

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole

September 19, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.
Commissioners' Meeting Room – Courthouse – 3rd Floor

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment
(3 minute time limit per speaker - please state name/organization)
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Presentation on Brownfield Program – Roman Wilson, DEQ Brownfield Coordinator
 - B. Presentation on Community Collaboration & Celebration – Michelle Spicer
 - C. Central Dispatch Report
 - D.
- VIII. Reports of Officers, Board and Standing Committees
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Commissioners
 - C. County Administrator
- IX. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
- X. Closed Session
- XI. Adjournment



SEPTEMBER 22

CREATIVE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION & CELEBRATION IN IONIA

Digging Deeper into the miss-understanding of Mental Health Stigma & Trauma through our recovery stories.

We invite you to join us for a day of education and awareness in creating and maintaining a well-informed community. We will be having a day of inspiration and empowerment & “Never The Less We Shall Persist”. We will see how our Local Drop in Center’s as well as our Community Mental Health Agencies are building lasting relationship in the community and Stomping out the Stigma of the Mental Health Community together. We are all HUMAN and every one of us deserves Kindness and Respect. Join Us for this day of education and fun. Lunch will be provided @ The Ionia Rivers Edge Drop In Center.



9am registration

**The Right Door for
Hope, Recovery &
Wellness**

**375 Apple Tree
Drive Ionia 48846**

12:30 pm Lunch

**River’s Edge Drop
In Center 302 E.
Main St, Ionia**

1:30pm

**Isabelle Phoenix
Art Gallery**

**342 W. Main St.
Ionia**

BY SEPTEMBER 15

R.S.V.P.

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Michelle Spicer CPSS
Trauma Informed Project
Manager JIMHO

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Please find the below information for the Central Dispatch Committee of the Whole Report.

4th ANNUAL CENTRAL DISPATCH OPEN HOUSE:

Our 4th annual open house will happen on Thursday, September 21, 2017. As you know from our previous open houses we showcase our dispatch operation and we also showcase and feature the various first responder groups from around the county. In addition to the fire truck, police cars, K-9 units and ambulances; the Ionia County Road Commission will again have equipment displays and Tri-County Electric out of Portland will set up a brand new display they are using for the first time at our open house. The Ice Road semi-truck driving simulator trailer will be here again this year as will the Teen Driving computer simulator. The Ionia County Sheriff's Office will have static displays as will the Michigan State Police. WION will again do a Live Remote broadcast during the 1PM to 3PM segment – helping to promote the 5PM-7PM time.

We try to bring in and showcase new displays to keep the event fresh. New this year, the Ionia County Dive Team will have a static display. We will be displaying our new training room with the emphasis on the Heartlands Criminal Justice Internship/training program with our center. The Michigan State Police (in addition to their regular static displays) will have one of their Mobile Command units on display along with their 100 year anniversary patrol car. The Commission on Aging will have a display table and we are hoping the Ionia County Health Department will provide material for an information table display. The Lakewood Lions Club will have a table to register people to be an organ donor and they will also have information on the Lions Club child vision screening program. Sparrow/Ionia Hospital will have a table (we are waiting on final detail of the service or information to be provided). Last but not least, we will be displaying the rendering of the new court house for the public to see.

We are waiting on AeroMed who indicated they would love to setup and man a display table as part of our event.

We have refined the times concentrating on school groups in the morning and opening to the general public in the afternoon into early evening.

For the school tours beginning at 8:30AM to 11:00AM we will again have all of the Heartland's Institute classes touring. The second session of the day all of the Heartland's afternoon classes will come at the 1PM session.

The tours and displays will be open to the general public from 1:00PM to 3:00PM and again from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Please plan on attending.

PENDING RADIO PROJECT:

We have been in the planning process with the Hubbardston Fire Department/Village of Hubbardston to relocate our East fire frequency transmitter from the currently located on the Village of Muir water tower to an internet company tower located on Village of Hubbardston.

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Crystal Automation Systems, Inc. doing business as CASAIR, Inc. constructed a 200 ft. tower on village property a few years back. Part of the property agreement Casair has with the Village was to allow public safety to co-locate antenna equipment at the top of this tower.

Hubbardston Fire officials were aware of a severe lack of radio coverage from the Muir transmitter location and in the hopes that we would relocate this transmitter; they worked out the above described agreement with Casair. The radio coverage was drastically decreased after the FCC mandated narrow banding was completed a couple of years ago.

In several meeting with Chrouch Communications who maintains our transmitter equipment; they have utilized computer propagation coverage mapping and determined the relocation of this transmitter would not significantly impact any current coverage area and would greatly improve the VHF radio coverage in the north-east segment of the county.

As I understood from Hubbardston officials; Casair would allow us to locate our antenna equipment on their tower at no cost as part of their agreement with village officials to build their tower structure on village property. I reached out to Casair and this information was confirmed by their President (a symbolic \$1 fee is required for the lease).

Casair has provided a Communications Tower Lease Agreement that has been reviewed by Dennis Mutchler, President of Chrouch Communications and he has advised concerning what his company involvement is; he is good with this particular lease. I have forwarded a copy of the lease to Stephanie Fox to send on to our county attorney for vetting.

We have tentative estimates from Chrouch Communications the relocating of this equipment should be less than \$10,000. A more specific quotation will be received in the near future. We will have to provide a building (shelter) to house transmitter equipment etc. and FCC relicensing. Part of the installation includes a tower climber to attach equipment etc.

Once we receive the go ahead from the county attorney relating to the tower lease agreement, I will bring the project (including a specific cost quotation) before the Board of County Commissioners for final approval of this much needed project.

DISPATCH STAFFING:

We remain full strength with 11 dispatchers. We do have a supervisor position open and I hope to begin the promotional process, possibly in October. I plan to come before the board soon for permission to promote. Subsequently, since the promotion will hopefully be from our dispatcher ranks, I expect to return before the board for permission backfill a dispatcher position that will be created with a promotion.

HEARTLAND'S INTERNSHIP:

Supervisor Kevin Booth has finalized the training curriculum and our mock dispatch console is in place as part of our internship program cooperative we have established with Heartland's

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Institutes Criminal Justice Program. I will further explain this two phase program at the September 19th meeting.

SB 400 / HB 4651:

As you recall, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution supporting SB 400/HB 4651 at the July 11th meeting. These bills would amend the current Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act to increase the monthly state 9-1-1 .19 fee to .25. In addition to the actions of the Board of Commissioners, Berlin, Boston, Lyons and Orange Townships along with the City of Belding, Village of Lake Odessa and the Village of Saranac all passed similar resolutions that were forwarded on to our elected officials in Lansing.

This is a state wide initiative by the Michigan Communications Director's Association (MCDA) and the State 911 Office. Similar resolutions have been passed state wide but on a county by county perspective, Ionia County units of government have far surpassed any other county in Michigan. I say thank you to all of our local government officials for help with this endeavor.

On Tuesday, September 12th, dozens of members from the MCDA will converge on Lansing in a MCDA goes to Lansing event. Our goal will be to briefly meet with our representatives and senators as they move to their respective chambers to champion for these bills to be approved.

On Thursday, September 14th, the Senate Energy and Technology Committee, Chaired by Senator Nofs will begin hearings on SB 400. Director Fuller from Barry County and I have been asked by our association to provide testimony and comment in support of this bill.

DISPATCHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

We have talked and talked about this innovative, new to Michigan cross-train dispatchers program with Barry County Central Dispatch. We have had significant delays in getting the actual training segment implemented due to extended medical leaves and employment separation of key staff involved with launching this program. The increased business of summer along with all of the staff vacations has also lead to delays in launching. Now that we are entering a more tranquil time of year; we will sit down with Barry Co Central and dust off this program and with any luck, actually begin the cross training process.

I will be present at the September 19th meeting to answer questions and to further explain our Co-Op internship program with Heartlands.