

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
July 23, 2013  
7:00 p.m. at the Page Memorial Building, Lake Odessa

Vice Chairperson, Jim Banks, called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Larry Tiejema, Lynn Mason and Jim Banks

Members absent: Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Mark Novak, Ken Bowen, Jim Valentine, Erin Rich, Deb Thailson, Chad Shaw, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

The Vice Chairperson noted one addition, item E., under the Consent Calendar and item I. under New Business. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Did You Know?**

Commissioners' Wirtz and Tiejema shared 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 June 2013 - \$1,393,864.29
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$103,393.81
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from July 9, 2013

Commissioner Tiejema requested to remove the July 16, 2013 board minutes from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

The Closed Session minutes from July 9, 2013 were passed out and reviewed by the Board.

Hearing no further objections, the Vice-Chair declared the remaining items on the Consent Calendar approved.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to amend the July 9, 2013 board minutes to clarify (under Other Reports) that as of the date of that meeting the bridge on Hawley Highway was close to being completed. Motion carried by voice vote.

## Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Jonathan Dinehart to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

## New Business

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the trash removal and recycling services agreement with Waste Management, in the amount of \$500 per month with no increase over the course of the three year contract and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve the Area Agency on Western Michigan's proposed Multi-Year Implementation Plan for 2014 – 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Ken Bowen, Acting Health Officer, requested a temporary grade increase for two employees due to added responsibilities that have been given to them as a result of moving employees around because of the resignation of the former Public Health Officer.

Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve a temporary increase from a Grade 7 to a Grade 9 for Health Department employee, Brenda Ingersoll. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve a temporary increase from a Grade 7 to a Grade 9 for Health Department employee, Amanda Germain. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve increasing the hours for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator from 37.5 hours a week to 40 hours a week. Commissioner Tiejema discussed the need for having another wage study done. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Speech Therapy Referral Service Agreement between the Ionia County Health Department and the school districts of Ionia County and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve amendment #2 of the agreement between Michigan Department of Human Services and Ionia County Health Department/ICSAI and authorize the signature of Ken Bowen, Acting Health Officer. Deb Thailson, Community Health Director, stated that this amendment decreases the in-home substance abuse contract (FY 12/13) by \$13,400. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution for a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement for two parcels located in

Berlin Township. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all.  
The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION FOR A PARTIAL TERMINATION OF A FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT WITH PRE-EXISTING STRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2013, the Ionia County Clerk, on behalf of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, received a request from Elwayne J. Smith for approval to have a certain parcel released from Farmland Development Rights Agreement, local file number 210, which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (“The Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has reviewed this request and determined that at least one structure located on the parcel was present prior to the original execution of said agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement is two acres or less in size; and

**WHEREAS**, Berlin Township finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement; and

That the Ionia County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that at least one structure located on the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement and that the Ionia County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making this request and to the Farmland Unit of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

- H. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Mark Bender to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as the police chief representative. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling a full-time deputy position at the Sheriff Department and to further backfill any part-time position, including security, if such a position becomes vacated. Motion carried by voice vote.

## County Administrator's Report

1. The 2014 Budget recommendations have been sent out to the Department Heads for their review.

## Public Comment

Jim Valentine welcomed the Board of Commissioners to Lake Odessa.

Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Vice Chairperson

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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