

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2013
4:00 p.m.

The Chair 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: Dale Miller, Don Ransom, Sug Pinnow, Ken Bowen, Melissa Eldridge, Bob VanLente, Karen Bota, David Jager, Steve VanHolstyn, Judy Clark, Deb Thailson, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following changes to the agenda: Removed items E. and F. under New Business and added items L. and M. under New Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Steve VanHolstyn, on behalf of Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, passed out a Smart 911 flyer to the Board.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)

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

Unfinished Business

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the PA 116 – Farmland Agreement (local file no. 13-004FA) filed by Dennis and Stacy Boersen for property located in Berlin Township. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the PA116 – Farmland Agreement (local file no. 13-005FA) filed by Boersen Farms, Inc., for properties located in Berlin Township. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Mary Jo Zeerip was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation in honor of her late husband, Donald Zeerip. Chairperson Calley read the Resolution into the record and presented Zeerip with a copy of the Resolution. Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-16

We gather here to pay tribute to **Donald Zeerip** for his generous commitment to the citizens of the County of Ionia.

WHEREAS, Donald Zeerip was a Michigan State Police Trooper for twenty six years; and

WHEREAS, Donald Zeerip served as a Michigan State Police Trooper in the County of Ionia from 1968 – 1992; and

WHEREAS, Donald Zeerip was tirelessly dedicated to protecting the citizens of the County of Ionia; and

WHEREAS, Donald Zeerip continued serving in his community as a Circuit Court Bailiff upon his retirement from the Michigan State Police; and

WHEREAS, Donald Zeerip possessed a deep love for the Ionia Community and was known in the Community for his kindness and generosity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, by way of this Resolution, honors Donald Zeerip for his devoted service to the citizens of the County of Ionia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the records of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners and that a copy be forwarded to the family of Donald Zeerip.

- B. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the FY 2014 Clean Sweep Program Grant Agreement between Ionia County and the

- Michigan Department of Agriculture, in the amount of \$32,000 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Contractual Equalization Director, David Jager, discussed the apportionment report and answered questions from the Board. Jager further requested approval of spreading of the millage. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Spreading of Millage. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPREADING OF MILLAGE 2013
2013-17**

WHEREAS, the township and city assessors have certified to the county the various millage rates to be applied to the taxable valuation for the year 2013, including those to be spread for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, intermediate school, special education, community college and drains and special assessments, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction has certified that the requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31) and that the requested tax levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e and 211.24, and

WHEREAS, the constitutional 50 mill limitation is not violated in any local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the equalization director has made available for board review, copies of these certificates, and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the certificates showing the millage rates and appropriate amounts of money to be raised in the several townships and cities for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drain and other purposes, the information, as certified, appears to be correct, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been made to raising any such moneys by any taxpayer to be affected thereby

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners directs that such of the several amounts of millage proposed to be levied for the county, township, city, state education tax, school, drains and all other purposes as shall be authorized by law, be spread upon the 2013 assessment rolls of the various townships and cities in Ionia County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the township and city assessors be allowed to correct any clerical errors they may find in their respective rolls, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board chair and clerk be authorized to sign the 2013 Tax Warrants as submitted by township and city assessors.

- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve a three-year contract with CL Trucking & Excavating LLC starting October 27, 2013 through October 27, 2016, for \$475 for 2013/2014 and \$495 for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 snowplowing seasons. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve a one year Medical Services Agreement between Mid-Michigan Correctional Care PC and the County of Ionia for medical services at the jail starting January 1, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Saranac so that the village can offer flood insurance to their residents. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes - all. The Resolution is as follows:

**Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to
Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance
Program
2013-18**

Community A: Village of Saranac Community/Entity B: Ionia County

WHEREAS, Community A (check the appropriate statement) currently participates desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. Flood or Flooding means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and

- b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. Floodplain management regulations means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
6. Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act”, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, to all development within Community A’s political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B’s officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Ionia County Building

- Code Dept. be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
- a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of flood proofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, flood proofing, and elevation to which structures have been flood proofed.
2. Community A and Community/Entity B assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.

3. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
 2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjust the budget for the 2013 Federal Vaccine Inventory as presented. Acting Health Officer, Ken Bowen, stated that the Health Department only receives what is needed in vaccines. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the agreement between The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Ionia County Health Department that allows the Health Department to become a Counselor Designated Organization that provides essential services to consumers such as giving information on the Qualified Health Plan options and Insurance Affordability Programs and assisting the public with applications for coverage. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to enter into a one year agreement with the First United Methodist Church for county employees to use their parking lot in exchange for the County having the parking lot snowplowed and salted as needed. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, stated that the snowplowing contract that was approved earlier in the meeting also included the church parking lot. The County Administrator confirmed that the county's liability insurance will cover the lot. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve filling the two (2) full-time correction officer positions and the four (4) part-time correction officer positions at the jail. Motion carried by voice vote.
- K. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve filling the Account Clerk position in the Treasurer's Office as of December 1, 2013 at a Grade 7, Step 1 and further allow Will Overton to continue in the Treasurer's Office temporarily for training purposes for no more than 15 hours per week up to two months. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

- A) The County Administrator's evaluation is coming up and the evaluation form can be sent electronically if Commissioners wish to receive it in that format.

County Administrator's Report

- A) Update on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new rail trail.
- B) Health Officer interviews are completed and the position will be filled at the end of November.
- C) Insurance rates will go out to employees tomorrow and requested to discuss a possible 2% wage increase at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Reports

Commissioner Mason discussed the Rail Trail ceremony and publicly thanked the Ionia City Mayor, Dan Balice, for his help and dedication to this project.

The Chair announced a brief recess at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to enter into Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss union negotiations for the Corrections Unit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Wirtz, to enter into Closed Session at 5:13 p.m. to discuss union negotiations for the Corrections Command Unit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
