

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2016

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

Members present: David Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jack Shattuck

Others present: Melissa Eldridge, Ben Galbraith, Don Lehman, Haley McLean, Monte Starkweather, Hon. Judge Robert S. Sykes Jr., Judy Clark, Robin Anderson, Bob VanLente, Nick Grenke, Sharyn Overton and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Resource Recovery / Soil Conservation Annual Report

Melissa Eldridge and Ben Galbraith presented the Resource Recovery and Soil Conservation Annual Report. Eldridge stated that Saturday, August 20, 2016 there will be a Clean Sweep Event for Waste Collection. Eldridge further mentioned that next spring they are looking into having an electronics collection. On Thursday, September 1st, at 9 a.m. at Hazel Devore Park there will be a workshop on Natural Shoreline and Invasive Species. (A copy of the Resource Recovery / Soil Conservation Annual Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

B. Departmental Reports

1. MSU Extension

Don Lehman and Haley McLean updated the Board on the happenings at MSU Extension. Lehman stated that their Open House at the Clarksville Resource Center went very well. McLean discussed trainings, clubs and meetings she has attended over the last year. McLean discussed the statistics page in the report. Commissioner Cowling-Cronk commended McLean on her activity with the Club at Boyce School. (A copy of the MSU Extension Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

2. Juvenile Court

Probate Court Judge Robert S. Sykes Jr. and Monte Starkweather, Juvenile Court Referee, discussed the Juvenile Court/Youth Service Bureau. Starkweather mentioned that County Administrator Fox will be asking the Board for their regular budget amount of \$600,000 for the County's portion of the Child Care Fund. Sykes announced the ICAN Picnic that will be on Wednesday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ionia Fair Grounds. Sykes further mentioned that Monte Starkweather will be retiring by the end of the year. (No report provided or included in Board Packet).

3. Treasurer

County Treasurer, Judy Clark, stated she will not be doing mortgage foreclosures until the end of this month, which is later in the year than normal. There are currently 32 properties up for foreclosure. Clark discussed the program "Help for Hardest Hit Michigan," which is a program that can help with foreclosures and delinquent taxes. (A copy of the Treasurer Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

4. Animal Shelter

Animal Control Manager, Robin Anderson, stated that the department purchased a new Dodge ProMaster with the money donated by Shirley Morris. Anderson also mentioned that the new dog play pen fence is complete and the two Kennel Assistant positions have been filled.

Anderson announced they are currently having free cat adoptions. (A copy of the Animal Shelter Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Commissioner's Report

Hodges mentioned the Farm Bureau Annual Dinner to be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Hodges, to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on
