

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
September 19, 2017
3:00 p.m.

Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hodges gave the Invocation.

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

Others present: Bob VanLente, Jim Valentine, Ken Bowen, Julianne Burns, Michelle Spicer, Judith Clark, Roman Wilson, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Hodges, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to approve the Agenda as presented. Shattuck mentioned that Item A. under New Business may have to move down as the speaker is running late. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Michelle Spicer gave a presentation on Community Collaboration & Celebration. This Friday is their collaboration event. The event will provide education into the misunderstanding of Mental Health Stigma & Trauma. Spicer provided handouts which are on file in the Clerk's Office.
- B. Roman Wilson, DEQ Brownfield Coordinator gave a presentation to the Board regarding Brownfields. A Brownfield can be a contaminated property, a blight property or functionally obsolete property. There are many incentives available: grants; loans; tax increment financing. Only one Brownfield project has been approved in the community since the 1990's. Ionia County has approximately 342 "contaminated" sites. The current Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in Ionia County has never had anyone come to them to present a project. They are going to be working to let people know that this is an option that exists for these types of properties.
- C. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director gave a report to the Board. Their 4th Annual Open House will take place this week on September 21st. There is a pending radio project that will help to cover radio transmission in the northeast corner of the county. Valentine reported that dispatcher staffing remains at full strength. Central Dispatch has created an internship program with Heartlands Criminal

Justice Program. Valentine reported on SB 400/ HB 4651. Valentine stated that the Dispatcher Exchange Program has incurred significant delays but plans to resume this program later this year. A full report from Central Dispatch is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Shattuck reported that Fall Fest had a tremendous turnout.

Commissioner's Report(s)

Hodges commented on the West Michigan Planning Commission.

Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator stated that there will be a Budget meeting at 6 p.m. at Central Dispatch tomorrow.

Scott DeRuisher will be giving a tour of the new facility after the meeting.

Adjourn

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: