

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2013
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Nancy Rodriguez, JoAnne Eakins, Jani Millard, Mark Miller, Lisa McCafferty, Tom Thelen, Jerry Skeltis, Diane Adams, Judy Clark, Barbara Trierweiler, Sharyn Overton, James Anible, Stephanie Hurlbut and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Under New Business, item B. Discussion for Interim/Long Term Health Officer and item G. Discussion regarding the June 18th board meeting. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

Consent Calendar

A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

A. The Personnel Committee, consisting of Commissioners' Tiejema, Banks and Mason, recommended creating a 1.0 FTE position within the Clerk's Office, with Banks stating no less than a .50 FTE. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to authorize an additional 1.0 FTE Deputy Clerk position in the County Clerk's Office to assist with Circuit Court tasks, with excess time to be used for other duties within the Clerk's Office. Motion failed by a show of hands, with Cowling-Cronk, Shattuck, Wirtz and Calley voting no.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to authorize an additional .50 FTE Deputy Clerk position in the County Clerk's Office to assist with Circuit Court tasks, with excess time to be used for other duties within the Clerk's Office. Motion carried by a show of hands, with Cowling-Cronk, Shattuck and Calley voting no.

New Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Nancy Rodriguez, who is retiring from Ionia County Central Dispatch. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

We gather here to pay tribute to Nancy Rodriguez, who is retiring from Ionia County Central Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Rodriguez has served Ionia County Central Dispatch and the citizens of Ionia County faithfully as an Administrative Assistant for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Rodriguez has also served the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Ionia County faithfully as a Jail Clerk for ten years prior to her transfer to Central Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Rodriguez has served Ionia County Central Dispatch, the Ionia County Sheriff's Department, and the citizens of Ionia County with the highest degree of integrity and distinction for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding service to Ionia County, it is fitting and proper that Nancy Rodriguez be highly commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, expresses its deep appreciation to Nancy Rodriguez for her faithful and dedicated service, and wishes her well in her retirement; and, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and a copy presented to Nancy Rodriguez.

- B. Mark Miller with Michigan Department of Community Health and Lisa McCafferty addressed the Board regarding McCafferty's resignation as Public Health Officer. Miller stated that a temporary replacement must be in place prior to McCafferty's departure. A Shared-District versus a Single-District Health Department was discussed at length as well as a merger versus a filiation. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to appoint JoAnne Eakins as Interim Public Health Officer, Ken Bowen as Environmental Health Officer and Deb Thalison as Community Health Director. After further discussion, a motion was made by Banks and supported by Shattuck, to table the motion until the June 18th meeting. Motion carried by voice vote
- C. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck, to approve the contract between Ionia County and Deborah Davis to provide Cognitive Behavior Treatment Services (classes) to be funded by Community Corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the FY14 Community Corrections Grant application – Part I. Motion carried by voice vote.

- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve amendment #5 to the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Community Health FY12/13 and Ionia County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Ionia County Health Department and authorize the signature of Lisa McCafferty, Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, recommended and requested approval to transfer the County of Ionia Pension Plan to Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Michigan (MERS). Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling Cronk, to transfer the County Pension Plan to Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Michigan. Motion failed by voice vote, with Tiejema, Banks, Wirtz, Shattuck and Calley voting no.
- G. Chair Calley requested approval to change the June 18th meeting to a regular meeting to address the Health Officer appointment. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to change the June 18th meeting from a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to a regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Calley stated that the Portland City Chief of Police, Bob Bauer, has retired after 11 years of service; and further reminded the Board that the Ionia Farm Power is this weekend.

County Administrator's Report

- 1) The audit report will be presented at the June 25th meeting.

Public Comment

Janae Cooper thanked the Board for their time and consideration regarding the new Deputy County Clerk position. Barbara Trierweiler discussed the County Pension Plan.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Janae Cooper, Deputy County Clerk

Minutes approved on:
