

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 26, 2013

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Tiejema, Banks, Cowling-Cronk, Wirtz, Shattuck and Calley

Others present: Deb Thailson, Tom Thelen, Judy Clark, Jerry Tiemann, Lisa McCafferty, Robin Anderson, Don Ransom, Jeanne Vandersloot, Stephanie Hurlbut, Tonda Rich

The Chair noted two additional items to be added to the agenda: Item E. under New Business and item A. under Executive Session. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

The Chair opened up the first Public Comment period.

Jerry Tiemann, Supervisor of Portland Township, addressed the Board concerning a resident in Portland Township that has about 23 dogs and the barking has become an issue. Tiemann requested the Board of Commissioners to consider amending the Ionia County Animal Control Ordinance to address this issue and possibly limit the number of pets in a home. Tiemann further stated that the township has filed a law suit against the dog owners. Robin Anderson also addressed the Board regarding the Animal Control Ordinance and stated she believed that amending the Ordinance would not help the situation.

McKenzie Dood introduced herself and stated that she is a senior at Ionia High School and is attending tonight's board meeting as part of her assignment for government class.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Mason and Commissioner 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 January 2013 - \$1,317,772.25
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$97,132.36

Chair Calley pulled her per diem and mileage voucher for amendment. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the remaining Consent Calendar approved.

Calley requested that the January 15th meeting be taken off of her voucher. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended voucher for Chair Calley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments
 - 1. Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Advisory Council (AAAWM)– Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Kenneth Thompson to the AAAWM Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative – Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling – Cronk, to appoint Kathleen Cook to the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative for District 4. Motion carried by voice vote
 - 3. Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council – Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Lynn Mason and Cori Anderson to the Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council, with Anderson being the alternate. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by the Read Trust, local file no. 13001-FA for property located in Ronald Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Judy Clark, Treasurer, requested to fill the Account Clerk position in the Treasurer's Office. Clark stated this was her position before being appointed as County Treasurer. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to authorize filling the Account Clerk position in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to appoint Commissioner Wirtz to the Ionia County Joint Airport Zoning Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Budget Amendments
 - 1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the Animal Care and Control budget amendment that moves the animal control funding to the General Fund as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department (Secondary Roads) that reduces the staffing to one deputy and to add gasoline expenses as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 3. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the budget amendment for Community Corrections that increases the contractual services as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the budget amendment for the Health Department as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. 2013 Capital Budget

Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, discussed the Capital Plan. Handouts were given and Ransom discussed different projects and how the order of the projects are determined. Ransom answered various questions from the Board.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to approve the 2013 Capital Budget Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Gerald Tiemann to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors as the township representative. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

1) There will be a Facilities Committee meeting on March 26th starting at 5:00 p.m.

County Administrator's Report

1) Received notice that the State is going to reduce the Community Corrections grant from \$90,000 to around \$33,000

Other Reports

Commissioner Shattuck updated the Board on the possibility of renting out approximately 8 acres of farmland at the Airport.

Public Comment

The Chair opened up the second Public Comment period. Jeannie Vandersloot commented on the barking issue in Portland Township. McKenzie Bood thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

The Chair called for a recess at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to enter into Closed Session to discuss an attorney/client privilege letter. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. and return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to authorize an expenditure of \$500 and further authorize Commissioner Banks to consult with another attorney regarding the matter discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: