

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 2015
Committee- of- the- Whole
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Anthony Smit, Tom Czerwinski, Tami Barker, Dorothy Pohl, Ken Gasper, Paul Spitzley, Chuck Minkley, Jim Valentine, Douglas DeVries, Tim Spitzley, Chris Bredice, Judy Clark, Nicholas Grenke, Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- A. Airport Annual Report – Anthony Smit, Airport Manager, presented his annual report to the Board. Smit announced that this year’s phase two fencing project is complete. Smit briefly discussed future projects such as preparing an Airport Layout Plan, Taxiway Lighting Install, and Runway Resurfacing. Smit further touched on the Heartland Aviation Program and the number of students in the program.
- B. Commission on Aging – The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Director Tom Czerwinski and Tami Barker, Commission on Aging Director, discussed the programs offered to senior citizens and discussed upcoming events. Czerwinski stated he is pleased with the number of volunteers they have to help with AAWM and the COA. (A copy of the Area Agency on Aging and Commission on Aging handouts are on file in the Clerk’s Office).
- C. Ionia County Road Commission Report – Dorothy Pohl, Ken Gasper, Paul Spitzley, and Chuck Minkley with the Ionia County Road Commission discussed roads, road data and future projects. Pohl announced that the Road Commission has received their Transportation Funding Package with funds becoming available in 2016. Gasper announced that the Ionia County Road Commission will be teaming up with the Montcalm County Road Commission to use their Chip and Seal equipment which will be a

savings for the Road Commission. (A copy of the Road Commission Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

D. Departmental Reports

1. Central Dispatch – Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, summarized his report which included the turnout at their 2nd Annual 911 Open House with approximately 500 people attending. Valentine stated that Smart 9- 1- 1 profiles have been completed on all county buildings, Sparrow/Ionia Hospital and their clinic on Washington Street in Ionia, as well as, Belding Area Schools, Ionia Public Schools and the Department of Human Services. (A copy of the Central Dispatch Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

2. Emergency Management – Doug DeVries with Emergency Management presented his report summarizing that the Portland residents that needed assistance due to the tornado were contacted and directed to the community fund that was set up to assist those residents affected. All projects that were involved with the FY13 Grant have been completed and gave a brief overview of the upcoming projects associated with the FY14 Grant. (A copy of the Emergency Management Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

E. Facilities Discussion – Tim Spitzley with Timothy Spitzley Architects, LLC. announced that he reviewed the proposed plans that were done regarding the old jail and gave suggestions to the Board regarding renovations to the old jail or options concerning a new building. Spitzley answered questions from the Board.

F. Central Dispatch Bylaws Discussion – Tiejema presented his suggested revisions to 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.7, and 8.8 of the Central Dispatch Bylaws. (A copy of the suggested revisions to the Bylaws are on file at the Clerk's Office).

Chairperson's Report

Calley thanked the committee that elected our new Drain Commissioner, Robert Rose and also presented pictures of the progress being made on the new Maintenance Building Project. (A copy of these photos are on file at the Clerk's Office).

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cowling- Cronk thanked all of those involved for the preparation and serving of the dinner last Thursday at the Commission on Aging in honor of our Veterans.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on: