

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee-of-the-Whole

June 17, 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, Brenda Cowling-Cronk,
Scott Wirtz, Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Ronald Schafer, Dorothy Pohl, William Weisgerber, Paul Spitzley,
Debra Thalison, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Brent Denny,
Jessica Wierckz, Tonda Rich, Ronald Possehn, Bob Van Lente, Ed Lincoln,
Kevin Heilman, James Valentine, Stephanie Hurlbut and
Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, requested item B4 under New Business be moved to the top of the agenda under New Business. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. **Departmental Reports**

Prosecutor's Office – Ionia County Prosecutor, Ron Schafer, updated the Board on the staffing in his office. Schafer also discussed pending cases and the budget for his office.

- B. **Road Commission Annual Report** – Dorothy Pohl, William Weisgerber, and Paul Spitzley, from the Ionia County Road Commission, discussed projects throughout Ionia County. Pohl announced that the Cleveland Street Bridge was finished and the Road Commission is working on replacing the bridges on Long Lake, Keefer and Riverside Roads. Pohl announced that the Road Commission does a summer shut down once a year for one week to save money and this year it will be the week of the June 30th – July 4th. (A copy of the Ionia County Road Commission's Supplemental Annual Report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).

C. **Departmental Reports (Continued)**

1. **Public Health** – Debra Thalison, from the Ionia County Health Department, stated the Health Department is still waiting for a final report from their audit. Thalison also mentioned that she applied for a mini grant for a few computers and that the Health Department will be partnering with the

- Sheriff's Department in a new upcoming project. (A copy of the Ionia County Health Department's Report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).
2. **Sheriff's Department** – Dale Miller, Ionia County Sheriff, Charlie Noll, Undersheriff, and Deputy Brent Denny, did a Power Point on the ARAS 360. Denny demonstrated how the program works with Google Earth to give a better quality reenactment of a crime scene. Noll discussed their two robots, the Recon Robot and the Avatar Robot. Miller touched briefly on a few school issues within Ionia County. Miller also mentioned they will be having their driver simulator at the fair this year. (A copy of the Ionia County Sheriff's Report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).
 3. **Friend of the Court** – Jessica Wierckz, Referee for the Ionia County Friend of the Court, discussed funding, staffing and workload. (A copy of the Ionia County Friend of the Court's Report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).
 4. **Clerk's Office** – Tonda Rich, Ionia County Clerk, discussed the temporary participant from Michigan Works that will be working in the Clerk's Office for the next eight weeks. Other items discussed included the elections, upcoming election inspector trainings, courts and the website. (A copy of the Ionia County Clerk's Report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).
- D. **Off Road Vehicle Ordinance Discussion** – Sheriff Miller and Stephanie Hurlbut, Ionia County Administrator, discussed the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance. Ronald Possehn, a resident in Easton Township, spoke in comparison with another county's ordinance. Hurlbut announced that she will take the ordinance to the Road Commission and the townships for their thoughts and opinions and bring this matter back to the Board at a later date. (A copy of the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).
- E. **Foreclosed Property Report** – On behalf of the County Treasurer, Hurlbut presented the Foreclosed Property Report. If the Commissioners had any questions or would like to discuss the report, they should contact the Treasurer directly. (A copy of the report is on file in the Ionia County Clerk's Office).

Chairperson's Report

Chair Calley announced that there is a Facilities Public Hearing at the meeting on June 24th at 7:00 p.m.

County Administrator's Report

Hurlbut thanked the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and Judge Voet for the Community Work Crew. She also thanked the Ionia County Health Department for their work with hazardous waste collection.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Wirtz also thanked the Sheriff's Department for the Community Work Crew.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: