

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
February 21, 2017
3:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema, Scott Wirtz, Brenda Cowling-Cronk and Jack Shattuck

Members absent: David Hodges and Jim Banks

Others present: Scott DeRuisher, Dale Miller, Judy Clark, Ken Bowen, Kyle Butler, Charlie Noll and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. Judy Clark, Treasurer, updated the Board on Ionia County Investments as of December 31, 2016 and the 4th Quarter report (report of file in the Clerk's Office). Balances in the Cemetery and Law Library funds were questioned by Tiejema. In regards to the Cemetery Fund, Clark explained that the County is still in the process of recouping interest that was overpaid in previous years due to the non-adjustment of interest rates in the past, as well as North Plains dissolved their fund. Additionally Clark reported that the 2016 year ended with a positive cash balance. Financing options for the new court building were briefly discussed. Clark stated that forfeitures remain on the high-end and that some deferrals remain unpaid.
2. Ken Bowen, Health Officer, reported positive feedback on the *Too Good for Drugs Program* that replaces the former DARE Program. The program was presented to 5th Grade students at Saranac Elementary. Bowen also reported on the increase in WIC Referrals, staff training on the HIV Quick Test and the Fluoride Varnish program which provides basic dental care for WIC clients. The recent implementation of Electronic Medical Records will be up and running in March. The Health Department began Level 2 Assessments for water supplies as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Bowen additionally reported that free Radon Test Kits will be given for non-perishable food item

- donations through the end of February. (a full report from the Health Department is on file in the Clerk's Office).
3. Kyle Butler, Prosecuting Attorney, stated brief highlights pertaining to various trainings that his staff has attended since his last report. Butler also reported on recent trials that resulted in guilty verdicts and advised the Board of a Motion for Reconsideration being filed on a high-profile appeal case. The IM SAFE CAC Program has had 46 new cases since Butler's last report. Butler briefly discussed body cameras for Law Enforcement Officers. (A full report form the Prosecutor's Office is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 4. Scott DeRuisher, Physical Plant Manager, updated the Board on various maintenance issues that have been recently dealt with. The Airport had a thermostat issue; the Animal Shelter continues to have heating issues; the Commission on Aging has had leaking faucets; the Courthouse boiler continues to have issues; the Health Department has had furnace issues; the Jail has had a major drain issue and Parks and Recreation is focusing on keeping the roads clear of ice and snow, and cutting wood. The Caretaker House is receiving upgrades and the Palmer Lodge is rented nearly every weekend, with reservations going into 2018. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 5. Sheriff Dale Miller and UnderSheriff Charlie Noll discussed the following recent projects within the department: the Intercom Security System in the Jail, Mobile CAD, Drain Issues, Medical Marijuana Grant and Body Camera's. Noll reported on a recent fraud case, staff trainings and changes in staff. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Building Codes Discussion
1. Chair Shattuck briefly reviewed a cost analysis pertaining to the Building Department. County Administrator Stephanie Fox was unavailable to answer questions due to illness.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck mentioned fallen and aging trees at Bertha Brock Park.

Commissioner's Reports

Tiejema stated that he would not be present at the bid opening tomorrow and would like to be updated on the outcome as soon as possible.

Wirtz stated that he attended the Road Commission Meeting last Wednesday. Wirtz also inquired on aerial photography.

Cowling-Cronk reported that she, Commissioner Wirtz and Stephanie Fox attended the Sobriety Court graduation.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes approved on: