

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee- of- the- Whole
July 15, 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, Scott Wirtz, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Members absent: Brenda Cowling- Cronk

Others present: Bill Hudson, Sue Mulford, Becky Haskins, Carolyn Mayhew, Doug DeVries, Bert Gale, Bob Logan, James Valentine, Don Ransom, Dale Miller, Robin Anderson, Debra Bach, Stephanie Hurlbut and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- A. Presentation by Jordan Lake Trail Board Members – Bill Hudson, Sue Mulford, Becky Haskins and Carolyn Mayhew with the Jordan Lake Trail Board presented the Board with a list of their goals and objectives. Hudson stated that the trail is for non- motorized use only and is wheelchair assessable. The Board requested that Hudson submit a Letter of Support in regard to the TAP Grant, which will be discussed at a future meeting. (A copy of the Jordan Lake Trail Board’s handout/report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
- B. Departmental Reports
 1. Emergency Management – Doug DeVries with Emergency Management announced that they have used their Rave Alert System twice. In addition, DeVries stated that the State of Michigan will be providing some funding toward the response and debris removal costs as a result of the ice storm last December. In other topics, DeVries will be meeting with the State to review the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and that DeVries has updated the fifteen primary hazmat sites in Ionia County. (A copy of the Emergency Management Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
 2. Building Codes – Bert Gale with the Ionia County Building Codes Department touched briefly on the number of permits being issued and that a large number of these permits are stemming from the new hospital location. (A copy of the Building Codes Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)

3. Central Dispatch – Central Dispatch Director Jim Valentine announced that they updated their 800 MHz Radio System and have 32 different talk groups. Valentine also mentioned that he has received positive feedback on the Rave Alert System. Valentine touched on the Smart911 system and further discussed that he will be presenting a resolution to the Board next week seeking the Board’s authorization to put a surcharge increase millage on the November General ballot. (A copy of the Central Dispatch report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
4. Building & Grounds – Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, will be doing a walk through with contractors next week Wednesday at the Sheriff’s Department in regard to the roof repair. Sheriff Dale Miller spoke to the high priority of this matter and thanked the Board for their support. Ransom also stated that the first floor of the Health Department has been painted and new lighting has been installed in the parking lots at MSU Extension Office and the Commission on Aging.
5. Animal Shelter – Robin Anderson with the Ionia County Animal Shelter announced that there will be an open house at the Animal Shelter on August 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anderson stated that she hopes the open house will bring public awareness to the shelter. Anderson further stated that the dog intake is high and with no volunteers she has had to work extra hours. (A copy of the Animal Shelter Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Chairperson’s Report

Chair Calley, on behalf of the Sheriff’s Department, thanked Greg Herbruck, Crist Johnson, Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation, Edmondson Rouse & Schmid Family Medicine, Dr. Charles Barker, Jerry Gallagher and Devereaux Sawmill for the new AED’s donated to the Sheriff’s Department.

Other Reports

Commissioner Wirtz announced that there will be a Make- a- Wish Foundation event at the Ronald Township Hall on July 26th wherein the bicyclists will use the township hall as a resting stop.

County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Stephanie Hurlbut stated that she is continuing to work on the 2015 Budget and will also be applying for a Workers Compensation Prevention Loss Grant.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: