

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
**November 22, 2011**  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Jack Elliott, Dan and Wendy Thomas, Jim Valentine, Joel Palmer, Sr., Dorothy Pohl, Mark Miller, Bill Weisgerber, Dale Miller, Jon Szerlag, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Deb Thailson, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

A. Consideration of additional items

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

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Land Bank Authority.

**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 October 2011 - \$1,147,732.89
- D. Approve payment of Health Fund bills - \$102,243.54
- E. Approve Closed Session minutes from November 8, 2011

The Closed Session minutes were presented, reviewed and returned to the Clerk. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the Consent Calendar approved.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Action on PA 116's
  - 1. Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to approve the (2) PA 116 Farmland Agreements filed by Dallas Beland, for property located in Odessa Township (local file numbers 11-017 & 11-018-FA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema, to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement filed by Adam and Mona Reiff, for property located in Ionia Township (local file number 11-012FA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the (2) PA 116 Farmland Agreements filed by Frank and Janet Selleck, for property located in Ronald Township (local file numbers 11-013FA & 11-014FA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to approve the (2) PA 116 Farmland Agreements filed by Larry and Therese Simon, for property located in Lyons Township and North Plains Township (local file numbers 11-015FA & 11-016FA). Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Mark Miller, Director of Local Health Services – Michigan Department of Community Health, presented Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, a Certificate of Accreditation. Miller stated that the staff at the Ionia County Health Department have a passion for the work they do, as well as, teamwork and collaboration and thanked the Department for their continuing efforts.
- B. Road Commission Manager, Dorothy Pohl and Road Commissioner, Bill Weisgerber, requested that the Ionia County Road Commission be allowed to participate in the Ionia County Blue Cross Administrative Services Contract for 2012. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to adopt the Resolution to Request Incorporating the Road Commission into the Ionia County Blue Cross Administrative Services Contract for 2012. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

### **RESOLUTION TO REQUEST INCORPORATING THE ROAD COMMISSION INTO THE IONIA COUNTY BLUE CROSS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR 2012 2011-10**

**WHEREAS**, the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has an Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for the County's self-insurance health insurance program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission would like to request the County allow them to participate with Blue Cross/Blue Shield under the auspices of the County's Administrative Services Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission would be responsible for determining benefits offered to its employees through the Administrative Services Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission would be responsible for fully funding the claims incurred by its employees and retirees, administrative costs, health premium claims taxes, and stop loss insurance premiums associated with its employees and retirees under the Administrative Services Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission would be responsible for funding a mutually acceptable reserve account with the County during the first two years of the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Road Commission requests that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the changes necessary to incorporate the Ionia County Road Commission's employees and retirees into the Administrative Services Contract documents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson or their designee is authorized to sign the necessary documents.

- C. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adopt the Resolution Adding Barry County to the Service Area of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**APPROVAL OF ADDING BARRY COUNTY TO THE SERVICE AREA OF THE WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
2011-11**

**WHEREAS**, the current boundaries of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission were established in 1990 and include the counties of Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm , Osceola and Ottawa; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission is the designated U.S. Economic Development Administration Economic Development District in charge of maintaining a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission also maintains a relationship with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide transportation planning services to its services area; and

**WHEREAS**, Barry County, currently located within the boundaries of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, has approached the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission to request initiating the process of changing the boundaries of its service area to include Barry County; and

**WHEREAS**, member counties of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission must approve of changes to the existing service area prior to the West

Michigan Regional Planning Commission moving forward with such a boundary change.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners hereby approves of the addition of Barry County to the service area of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.

- D. Moved by Mason, supported by Tiejema, to approve the Comprehensive Recovery Services contract that is necessary to obtain funds to pay the provider out of the Drug Court Grant funds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to approve the Economic Necessity Certification for Non-Primary Airports Planning Routine Pavement Maintenance Projects form for federal funding eligibility and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve the 36 month AT&T ILEC Intrastate DSI Private Line Service Agreement between the County of Ionia and AT&T for the TI Circuit which runs between the courthouse and the MSU Extension Office and to authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Moved by Mason, supported by Banks, to approve the contract with MMH Centers, Inc., for services provided to Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court clients and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$12,000, for the purchase and installation of new carpeting for the garden level hallway in the Courthouse. Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, stated he would send out requests for more bids. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lower voting no.
- I. Undersheriff, Dale Miller, discussed the need for replacing bulletproof vests, which are due to be replaced under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership for safety and contractual obligations. Miller stated that one half of the cost of each vest will be paid through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to authorize the use of capital funds, not to exceed \$10,000, to purchase bulletproof vests. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Lower, to adopt the Resolution to Approve Health Insurance Administrative Services Contract Renewal for 2012, which renews the contract between the County of Ionia and Blue Cross Blue Shield and further includes the Ionia County Road Commission. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: yes – all. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR 2012  
2011-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has authorized an Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan for the County's self insured health insurance program, effective January 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is recommending the renewal of Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, effective January 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission has approached the County regarding participating with Blue Cross/Blue Shield under the auspices of the County's Administrative Services Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission will be responsible for fully funding the claims incurred by its employees and retirees, administrative costs, health premium claims taxes, and stop loss insurance premiums associated with its employees and retirees under the Administrative Services Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Commission will be responsible for funding a mutually acceptable reserve account with the County during the first two years of the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners approves the renewal of the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the changes necessary to incorporate the Ionia County Road Commission into the Administrative Services Contract be incorporated into the renewal documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson and/or Interim County Administrator is authorized to sign the necessary contracts.

**Reports**

Commissioner Lower clarified that in his October 28<sup>th</sup> statement to the Board, Janae Cooper did not read a statement from the County Clerk, and further requested that the Board start looking at the reasons for the late additions being made to the agenda.

Commissioner Banks gave an update on the Personnel Committee and stated that employees are cashing in their vacation/personal time and that Hurlbut is in the process of drafting a policy concerning the amount of vacation and personal time being

banked/carried over year to year. Commissioner Mason commended the employees that were at this meeting for their input.

Commissioner Shattuck gave an update on the Facilities Committee and stated that Ionia City Manager, Jason Eppler, presented many options for the County.

**Public Comment**

Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the County spending money. Wendy Thomas addressed the Board concerning the HSA insurance plan.

Moved by Mason, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:  
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