

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**December 22, 2009**  
Regular Meeting  
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Powell, Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley, Mason (arrived at 4:59 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Joel Palmer, Sr., Jim Valentine, Deb Thailson, Holly Setter, Craig Wheeler, Diane Adams, Jack Elliott, Lynette Seiler, Rick Norman, Brent Schipper, Lisa McCafferty, Derrick Elliott, Dale Miller, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: added Closed Session minutes from December 8, 2009 to the Consent Calendar; added items #6, 7 and 8 under New Business and added two Closed Sessions. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
2. Approve per diem and mileage
3. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of November 2009 - \$815,428.35
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$114,683.47
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from December 9, 2009

Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

**Unfinished Business**

1. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that there are five vacancies on the Central Dispatch Board of Directors and stated that Matt Bennett was the only person not requesting to be reappointed to the Board. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Dale Nelson, Dave Bulling, Bob Bauer and Paul Barker to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners set the mileage reimbursement rate for 2010 at .38 cents per mile.

Each commissioner was given the opportunity to comment/discuss the amount for reimbursement. Chair Banks called for a vote on the motion by a show hands:

Yes votes: Powell, Shattuck and Calley

No votes: Vroman, Tiejema and Banks

Motion failed for lack of support.

### **New Business**

1. Brent Schipper, IT Department, requested permission to purchase a Storage Area Network System. Schipper stated that this would increase the disk storage capacity for the county's email system, record management system and for general file storage. Schipper further stated that three bids were received with Dell Computers coming in at the lowest cost of \$24,268.21. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a Storage Area Network device in an amount not to exceed \$24,268.21. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amendment to the AAAM Contract 61.54 that finalizes Ionia County's portion of the contract and reduces Montcalm County's portion of the contract for congregate and home delivered meals and Senior Project Fresh, and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve amendment #5 to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Agreement for substance abuse treatment services and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Health Department as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. The original project work items for MDOT Contract No. 2009-0213 included "Installation of an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)" and "Airport Crack Sealing and Paint Marking". The MDOT Project Revision adds "Design for Construction of Taxiway "D" and Extension of Taxiway "E" to the project. This was made possible through savings experienced from the cost of the tree clearing for AWOS. Revision is in project work items only. There is no change to the total funds dedicated to the project.

Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Project Description Revision for MDOT Contract No. 2009-0213, Project No. B-263-0048-2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Sheriff's Department, specifically the road patrol. Elliott described to the Board about an incident where his son and him were pulled over on a Saturday night around 2:00 a.m. in the morning. Elliott requested that the Board look into this matter.
7. Undersheriff, Dale Miller, requested the Board's authorization to submit a grant application for a grant to be used for technology upgrades at the Sheriff's Department. Miller stated that there would be a 10% match if the grant was awarded to the County. Miller answered various questions from the Board and further indicated he would gather more information for the Commissioners. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's Department to apply for a technology grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to schedule the next Organizational Meeting for January 12, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **County Administrator's report**

1. Does not have a budget amendment for year-end;
2. Discussed the renewal on the liability insurance;

Banks opened up the second public comment. Lisa McCafferty wished the Board Merry Christmas. Joel Palmer, Sr., commented on the Road Commission.

Banks called for a recess at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened at 4:59 p.m.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 4:59 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to enter into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Calley, supported by Powell, to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk