

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2013  
4:00 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: JoAnne Eakins, Lisa McCafferty, Bob Cusack, Jack Elliott, Brent Schipper, Walter Barnes, Bob Belmonte, Ken Bowen, Deb Thailson, Don Ransom, Diane Adams, Robert Van Lente, Jim Valentine, Katalina Brickey, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

### Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

The Chair noted two additional items to be added to the agenda: Added item B. under the Consent Calendar for the approval of the Closed Session minutes from February 26, 2013 and added #4 to item E. under New Business for the approval of amendment #4 to the CPBC Agreement. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning property taxes and foreclosures.

### Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve Closed Session minutes from February 26, 2013

The Closed Session minutes were handed out and reviewed by the Board. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

### New Business

- A. Walter Barnes, Information Technician, along with Brent Schipper and Bob Belmonte from CPR, discussed converting the 18 servers that are located in the main courthouse to energy efficient servers. Barnes explained that a majority of the current servers have far exceeded their life expectancy and are no longer covered under a warranty. The current servers are not energy efficient and by going to the virtual servers, it will greatly reduce the energy costs. Bob Belmonte and Brent Schipper explained how the virtual servers will work and answered questions from the Board. Diane Adams, Register of Deeds, stated that based on the Register of Deeds usage of storage for documents, she has committed \$52,546 from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund for the project. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the virtual server project and authorize the

purchase of virtual servers in an amount not to exceed \$125,031, with \$52,546 to come from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund and \$72,485 from the General Fund Designated Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. The Chair acknowledged the filing of a PA 116 Farmland Agreement for property located in Ronald Township from Phil and Mary Seidelman.
- C. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the contractual allowance adjustment of \$24,061.80 and bad debt adjustment in the amount of \$160 for a total adjustment of \$24,221.80 for the Health Department's fiscal year 2012. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that Linda Droste has announced her retirement after 35 years working for the County as the Hearing Technician at the Health Department and requested authorization to fill the position before her retirement for training purposes. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to authorize hiring a Hearing Technician at the Health Department. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. McCafferty discussed the amendments to the Michigan Department of Community Health and Ionia County Health Department Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement for FY 10/1/12 – 9/30/13.

(While the Board was waiting for copies of amendment #4, they moved to item F)

- F. Ken Bowen and McCafferty discussed the proposed changes to the fee schedule for the Health Department and answered various questions from the Board. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to approve the revised fee schedule for the Health Department effective March 15, 2013 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. (continued)  
Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve amendment #2, #3 and #4 of the Michigan Department of Community Health FY 12/13 Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures.

After further discussion, Mason amended her motion, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve amendments #2, #3 and #4 to the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Community Health and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Ionia County Health Department. Motion carried by voice vote.

- G. Bowen and McCafferty discussed the need to revise/update the Ionia County Department of Public Health Sanitary Code and comprise a Sanitary Code Committee to review and make the needed changes. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Commissioners' Cowling-Cronk and Wirtz, the Administrative Health Officer, the Environmental Health Supervisor and one township official to the Sanitary Code Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

**County Administrator's report:**

- 1) Received notice that the County's bond rating has been changed from an A2 to an A1 rating.

**Other Reports**

Commissioner Tiejema commented on the Central Dispatch Board hearing their first address appeal.

Commissioner Mason updated the Board on the Rails to Trails, the Ionia County Literacy Council's upcoming Spelling Bee and Substance Abuse Council.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the recent foreclosure hearing. Bob Cusack voiced his interest in being appointed to the Land Bank Authority. Deb Thailson stated the Prescription Drug Drop Boxes, located at the Sheriff's Department and the Belding Police Department, are going very well.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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