

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 28, 2013
7:00 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: Deb Thailson, Bob VanLente, Robin Anderson, Jim Valentine, Lynette Seiler, Jack Elliott, Bob Cusack, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

Chair Calley noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item E., Approval of the May 14th Closed Session minutes and added the following dates to item F. under New Business: July 23rd, August 27th and September 24th. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning spending county funds. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning the Land Bank Authority. Deb Thailson thanked Commissioner Shattuck for plowing the community garden.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Mason and 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 April 2013 - \$1,164,021.53
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$97,092.74
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from May 14, 2013

The Closed Session minutes were reviewed by the Board.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Banks, that the per diem for the special meeting that took place on April 26th should be \$50 and the vouchers submitted by Commissioners' Shattuck, Wirtz and Tiejema are to be corrected to reflect the \$50 per diem. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Appointments
1. Midwest Michigan Trail Authority - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to appoint Lynn Mason, Jim Banks and Mark Howe to the Midwest Michigan Trail Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
 2. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to appoint Robert VanLente to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.
 3. Sanitary Code Committee - Moved by Wirtz, supported by Shattuck, to appoint Mike Blood to the Sanitary Code Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.
 4. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission - Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to appoint Gregg Yeomans, Brenda Cowling-Cronk and Tonda Rich to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.
 5. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee - (due to lack of applicants, no appointments were made)

New Business

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the Transportation Van Driver, Nutrition Program Transporter and the two In-Home Respite Aides at the Commission on Aging. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the 2014 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended Personnel Policy as presented. Stephanie Hurlbut, County Administrator, stated that the final draft of the Personnel Policy was sent to department heads for their input, which no further comments have been received. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to authorize the increase in hours for the Animal Shelter Assistant from 16 hours to 29 hours per week and further to authorize the creation of two part-time Kennel Worker positions, Grade 5, Step 1, for up to 17.5 hours per week per position. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners offer their support to the Ionia County Community Corrections Advisory Board in their endeavor to submit an application to continue PA 511 Community Corrections Programs for FY 2014 and further that a letter of support from the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be sent with the application. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to change the meeting locations for the following dates:
- June 25th at 7:00 p.m. meeting to be held at Bertha Brock Park
 - July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. meeting to be held at the Page Memorial Building in Lake Odessa

- August 27th at 7:00 a.m. meeting to be held at Portland City Hall
- September 24th at 7:00 a.m. meeting to be held at the Belrockton in Belding

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Calley reminded the Board that a decision has to be made soon concerning the pension plan and further, MERS was contacted and was asked to submit more information.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Commissioner Banks updated the Board on the Personnel Committee stating that their recommendation concerning staffing in the Clerk's Office would be coming to the Board on June 11th. Other discussions included the process in which department heads/Board should take on the creation of new positions. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss a process at the Committee of the Whole meeting in June. Commissioner Tiejema requested to review the budget before making a decision on staffing in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Mason thanked the Board for her reappointment to the Rail Trail. Mason stated she attended the Transportation Committee in Lansing and stated she felt the session was very productive.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Animal Shelter and the Land Bank. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning tax assessments.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chairperson

Tonda Rich, Clerk