

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Shattuck, Tiejema, Calley, Mason (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Powell (arrived at 7:26 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: Vroman

Others present: Bob Cusack, James Lower, Loren Gage, Jack Elliott, Joel Palmer, Sr., Stephanie Hurlbut, Tom Thelen, Diane Smith, Jim Valentine, Bill and Barbara Sedlar, Greg Hammond, Lisa McCafferty, Dale Miller, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted one item to be added under New Business and one item to be added under the Consent Calendar. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the first Public Comment period. Barbara Sedlar, Greg Hammond, Bill Sedlar, Bob Cusack, Evelinda Onstott and Jack Elliott commented on the cockroach infestation in Orleans Township.

Did You Know?

Commissioners' Mason and Tiejema 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 August 2010 - \$889,305.56
4. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$96,441.27
5. Approve Closed Session minutes from September 14th and September 21st, 2010

The Closed Session minutes from September 14th and September 21st were presented and reviewed by the Board. Absent any objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

Unfinished Business

1. Commission on Aging Board – Moved by Tiejema, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners appoint Ojars Smits and Melvin Haga Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Park Advisory Board, increase the rental rate for Palmer Lodge from \$225 to \$275 per day starting in 2011. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Agreement for Services between Ingham Health Plan Corporation (Ionia Health Plan) and Ionia County Health Department, and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 2b. Moved by Mason, supported by Calley, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve submitting the Brownfield Assessment Grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed insurance policy language as presented. County Administrator, Mark Howe, stated that by adopting the policy language, this would be implementing the four different plans being offered to employees.

Commissioner Calley asked the Board to reconsider the language in paragraph B, specifically to change the 8 years of service requirement to 12 years for former employees to buy into the County's coverage. Discussions followed concerning the wording of the policy and if a specific date should be implemented into the Policy as well.

Moved by Calley, supported by Shattuck, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the Insurance Policy language changing Paragraph B to state that former employees and elected officials must have fulfilled a minimum of 12 years of service to buy into the County coverage and further to let current enrollees be grandfathered in.

Banks called for a vote on the amended motion by Calley. Motion failed due to a tie vote.

Banks called for a vote on the original motion to adopt the insurance policy language as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Budget Discussion
 - A) A laundry list was generated at the last Committee-of-the-Whole. Banks reminded the Board to prioritize that list and return to the County Administrator for the meeting on Wednesday, September 29th.
 - B) Discussed the mandated and non-mandated services

- C) Department Head meetings are being held on Friday mornings and Howe asked that two Commissioners attend these Department Head meetings

County Administrator's report:

1. Discussed the ABW (Adult Benefit Waiver)
2. Jail Reimbursement
3. MSU Extension positions that the County funds
4. Agreement with Consumers Energy regarding the new animal shelter

Banks opened up the second Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board regarding the budget. Barbara Sedlar, Bill Sedlar and Evelinda Onstott addressed the Board concerning the cockroach infestation in Orleans Township. Bob Cusack addressed the Board concerning the Montcalm County Tax Sale.

Banks called for a recess at 9:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

Moved by Calley, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk