

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

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

Members present: Mason, Powell, Vroman, Tiejema, Shattuck, Calley (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Joel Palmer, Sr., Zenon Cardenas, Jack Elliott, Jim Valentine, Deb Thailson, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted the following items to be added to the agenda: Added items #5 and #6 under the Consent Calendar; added item #8 under New Business and deleted item #1 under New Business. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Public Comment period.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Mason and Banks stated facts 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 September 2010 - \$821,106.11
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$102,492.63
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from October 12, 2010
6. Approve Closed Session minutes from October 19, 2010

The Closed Session minutes from October 12th and 19th were passed out and reviewed by the Board. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

New Business

1. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve a three year contract with CL Trucking and Excavating LLC for snowplowing services and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Department of Community Health Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting Agreement and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between Michigan Department of Human Services and Ionia County Health Department/ICSAI and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the continuation and updates of the current Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Agreement with Ionia County and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Radio Tower Renewal Agreement between the City of Ionia and Ionia County Central Dispatch. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with Nine One One, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a VOiP E9-1-1 and administrative telephone system. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Moved by Powell, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve those employees who choose the base health insurance option, during the open enrollment for the 2011 benefit year, may elect to cash-in accrued personal time at 50 percent of the employee's rate of pay and/or up to 40 hours of accrued vacation time at 100 percent of the employee's rate of pay. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports

Discussions took place concerning the Road Commission Board. Banks stated that there will be two positions open on the Board and citizens of Ionia County are showing an interest in serving on the Road Board. Banks discussed increasing the membership of the Road Commission Board to a 5-member board rather than a 3-member board. In addition, the Board of Commissioners may also want to review the option of making the Road Commission Board elective positions. Banks stated that either option would be subject to a majority vote by the Board of Commissioners and discussed the procedure the Board of Commissioners would have to go through to increase the membership and/or make the Road Board elective positions. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that information is being gathered and would be available for the next board meeting.

County Administrator's Report:

1. Discussed Tuesday's tornado warning and the safety measures that were put into place for the employees;
2. Gave a brief update on the budget;
3. Presented the Board with a proposed Travel Policy that will be coming up for further discussion;
4. At the November Committee-of-the-Whole, capital budget discussions will take place;
5. Updated the Board on the Fiduciary Agreement for the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority;
6. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is now available;

Chair Banks, on behalf of the Board, expressed condolences to the family of Mark Barna.

Commissioner Powell discussed the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Vroman would like the Benefit Task Force recognized for the work that have done.

Banks noted that the Board would not be having an Executive Session as stated on the agenda.

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott discussed property values. Tonda Rich stated that the election results for the November 2nd General Election can be viewed on the county's website. Joel Palmer, Sr., commented on the Ionia County Road Commission.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk