

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2010
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Powell (arrived 3:45 p.m.), Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Loren Gage, Nancy Hickey, Stephanie Hurlbut, Jim Valentine, Diane Adams, JoAnne Eakins, Dwain Dennis, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item #6 under New Business and added an Executive Session. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, 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)

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

New Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the Deputy Clerk position at the Sheriff's Department allowing for a two week training period prior to the current clerk's last day. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the Social Worker position in the Maternal Infant Health Program. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve filling the Legal Assistant position in the Prosecutor's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Loren Gage, Park Manager, requested the Board's approval to obtain a gaming license in order to conduct a raffle to raise money for the park. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners adopt the

Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES

At a regular meeting of the Ionia County Board of Commissioners called to order by Chairman James L. Banks on July 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the request from Ionia County – Bertha Brock Park of Ionia, Michigan, County of Ionia, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

5. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, discussed the fiber project easement, wherein the County is seeking an easement from the City of Ionia to install an underground fiber optic line to link Ionia County Central Dispatch with the county courthouse and the Sheriff's Department. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Grant of Easement Agreement between the City of Ionia and the County of Ionia for installation of fiber lines through the City well field area and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that there are currently two employees requesting leaves of absences and are further requesting more time than what is allowed under policy. The current county policy states that these types of requests are to be handled by the Personnel Committee, which the County no longer has a Personnel Committee.

Discussion among the Board took place concerning what the duties of this committee used to be, appointment of members to the committee and what the best option would be to handle the current issue.

Chair Banks appointed Commissioners' Julie Calley, Amanda Powell and Lynn Mason as a temporary Personnel Committee to handle the two leave of absence requests.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners ratify the Chair's appointments to the temporary Personnel Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson's Report

Banks reminded the Board that the County Administrator's evaluation forms be returned to him as soon as possible.

Commissioner Powell gave a brief update on the animal shelter project.

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

Banks called for a brief recess at 4:32 p.m. and reconvened at 4:36 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk