

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 19, 2016
Committee- of- the- Whole Meeting
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Larry Tiejema

Others present: Bert Gale, Bob Logan, Scott De Ruischer, Jim Valentine, Bob VanLente, Nicholas Grenke, Frank Berrodin, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

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

Unfinished Business

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox, stated that the “pre proposal” meeting took place. The questions and answers compiled from that meeting will be posted on the County’s website. Fox further stated that the proposals are due next Thursday, January 28th. The Facilities Committee will meet Friday, January 29th to go over the proposals.

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. **Central Dispatch** – Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, updated the Board on what has been happening at Central Dispatch. Valentine announced that Kevin Booth was promoted to Supervisor and now the process has started for hiring a new dispatcher. Valentine explained the lengthy process of hiring and the training of a new dispatcher. (A copy of the Central Dispatch report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

2. **Buildings & Grounds** – Scott De Ruischer introduced himself as the new Physical Plant Director. De Ruischer described the projects that his department has been working on at the Health Department, in the courthouse, at the Animal Shelter, Sheriff’s Office, the Commission on Aging and the MSU Extension Office. De Ruischer stated that the new Maintenance Pole Barn has been completed and the driveway will be finished once Spring arrives. (A copy of the Maintenance Department Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

3. **Building Codes** – Bert Gale, Building Inspector, presented the 4th Quarter Building Codes Report. The report indicates that the Building Department issued 577 permits in 2015, which is the highest in five years. Commissioner Wirtz questioned the clean-up status of the brick building located on the corner of M44 & M66 that was knocked down some time ago. Gale stated that the building is in the hands of the DEQ because of some legal issues, but stated he would make a call to the DEQ regarding the time frame of the clean-up. Gale briefly discussed the Friend of the Court building and contacting the Registry for the process that must be taken to make the building a historical building. (A copy of the Building Codes Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

B. Attorney Frank Berrodin discussed the County’s Pension Plan and the IRS requirement of restating the Plan. Berrodin went through the proposed changes to the Plan and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the Pension Plan with proposed changes is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Reports

Commissioner Hodges stated he attended his first West Michigan Regional Planning Commission meeting.

County Administrator’s Report

1. Her office is finishing up some year- end activity.
2. Thanked the Board for the new Maintenance Pole Barn.

Moved by Cowling- Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approve on
