

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 18, 2014  
Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting  
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Lynn Mason

Others present: Doug DeVries, Paul Spoelstra, Bob VanLente, David Hodges, Jim Valentine, Judy Clark, Karen Bota, Bill Weisgerber, Paul Spitzley, Dorothy Pohl, Stephanie Fox and Tonda Rich

### Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following deletions: Removed items 3 and 5 from New Business, Departmental Reports. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Cowling- Cronk, to approve the amended agenda.

### Public Comment

Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, thanked the Commissioners and Ionia County residents for the passage of the 911 millage.

### New Business

- A. Paul Spoelstra, with the County Pension Plan, discussed market volatility, mutual funds, alternatives and investing in alternatives. Spoelstra gave recommendations on investments for the Plan that will take the risk off of the portfolio. The recommendations were explained in length and each Commissioner was given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
- B. Departmental Reports
  1. Treasurer – County Treasurer, Judy Clark, discussed two auctions that took place in Kent County where many of the Ionia County properties were sold. Other items of discussion included that the courthouse ATM has about 28-48 transactions per month, the website (tax information) is up and running and invoices have been sent out to the townships who shared the expense of the website.
  2. Road Commission – Managing Director, Dorothy Pohl, reviewed the Winter Maintenance Operations Policy pointing out that the employees work a 16 hour maximum shift with 8 hours off during emergency conditions. Other updates included local bridge biennial inspections and the Board was given the opportunity to ask questions.
  3. Emergency Management – Doug DeVries with Emergency Management discussed the efforts between the Health Department, Sparrow Hospital, EMS, fire, police, Ionia County Prosecutor, Judge Voet and medical and emergency management entities that have been working together on

preparing response plans and education on Ebola. DeVries further discussed the Rave Alert, Homeland Security activities and the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

### **Chairperson's Report**

- 1) With the Community Mental Health partnership, veterans can now teleconference to the VA in Grand Rapids.

### **Other Reports**

Commissioner Tiejema reminded the Board that a decision has to be made fairly soon concerning the management of Greenview Point Park.

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

- 1) The County received a Workmans' Comp check in the amount of \$84,594

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, County Clerk

Minutes approved on
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