

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Vroman, Tiejema, Powell, Mason and Banks

Members absent: Shattuck and Calley

Others present: Tom Thelen, James Lower, Lisa McCafferty, Holly Setter, Stephanie Hurlbut, Shirley Thomas and Mark Howe

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #5 under the Consent Calendar for the approval of the Closed Session minutes from February 9th and February 16th; and further, deleted item #2 under Unfinished Business. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Commissioner Vroman stated a fact of interest for Did You Know?

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 January 2010 - \$881,299.60
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$99,641.00
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from February 9th and February 16th;

The Closed Session minutes were presented to the Board for their review. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

1. Ionia County Land Bank Authority – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the appointments to the Ionia County Land Bank Authority. Questions were raised concerning the By-Laws in relation to the appointments for the Land Bank Authority. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to table the appointments to the Land Bank Authority until clarification can be given concerning the By-laws and the appointments made to the Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Saranac for deputy services. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that the agreement is for five years with a 3% increase each year. Howe went over the agreement and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Vroman thanked Howe for his work on the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the amendment (#6) to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Agreement and Ionia County Public Health for Substance Abuse Treatment Services that reduces the community grant treatment funding, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Community Health FY 09/10 Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement Amendment #3 and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that the State would like regulate the requirements on Geothermal Heat Pump Closed-Loops installations and requested authorization from the Board to adopt the Final Determination and Notice Regarding Geothermal Heat Pump Closed-Loops as presented by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Questions were asked concerning permits and if the County has the authority to put guidelines in place. It was the consensus of the Board to take this matter up at the next board meeting when more information would be available.
5. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Administrator's report:

1. Howe stated that he has received the dues notice from the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$954 for January 2010 to April 2010. Commissioners' discussed options concerning the payment, as well as, the membership. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize payment to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$954 for dues with a letter stating the Board's disagreement with the 6-month cancellation provision. Motion failed for lack of support.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. James Lower addressed the Board concerning the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Shirley Thomas, Deputy Clerk