

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee- of- the- Whole
October 21, 2014
4:00p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Lynn Mason and Scott Wirtz

Others present: Tony Smit, Debra Thalison, Dale Miller, Charlie Noll,
Ray Voet, Cheryl Pinnow, Ronald Schafer, Bob Van Lente,
David Hodges, Diane Adams, Joe Cusack, Judy Clark,
Stephanie Fox and Stephanie Leuenberger

Chair Calley announced that Commissioners' Mason and Wirtz were unable to attend this afternoon's meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- A. Airport Annual Report – Tony Smit gave a Power Point Presentation on the Ionia Airport. The PowerPoint included photos and information on projects that have taken place at the airport in 2014. Smit discussed future projects and the Airport's 5- year plan. Other items of discussion included an update on SMAT and the new Sparrow hospital.
- B. Departmental Reports
 1. Public Health – Debra Thalison discussed Ebola and stated that the Health Department has been in contact with CDC and the Texas Hospital. Both entities are confident that they do have the measures to take the appropriate precautionary steps should an outbreak take place. Thalison stated that the best advice she could give is for everyone to get the flu shot. (A copy of the Health Department's Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

2. Building Department – Chair Calley stated that the Building Department would not be reporting this afternoon, but their 3rd Quarter Report was available.
3. Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Dale Miller and Undersheriff Charlie Noll discussed finished projects at the department. Miller stated that the jail needs a new intercom system. Noll briefly discussed the status of a few cases that are currently being worked on. The Sheriff congratulated Denise Deschaine who received the Michigan State Award for the best Victim Advocate Team in the state. (A copy of the Sheriff's Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
4. District Court – Judge Voet and Court Administrator Cheryl Pinnow discussed *People v. Cunningham* and its potential to have a disastrous impact on the county's funding. (A copy of the District Court Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
5. Prosecuting Attorney – Prosecuting Attorney Ron Schafer discussed a few criminal cases that have recently been solved. Child Protective Services has been involved in quite a few child removal cases. Schafer wanted to thank Detective Hesche for speaking at a class that Schafer teaches and commended him on his knowledge with the Cell Phone and Computer Analysis Program. Schafer stated that he is in the beginning stages of putting together a Child Advocate Center.

Chairperson's Report

1. Congratulated Denise Deschaine on the Michigan State Award for the best Victim Advocate Team in the State and further congratulated Richard Pifer for being named Corrections Officer of the Year.
2. Announced that the "Cunningham Fix" was signed in regard to *People v Cunningham*.

County Administrator's Report

1. Introduced the new Physical Plant Director, Joe Cusack.
2. Announced the Central Dispatch Open House tonight from 5p.m. to 7 p.m.

Other Reports

Commissioner Shattuck announced that Sparrow Hospital has extended an invitation to all commissioners to do a walk-through of the new hospital.

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie A. Calley, Chair

Stephanie Leuenberger, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on
