amended*
September 11, 2012
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Lynette Seiler, JoAnne Eakins, Tom Thelen, Juanita Mills, Nancy Miller, Paul Spoelstra, Eric Cerling, Kim Courtney, Ron Schafer, Dianne Sheaffer, Karen Bota, Jim Valentine, Monte Starkweather, Melissa Eldridge, Don Ransom, Michael Tackett, Michael Overley, Lindsay Beill, Lisa McCafferty, Barbara Trierweiler, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Chair Shattuck requested a moment of silence in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001.

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested adding Animal Control position to the agenda and to also remove the Health Department from item E, making item E. a budget amendment for Animal Care and Control only. Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Ron Schafer, Prosecuting Attorney, introduced Patty, the canine advocate. Patty came to Ionia County through the Canine Advocacy Program, which was developed to provide services to child victims utilizing a highly trained dog to help alleviate the anxiety associated with being in court. Schafer stated that Patty is doing a wonderful job.

Consent Calendar

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

New Business

- A. Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) representatives, Michael Tackett and Michael Overley, met with the Board to discuss the different pension plans MERS has to offer. The Board also heard from Milestone Wealth Management representatives Paul Spoelstra and Eric Cerling, representative from Watkins, Ross and Co., who are currently the holders of the County's Pension Plan. Both companies were given the opportunity to discuss their Plans and answered various questions from the Board. .

The Chair called for a brief recess at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

- B. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Nutrition Site Hostess/Coordinator at a .29 FTE, Grade 4 and an In-Home Homemaker Aide at .38 FTE, Grade 4, at the Commission on Aging. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Rails-to-Trails Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

Resolution for Rail Trail 2012-11

RESOLVED, that the County of Ionia, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the County of Ionia does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide one million, three hundred one thousand, six hundred dollars (\$1,301,600.00), consisting of funds from the City of Ionia Enhancement Grant and cash donations, to match the grant authorized by the Department.

2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records and to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
 3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.
 4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
 5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.
- D. Moved by Banks, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Resource Recovery Services Agreement between the County of Ionia and the Ionia Conservation District for resource recovery services for a one-year period at a cost of \$20,000 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer, stated that the budget amendment for the animal shelter was interconnected to that for the Health Department and due to the amendment of the agenda (removing the Health Department portion of item E.), this matter would have to be tabled. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners table the budget amendment for the Animal Shelter. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the Outreach Worker position and further to backfill a position if the Outreach Worker position is filled internally. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Service Agreement with Steri-Safe for regulated medical waste. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve amendment #2 to the Agreement between Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and the County of Ionia on behalf of

the Ionia County Health Department that sets forth the final data processing requirements, conveys proper accounts payable and extends the base of the agreement to September 30, 2013 due to the discontinuance of MSSAC as the Coordinating Agency. Motion carried by voice vote.

- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize filling the Animal Care and Control Manager position. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Health Officer McCafferty requested to also fill a temporary position at the Animal Shelter at a Grade 5. Lindsay Beill and McCafferty discussed the need for a temporary position to assist the new manager. The option of sharing this position with another department was briefly discussed. Commissioner Tiejema stated that the Animal Care and Control Ad Hoc Committee (aka: The Dog Team) should discuss this and bring back a recommendation to the Board.

(Commissioner Tiejema left at 6:12 p.m.).

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize a temporary position at a .6 FTE to assist the Animal Control Manager, not to exceed December 31, 2012. Motion failed by voice vote with Calley, Lower, Vroman and Shattuck voting no.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize a temporary position at a .4 FTE to assist the Animal Control Manager, not to exceed December 31, 2012. Motion carried by voice vote, with Calley and Lower voting no.

The Board thanked Lindsay for all she has done for the animal shelter.

Chairperson's Report

Commissioner Shattuck stated that Don Jandernoa with the Green View Point Park Committee has requested the approval of a resolution at the next meeting and stated that the Committee of the Whole meeting would be noticed as a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners so that action can be taken on the Resolution.

County Administrator's Report:

- 1) The Airport Hangar has been painted and looks very nice
- 2) Reminded the board of the next budget meeting that will be held on September 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk