

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 22, 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: John Bush, Jason Eppler, Lisa McCafferty, Bob Cusack, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

The Chair opened up the first Public Comment period. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning selling property on a land contract.

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 December 2012 - \$1,063,978.34
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$109,624.44

Commissioner Mason presented her per diem and mileage voucher for December 2012 to be added to the Consent Calendar. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments
 - 1. Board of Public Works – Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to appoint Chuck Minkley to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. Park Advisory Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Gregg Yeomans to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 3. Pension Advisory Committee – Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Don Ransom to the Pension Advisory Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 4. Tax Allocation Board – Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to appoint Mark Howe to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve Amendment #1 to the Michigan Department of Community Health FY 12/13 Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement that incorporates the funding/reimbursement Matrix as revised for the Essential Local Public Health Service and increases funding to Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and to authorize the signature of Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Drain Commissioner, John Bush and Ionia City Manager, Jason Eppler, discussed the Water and Sewer Improvement and Refunding Bonds for the City of Ionia. Eppler stated that these bonds are used for utility improvements and the City is requesting to use the remaining \$3 million dollars. Eppler answered questions from the Board regarding the city's bond rating, repayment of the bonds and the interest from the bonds.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Water and Sewer Improvement and Refunding Bonds (City of Ionia), (Limited Tax General Obligation). Eppler clarified that with the adoption of the resolution, the following two items listed on the agenda (b. Approval of First Supplement to 2004 Contract for Issuance of Water and Sewer Bonds and c. Approval of First Supplement to 2005 Contract for Issuance of Water and Sewer Bonds) would also be approved as well. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. (Due to the length of the Resolution, a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's Office for review).

- C. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to adopt the Resolution regarding the County Treasurer. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**Resolution
2013-3**

Due to the recent death of Treasurer, Nancy Hickey on November 24, 2012, Judith A. Clark was appointed Treasurer and is hereby authorized to establish accounts to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer certificates representing stocks, bonds or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of this County of Ionia.

- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adopt the Resolution regarding Chairperson Calley. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**Resolution
2013-4**

BE IT RESOLVED that Julie Calley (replacing Jack Shattuck) is hereby authorized to establish accounts to sell, assign and endorse for transfer certificates representing stocks, bonds or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of this County of Ionia.

Chairperson's Report

- 1) Attended the Michigan Township Association meeting that was held at the Commission on Aging and commented on how well the MTA meeting was attended by those representing the County.

County Administrator's Report

- 1) The Pension Review Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks and bringing a recommendation to the Board.
- 2) Has been working on the Consolidation of Services plan for the Department of Treasury, which is required for revenue sharing.
- 3) The County closed on the Miller building last week.

Other Reports

Commissioner Tiejema commented on the Pension Review Committee stating that there is a difference in legal opinion and interpretations of the wording in the pension. Commissioner Tiejema also presented the Board with a handout regarding the lease payment that Central Dispatch has been paying to the County. Tiejema stated that the handout was for informational purposes only, but would like to discuss this issue further at a later date.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie A. Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, County Clerk

Board Minutes approved on:
