

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee- of- the- Whole
August 19, 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, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Don Lehman, Ken Bowen, Monte Starkweather, Melissa Eldridge,
Rachel Koleda, David Wood, David Hodges, Bob Van Lente,
Stephanie Hurlbut, and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mason, supported by Wirtz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. **MSU Extension** – Don Lehman, District 8 Coordinator for the MSU Extension Office, presented the MSUE District 8 Annual Report. Lehman discussed changes in staffing and distributed a catalog of programs and services offered by MSUE. Lehman stated that although MSUE is known for their 4H and agricultural based programs, MSUE also offers a variety of many other programs, which are always available to all Ionia County residents. (A copy of the MSU Extension report and catalog are on file in the Clerk’s Office).
2. **Health Department** – Ken Bowen, Public Health Officer, stated that the staff is busy finishing up the FY 2014- 2015 Prevention and Treatment Action Plans. Bowen stated that some staff members have had to make appearances at District Court recently regarding complaint investigations. (A copy of the Health Department’s report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
3. **Juvenile Court – Child Care Fund** – Monte Starkweather, Juvenile Court Referee, discussed the Child Care Fund and answered questions from the Board. Starkweather briefly spoke on truancy concerns with the upcoming school year. (A copy of the Juvenile Court Child Care Fund Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
4. **Resource Recovery/Soil Conservation** – Melissa Eldridge, Rachel Koleda, and David Wood with the Ionia County Resource Recovery Program discussed the new waste collection site that will open on September 27th. Koleda discussed the Energy Efficiency Program that will be held on

September 5th and also discussed Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). Wood discussed the Lake Creek Watershed Program. (A copy of the Resource Recovery Program Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

County Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Shattuck mentioned the open house at the Airport last week and thanked the staff in Administration for their efforts with it. Shattuck further discussed a proposal that will be presented to the Board from Loren Gage, Bertha Brock Park Manager.

Commissioner Mason announced that the Authority Board for Rails to Trails is now starting to put a few policies in place.

County Administrator's Report

- a) The Animal Shelter is having an open house on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- b) A retirement party will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, for Don Ransom.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chairperson

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: