

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
November 21, 2017
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Carly Quinn, Elizabeth Walden, Stan Hoskins, Ken Bowen, Randall Zenk, Morgan Carroll, Kyle Butler, Jim valentine, Dorothy Pohl, Jessica Wierckz, Paul Spitzley, Judy Clark, Sandy Wolniakowski, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following changes to the Agenda: Remove Item A. under New Business. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Hodges to approve the Amended Agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Morgan Carroll gave the Ionia County Economic Alliance Semi-Annual Report to the Board. Reporting with her were Randall Zenk and Sandy Wolniakowski from the Village of Pewamo who are involved in a Pilot Grant through ICEA. Carroll reported that countywide the ICEA works with five different employers in the area. ICEA provides career paths and interactive tours. There is an upcoming job fair being offered by ICEA. Their programs are free of charge.
- B. Paul Spitzley and Dorothy Pohl gave the Road Commission Report. They reviewed projects that took place in 2017. The Road Commission may possibly be bringing a road millage request for August 2018 before the Board at a later date. Spitzley reported that they are ready for winter. If you like their page on Facebook it will give you updates as to when your road will be plowed.
- C. Departmental Reports
 1. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine reported on Central Dispatch (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Valentine reported that Mike Ketchum was promoted. Ketchum has over 30 years in public service. Valentine discussed the hiring process at Central Dispatch. Valentine

- also touched base on the status of the copper wire to fiber construction moving forward.
2. Ken Bowen, Health Officer, reported on Public Health (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Bowen reported that there has been a Hepatitis A outbreak however no cases have been reported in Ionia County. A vaccine is available in limited quantities. Bowen will be requesting a 10% increase in fees at a later date. There has not been an increase in fees since 2008.
 3. Kyle Butler, Prosecutor, reported on the Prosecutor's Office. (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Butler has recently has some changes in staffing. Butler reported on some of the high profile cases his office has handled recently.
 4. Carly Quinn, Animal Shelter Manager reported on the status of the Animal Shelter. (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Quinn reported that less animals were taken in this year. Quinn plans on bringing some ideas to the Board in the future.
 5. Judith A. Clark, Treasurer, gave the third quarter report. (Report on file in the Clerk's Office). Clark reported that it is tax time. She is working on finding better rates on investments. Requests from the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund have been increasing. The Land Bank is running better.
 6. Jessica Wierckz, Friend of the Court, reported on the Friend of the Court Office (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Wierckz reported that her new employee is working out well. She also reported that the legislature updated some laws regarding same-sex marriage.
 7. Stan Hoskins, Emergency Manager, reported regarding Emergency Management. (report on file in the Clerk's Office). He reported on the status of projects and trainings.
 8. Building Codes submitted a written report (on file in the Clerk's Office). No one from Building Codes was present to give the report to the Board.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox reported to the Board that she has submitted the Indigent Defense Plan to the State and that the County Incentive Report has been submitted.

Adjourn

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on: