

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
March 19, 2019
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:00 p.m.

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

Members present: David Hodges, Jim Banks, Chris Bredice, Scott Wirtz, Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema and Jack Shattuck

Others present: Stan Hoskins, Robert Rose, Dave Bee, Diane Adams, Stacy Hissong, Elisabeth Walden, Mitch Boatman, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following addition to the Agenda: Item A. Thornapple Intercounty Drain (all other items move down by one). Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Robert Rose, Drain Commissioner and Attorney Stacy Hissong, discussed the Thornapple Intercounty Drain and the need for the Resolution which is to be voted on at the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting.
- B. Departmental Reports
 1. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, was unable to attend. A full report on Central Dispatch is on file in the Clerk's Office.
 2. Sergeant Stan Hoskins, Emergency Management Division, gave a run-down on happenings within his department. Hoskins discussed the 211 Emergency number, the flood and ice jam in Portland and the ice storm in Belding and their Declarations of Emergency. An Internship request has been received but probably is not going to work as the person requesting the internship has a day job and Hoskins does not intend to start working evenings. He is working with a web developer regarding online registration for trainings that Hoskins offers: Hunters Safety, Boaters Safety, etc. A new fiduciary is in the process of being created for Emergency Management. An HMP Grant has been requested for hazardous materials within the county. Emergency Management accompanied Peyton (a five year old boy from Ionia who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer) to the Michigan State Police Academy. A special uniform was created for Peyton. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 3. Diane Adams, Register of Deeds reported numbers far above last years' figures. This is the first year that the Deed's Office made over \$2,000,000.

Adams thanked the Board for allowing her to fill the Abstractor position. The office is very well streamlined. The back-file indexing currently dates back to December 1985. (This is where staff, during their down-time, index old documents that are not on the computer). The Automation fund could be used to pay for this; Adams is currently seeking a quote as the Automation Fund needs to be used in accordance with what the fund is intended. Adams contributes \$10,000 from this fund annually for IT services as if her computers are down her office is at a stand-still. The Remonumentation Fund is at over \$52,000. (A full report is in file in the Clerk's Office).

4. Dave Bee of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission gave a report on his office. Bee distributed a handout to the Board. Economic Development, Transportation Planning and other projects were discussed. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Chairperson's Report

- Chair Hodges inquired as to which Commissioner Districts have chippers. The brush and limbs that have fallen could be chipped up and given to communities to use.
- Chair Hodges reminded the Commissioner of their 'homework' which he would like handed in at the next meeting. The homework consists of items that need to be addressed or researched on behalf of the county. Chair Hodges and Sharp have turned theirs in and they are on file in the Clerk's Office).

Commissioner's Reports

Shattuck discussed Peyton being deputized by the Sheriff's Department. Shattuck stated that this was spectacular and it was good P.R. for both the County and the Sheriff's Department.

Sharp reported on the Personnel Committee. County Administrator Stephanie Fox, Animal Control Manager Carly Quinn, Prosecutor Kyle Butler and Sharp will meet tomorrow to discuss expedited warrants for Animal Control.

Shattuck mentioned that he will be attending the Michigan Association of Counties Conference next week. If anyone has anything, please send him a text.

Sharp mentioned that Governor Whitmer held a Town Hall meeting in Portland. Sharp asked her what she will do to help out the small, rural communities. Whitmer was very vague and replied "Revenue sharing."

Administrator's Report

County Administrator Stephanie Fox reported that the Auditors are still here; they should finish up on Thursday the 21st. Fox mentioned the Pension Actuary Report and Strategic Plans from other counties. Chair Hodges inquired on the status of the

Maintenance Manager position. Fox stated that she has received 4 applications and is expecting 2 more. Interviews are planned to take place the first week in April.

Adjournment

Moved by Bank, supported by Shattuck to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
