

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 2015

Committee- of- the- Whole Meeting

3:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Scott Wirtz

Others present: Pastor Ron David, Bert Gale, Rob Logan, Jim Valentine, Joe Cusack, Mike Kenney, Ken Bowen, Jessica Wierckz, Tom Thelen, Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

Invocation

Commissioner Hodges introduced Pastor Ron David who gave the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. **Building Codes** – Building Codes Official, Bert Gale, presented the 4th quarter report for the Building Department. Gale discussed staffing, Dangerous Structure Ordinance and Property Maintenance Codes and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the Building Codes Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)
2. **Central Dispatch** – Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, discussed the new surcharge rate and the status of the open dispatcher position. (A copy of the Central Dispatch Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)
3. **Buildings & Grounds** – Physical Plant Director, Joe Cusack, discussed the different projects being done by his department and commended his staff. Cusack voiced concern with the aging heating units in the various county buildings and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the Buildings & Grounds Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)

B. Facilities Discussion – The Chair opened up discussion on facilities.

Commissioner Banks stated that inquiries should be made into other locations than just the Michigan Works building. It was the consensus of the Board to

continue this discussion in one week giving the Board time to review the results from the June 2014 public hearing on facilities.

Chairperson's Report

1. Welcomed new commissioner David Hodges.
2. Would like the Board to be goal-oriented and requested the Board to write down ideas and return them to her.

County Administrator's Report

1. Reminded the Board of the location change of the 7:00 p.m. meeting that will take place at Central Dispatch.

Other Reports

1. Commissioner Shattuck gave an update on the Green View Point Park.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on
