

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee-of-the-Whole

**April 15, 2014**

4:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Lynn Mason, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk,  
Scott Wirtz and Julie Calley

Members absent: Jack Shattuck

Others present: Bob VanLente, Jim Valentine, Robert Lathers, Nancy Patera,  
Ken Bowen, Lynette Seiler, Lisa Insley, Sue Gorby, Deb Steele,  
Cheryl Pinnow, Don Ransom, Judy Clark, Frank Bednarek,  
Stephanie Hurlbut and Stephanie Leuenberger

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Calley requested that item A under Unfinished Business be heard after New Business. Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

- A. Community Mental Health Annual Report - Nancy Patera and Robert Lathers with Ionia County Community Mental Health invited the Commissioners and the public to a luncheon to be held on May 16, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. to learn more about the services offered at CMH and to meet the staff. Lathers spoke briefly about implementing a new Regional Activity Center for Autism and their partnership with Montcalm CMH. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the County Clerk's Office)
- B. Departmental Reports
  1. **Commission on Aging** - Director, Lynette Seiler, updated the Board on the services provided in 2013 by the Commission on Aging. Seiler stated that home delivered meals were their number one demand. Seiler further announced that there will be a Volunteer Dinner next week in recognition of the 200+ Commission on Aging volunteers.

Lisa Insley discussed nutrition and the importance of having a place for their clients to come and eat and be able to communicate with others.

Sue Gorby reported on the transportation needs for their clients.

Deb Steele discussed In-Home Services that are offered through COA which has a staff of 16 who help with bathing, cleaning and projects that need to be done around a client's home. (A copy of the report is on file in the County Clerk's Office)

2. **Public Health** – Public Health Officer, Ken Bowen, discussed the Ionia County Health Department and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the County Clerk's Office)
- C. Discussion/Review of Revised Sanitary Code – Bowen discussed the proposed changes to the Sanitary Code, stating he believes that some items in the Code may be better suited for the Building Department. Bowen pointed out that the Septic portion of the Sanitary Code is specific to just Ionia County. A public hearing will need to be scheduled for the adoption of the Sanitary Code.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Facilities Discussion – Frank Bednarek, the facility planner, and Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, presented the Board with draft plans of a new/remodeled building (old jail site) and discussed the county's options for relocating the Friend of the Court and other offices. (A draft copy of the proposed plan is on file in the County Clerk's Office)

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Calley commented on the health rankings and an informative letter from MAC.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Mason updated the Board on the Michigan Township Association Meeting that was held Monday night at Boston Township.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: