

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
**March 20, 2018**  
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:** Dave Hodges, Larry Tiejema, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Jack Shattuck, Scott Wirtz (left at 5 p.m.) Jim Banks and Georgia Sharp

**Others present:** Dale Miller, Charlie Noll, Stan Hoskins, Dave Bee, Jim Valentine, Bob VanLente, Diane Adams, Elisabeth Walden, Joan Duffy Walsh, Bill Hendrian, Brian Abraham, Haley McClean, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**New Business**

- A. Dave Bee, Director of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission gave their Annual Report (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Bee reported that their dues remain the same; they are the lowest in the State of Michigan. They have a 33 person Board with approximately a \$250,000 budget. Bee distributed additional handouts (on file in the Clerk's Office) pertaining to the West Michigan Planning Commission.
- B. Departmental Reports
  1. Bill Hendrian, District 8 Coordinator to the MSU Extension Office introduced himself to the Board. Hendrian has been in his position for 30 days. Hendrian addressed topics covered in the 2017 MSU Extension Annual Report (on file in the Clerk's Office). Haley McClean discussed the 4-H Process with the MSU Extension.
  2. Stan Hoskins, Emergency Manager, advised the Board that the 2016 Homeland Security money has been spent. Hoskins apprised the Board on several project updates, trainings, emergencies, etc. Hoskins reported an increase in Hunter's Safety classes. (report on file in the Clerk's Office).
  3. Diane Adams, Register of Deeds, stated that her office is making money due to legislation from 2016 implementing a \$30 flat fee for recordings. The Abstractor checking parcel numbers before recording has worked out well. E-recording has had a positive impact on the office. Future goals are to have every document back to 1833 in digital format. Adams reported that she has a fabulous staff; Commissioner Banks concurred. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
  4. Sheriff Dale Miller and Undersheriff Charlie Noll reported on the Sheriff's Department. Noll discussed projects, incidents, staff and training. Miller displayed an electronic version of Sheriff Sale postings. Miller also did a Powerpoint presentation on the growing deterioration of the jail. Banks

stated that the jail deterioration should be addressed immediately following the completion of the Courthouse annex. A walk-over to view the jail will be scheduled after the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

5. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine gave his Annual Report to the Board (on file in the Clerk's Office). Valentine reported that he will be coming to the Board in the near future with a proposal for an updated phone system. Central Dispatch is two positions short currently.
6. Brian Abraham from I# Solutions discussed updates and accomplishments and goals for 2019. Renovation of the website was briefly discussed. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

### **Commissioner's Report**

Sharp indicated that she will be heading to the Right Door for a Community Veteran's Forum at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **Administrator's Report**

Stephanie Fox stated that there will be a construction progress meeting at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

### **Ajourn**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Banks to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
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