

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**May 24, 2011**  
7:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Lower, Vroman, Tiejema, Banks and Shattuck  
Members absent: Calley

Others present: Deb Thailson, Mark Howe, JoAnne Eakins, Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine,  
Mike Callton, Jason French, Lisa McCafferty, Stephanie Hurlbut and  
Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

A. Consideration of additional items

The Chair noted the following additions to the agenda: Added item E. under Consent Calendar and items E. and F. under New Business. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

State Representative, Mike Callton, gave an update on issues being worked on in Lansing.

**Did You Know?**

Commissioner Lower stated the county's budget is now on the county's website.

**Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s)
- B. Approve per diem and mileage
- C. Approve payment of General Fund payroll and accounts payable for the month of April 2011 - \$1,409,737.14
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$144,041.19
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from May 10, 2011

Chair Shattuck stated that Commissioner Calley needed to sign her voucher and due to her absence, her voucher would be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Tiejema requested to remove his voucher and amend the April 19, 2011 Committee-of-the-Whole per diem to \$50 rather than \$75. Tiejema further requested that the minutes from May 10, 2011 (Special Meeting) be amended to state that his motion included that in the interim, the union negotiations would be handled by county attorney, John McGlinchy.

Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to approve Tiejema's amended voucher and the amended minutes of the special meeting held on May 10, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing no further objections, the Chair declared the rest of the Consent Calendar approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the Farmland Agreements, Local File Numbers 11-004FA, 11-005FA and 11-006FA, for property located in Sebewa Township filed by Gary Powell. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to approve the substance abuse agreements between the County of Ionia on behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative (ICSAI) and Northpoint Counseling, County of Ionia on behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative (ICSAI) and Two Rivers Counseling and County of Ionia on behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative (ICSAI) and Catholic Charities of West Michigan and authorize the signatures of Chair, Jack Shattuck and Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Deb Thailson, Community Health Supervisor, presented the Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organization Certification that the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative received. Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the certification. Motion carried by voice vote.

Thailson also requested a Letter of Support from the Board supporting the Health Department to apply for a grant that would increase the readiness of health departments to apply for national accreditation by improving the services of all local health departments. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Chair sign the Letter of Support.

- C. JoAnne Eakins, Personal Health Director, requested to fill the Registered Dietician position that will become vacant on May 25, 2011, at a Grade 10, Step 7, 0.8 FTE. Eakins stated it may be hard to fill the position at Step 1. A brief discussion took place concerning experience credit. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to authorize filling the position of Registered Dietician at Grade 10, Step 1, 0.8 FTE. Motion carried by voice vote.

Eakins further commented on the need for a dependable generator at the Health Department.

- D. Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, to approve the 2012 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. County Administrator, Mark Howe, presented a draft Animal Control Ordinance and discussed whether a grace period should be given to those owners who failed to license their dog. Other discussions included the authority of the Animal Control Officer, handling citation violations and if the ordinance should reference misdemeanor and felony charges. Howe stated he would contact the county attorney and have that information available at a later meeting.
- F. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Vroman, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Ionia and City of Portland, for the purpose of the County being allowed to use the Portland City Hall as a secondary location for County operations if the present locations in the City of Ionia become unusable for any reason. Howe stated that he will be presenting one to the City of Belding and possibly the City of Ionia. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Reports**

Lisa McCafferty gave an update on the Animal Shelter Manager position and that she is in the process of offering the position to one of the eight candidates.

There was no Public Comment.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

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

Moved by Lower, supported by Mason, to adjourn Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to approve the Letter of Understanding with the Governmental Employees Labor Council Ionia County E-911 Central Dispatch Telecommunications Unit and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk