

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 19, 2016

Committee-of-the-Whole

3:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Jim Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Calley gave the Invocation.

**Members Present:** Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Julie Calley and Jim Banks

**Members Absent:** David Hodges and Jack Shattuck

**Others Present:** Kyle Butler, Jim Valentine, Scott DeRuischer, Doug DeVries, Bob Logan, Bert Gale, Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**New Business**

**A. Departmental Reports**

- 1. Prosecuting Attorney** – Prosecuting Attorney Kyle Butler discussed and updated the Board on the Prosecutor’s Office. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Erica Parker is doing a fantastic job and has been attending several training opportunities. Parker just recently won her first jury trial in District Court. Butler stated he recently toured all four prisons here in Ionia County and also the SAI Boot Camp in Chelsea, Michigan. (A copy of the Prosecutor’s Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
- 2. Central Dispatch** – Central Dispatch Director Jim Valentine indicated that Smart911 is recognizing one of Ionia County’s dispatchers for her use of the Smart911 system to assist a domestic violence victim. Valentine discussed the issue with phone lines going down recently and stated that the issue has been corrected. (A copy of Central Dispatch’s Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
- 3. Buildings & Grounds** – Physical Plant Director Scott DeRuischer stated that his department has responded to 87 maintenance requests. The heating and cooling project in District Court has been completed. The lighting controller at the Animal Shelter was found to have issues following a power failure and

has been corrected. (A copy of the Buildings and Grounds Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

4. **Emergency Management - Assistant Emergency Manager** Doug DeVries discussed the upcoming heat index this week stating it will be extremely high. DeVries discussed the possibility of severe weather. DeVries answered questions from the Board. (A copy of Emergency Management's Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
5. **Building Codes** - Building Officials Bob Logan and Bert Gale stated that the County has issued 320 permits so far this year. Other discussions included unlicensed builders. (A copy of the Building Codes Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

### **County Administrator's Report**

The Right Door is having a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Veterans Service Office at 1:00p.m. Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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James L. Banks, Co-Chair

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Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: