

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2014

Committee-of-the-Whole

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: Dave Bee, Tom Thelen, Robert Van Lente, Don Ransom, Jim Valentine, Bob Logan, Judy Clark, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**New Business**

- A. Dave Bee, Director of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, submitted the Annual Report and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
- B. Departmental Reports
  1. **Building Codes** – Bob Logan with the Building Department, presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for the department and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
  2. **Building & Grounds** – Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, discussed that his department is currently down one staff person and updated the Board on the repair of the generator at the jail. Ransom stated that the 1956 boiler for the courthouse was inspected and it's over 80% efficient still. A brief discussion took place concerning replacing the county telephones.
  3. **Central Dispatch** – Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, gave an update to the Board on Central Dispatch. Valentine discussed the surcharge revenue increase, staffing update, the recent winter storm and how it impacted Central Dispatch, Smart911 and encouraged everyone to contact their representative concerning SB 636.
- C. Commissioner Tiejema discussed the Per Diem Policy and stated that he is in favor of Commissioners receiving reimbursement for mileage when they attend a meeting, such as MAC, that benefits the County. When requesting mileage for such a meeting, Tiejema further suggested that the Commissioner should give a report to the Board on the meeting they attended. Each Commissioner was given

an opportunity to voice their comments and opinions. Commissioner Banks stated that since the current Per Diem Policy addresses mileage, he recommended changing the title of the policy to Reimbursement Policy.

**County Administrator's Report**

1. Working on year-end and audit preparation.

**Other Reports**

Commissioner Mason discussed the rail trail and that bids will be taken on the construction of the trail from Ionia to Owosso.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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Julie Calley, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

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