

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 26, 2010
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Powell, Shattuck, Vroman, Calley, Tiejema and Banks
Members absent: None

Others present: Marilyn Smith, Roland Self, Joel Palmer, Sr., Jack Elliott, Tom Thelen, Stephanie Hurlbut, Deb Thailson, Sug Pinnow, Loren Gage, Holly Setter, Lisa McCafferty, Lynette Seiler, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted two additional items to be added under New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning a deputy with the Ionia County Sheriff's Department.

Did You Know?

Commissioner Mason stated a fact of interest.

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 December 2009 - \$766,760.90
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$101,564.13

Banks removed Commissioner Shattuck's voucher from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the remaining items under the Consent Calendar approved.

Commissioner Shattuck's voucher was amended by eliminating the Finance Review Committee entry. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the amended voucher for Commissioner Shattuck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

1. Appointments
 - a. **Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors** - Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to appoint Robert Reynolds for a two-year term to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b. **Board of Public Works** – Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Chuck Minkley for a three-year term to the Board of Public Works. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that there is still a vacancy on the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- c. **Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Don Benjamin to a one- year term to the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium. Motion carried by voice vote.
- d. **Central Dispatch Board of Directors** – Moved by Vroman, supported by Calley, to appoint Roland Self to a two-year term to the Central Dispatch Board of Directors. Howe stated that there is still a one-year position that needs to be filled. Motion carried by voice vote.
- e. **Park Advisory Board** – Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to appoint James Tyler and Amy Buckingham as the general public representatives to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Joe McCord as the Easton Township representative to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to appoint Tom Morgan as the Road Commission representative to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- f. **Pension Advisory Board** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to appoint Ron Schafer, current employee enrolled in the Plan, to the Pension Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to appoint Ann Ebenstein, a current retiree in the Plan, to the Pension Advisory Board. Motion carried by voice vote.
- g. **Planning Commission** – Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to appoint Wayne DePotty, Joel Palmer, Sr., and Bill Weisgerber to a three-year appointment to the Planning Commission. Howe stated that there is still one vacancy on the Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.
- h. **Tax Allocation Board** – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, to appoint Kurt Lardie to a one-year appointment to the Tax Allocation Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Marilyn Smith, grant coordinator, for the MSHDA Property Improvement Program (POP) explained how the MSHDA Program works and answered various questions from the Board. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution authorizing Smith to administer the PIP-Plus funds. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ionia County is interested in continuing efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low income residents;

WHEREAS, Ionia County Board of Commissioners recognize Ionia County is participating in the MSHDA Property Improvement Program (PIP) funding;

WHEREAS, Ionia County Board of Commissioners desire to use PIP-Plus Funding, a new funding source from MSHDA with PIP and CDBG funds;

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners understand that MSHDA will pay administration of 10% or up to \$2,000 administration for each PIP-Plus loan processed in Ionia County;

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners understand that MSHDA would require the PIP-Plus funding draws to be requested through Roscommon County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize Marilyn Smith, their Grant Administrator to administer PIP-Plus funds in partnership with Roscommon County.

2. Loren Gage, Park Manager, requested the Board's approval of an agreement between the Department of Corrections and Bertha Brock Park for the use of a prisoner crew at the park to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Discussion took place concerning the county's liability. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Corrections Public Works Agreement between Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility and Bertha Brock Park and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Lynette Seiler, Commission on Aging Administrator, requested permission to fill the In-Home Coordinator position and discussed the funding for this position. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the In-Home Care Coordinator position. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Memorandums of Agreement for the MSUE ANR Educator and Economic Development Educator positions which have been revised to reflect funding levels adopted in the county's FY 2010 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners authorize District Court Judge, Raymond P. Voet, to appoint Dave Wirth as District Court Magistrate at the salaried pay level of Grade 11, Step 4, effective March 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 09/10 Substance Abuse Agreement between the County of Ionia on behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative and

Catholic Charities West Michigan to provide substance abuse clinical treatment services to Medicaid and indigent population in Ionia County, and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Howe discussed the renewal of the county's liability insurance and explained that there is an increase of 1.47 percent for 2010 and further that the insurance company is requesting an additional \$150,000 contribution to the retention fund due to a deficit in the fund. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County of Commissioners approve and ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the 2010 Renewal Agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the County's liability insurance. A brief discussion took place concerning bidding the insurance out in the future. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. Moved by Vroman, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Animal Control Union Letter of Understanding. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Commissioner Mason updated the Board on a Mid-South meeting she attended. Mason stated that due to a budget cut in the Mid-South Community Block Grant, Mid-South is recommending the use of PA – 2 dollars for substance abuse treatment and prevention. The amount being requested from Ionia County is \$5,370 to make up the difference. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve using PA 2 funding, in the amount of \$5,370 for substance abuse treatment and prevention. Commissioner Tiejema stated he would abstain from the vote as he felt it was a conflict of interest with him serving on the Community Mental Health Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Deb Thailson commended Mason on her representation of Ionia County during the Mid-South meeting.
10. Howe stated that a tentative agreement has been reached with the District Court Union. Howe discussed the changes in the agreement and asked the Board for their approval. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the tentative agreement with the District Court Union. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's report:

Banks reminded the Board of the upcoming planning session on Saturday.

County Administrator's report:

1. Howe discussed an email he received from WMRPC regarding the dues and stated that a bill will be forthcoming apparently due to the County's failure on giving

proper notice of the cancellation. The Board questioned what authority WMRPC has to bill the County for membership cancellation. Howe stated he would bring the bill to the Board when he receives it.

2. Brief update on Blue Cross Blue Shield and claims;
3. Will be receiving a contract for the County to provide a deputy in Saranac;
4. Discussed part time corrections officers and stated that a part time officer was appointed to a full time position due to another officer taking a long term leave of absence at the Sheriff's Department.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board on the magistrate position and further commented on property taxes.

Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk