

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
April 16, 2019
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Chris Bredice, Scott Wirtz, Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema

Member absent: David Hodges, Jim Banks, Jack Shattuck

Others present: Jim Valentine, Brent Denny, Jack Elliott, Brian Simon, Tony Meyaard, Deb Thalison, Carly Quinn, Bob VanLente, Peggy Norman, Kerry Possehn, Nancy Patera, Heather Poland, Ally Cook, Margot Cook, Mitchell Boatman, Mark Jewell, Bob Sykes, Bert Gale, Steve Alsum, Judy Clark, Lisa Cloman, Charlene Hemminger, Marjorie Briggs, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following change to the Agenda: Item A. speaker will not be available until 4 p.m. Moved by Bredice, supported by Wirtz to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott voiced his opinion on animal control laws, ordinances and charters.

New Business

- A. Kerry Possehn, Director and Nancy Patera discussed the Right Door and presented their Annual Report (on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Tony Meyaard, Equalization Director, gave the Equalization Department's Annual Report (on file in the Clerk's Office).
- C. Departmental Reports
 1. Janae Cooper, County Clerk, gave her Semi-Annual Report (on file in the Clerk's Office) to the Board.
 2. Bert Gale, Building Codes, reported to the Board. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 3. Brent Denny, Court Administrator, reported on District Court to the Board. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 4. Judge Robert Sykes and Mark Jewell, Director of Juvenile Services reported to the Board at length regarding Probate and Juvenile Court. (A full report is in file in the Clerk's Office).

- D. Steve Alsum, Director of “The Red Project” gave a presentation on Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response Program.
- E. The Board discussed the Animal Control Ordinance at length and different options to better “police” the neglect and abuse of animals without violating a homeowner’s rights. The matter will be discussed further at the next regular board meeting.

Chairperson’s Report

Vice-Chair Tiejema expressed condolences regarding the Death of Denny Craycraft.

Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Stephanie Fox reported that the lease agreement with MSP at Central Dispatch has been finalized.

The County should have a new Facilities Manager on Thursday.

The new TV in the Board Room is compliments of District Court.

The podium in the Board Room will be used for Public Comment.

Adjournment

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Larry Tiejema, Vice-Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

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