

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
May 21, 2019
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

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

Others present: Jim Valentine, Kevin Booth, Cathi Brodbeck, Carly Quinn,
Paul Spoelstra, Jessica Wierckz, Ken Bowen, Paul Spitzley,
Becky Hoeve, Chris Veenstra, Stan Hoeve, Steve Hoeve,
Angie Butterwick, Sue Nystrom, Jaakko Kasko, Judy Clark,
Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director introduced Kevin Booth, Supervisor; Cathi Brodbeck, Office Manager and Becky Hoeve Dispatch Manager. Valentine recognized Hoeve for her 25 years of leadership and service in Central Dispatch. Hoeve was presented with a flag/plaque in her honor.

New Business

- A. Paul Spoelstra and Jaacko Kasko of Milestone Wealth Management reviewed the 2019 Pension Plan (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Chris Veenstra of Watkins Ross gave the Actuarial Valuation Report Presentation. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- C. Paul Spitzley, Road Commission/County Highway Engineer gave the 2018 Supplemental Annual Report for the Road Commission (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office). Spitzley distributed two handouts relating to the Road Commission-the 2019 Ionia County Paved Road Projects and a flyer regarding the 100 Year Anniversary Open House (handouts on file in the Clerk's Office).
- D. Departmental Reports
 1. Central Dispatch Director Jim Valentine reported that he has a new Office Manager, Cathi Brodbeck who is replacing Vanessa Booth. Michigan State Police have settled in to the Building in their allocated space. The new pavement project is complete. A Computer-Aided Dispatch System is being researched as an upgrade to the department. All dispatcher positions remain

- filled, with the exception of a dispatcher who will return to work after maternity leave. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
2. Judy Clark, Treasurer discussed the Investment Report. Clark reported that she is moving monies around to take advantage of some interest rates. Clark discussed tax increase adjustments from millages that became effective in 2019. Thirty (30) parcels were foreclosed on this year; this includes eleven (11) units in Belding Covered Village Mall. Clark will no longer sell these units separately as they keep returning to her through foreclosure. Going forward Clark will sell them as a "bundle". (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 3. Jessica Wierckz, Friend of the Court, reported that she will be coming before the Board next week to request to fill a vacancy. Wierckz reports that funding has not changed. Wierckz continues to monitor the temperature and humidity levels in the new annex; she reports brown spots on the ceiling, envelopes sealing by themselves, papers sticking together due to the humidity, to name a few things. Wierckz stated that the FOC celebrates 100 years this year. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's office).
 4. Carly Quinn, Animal Shelter Manager reported on the Animal Shelter happenings over the past few months. The Animal Shelter passed the State Inspection with flying colors. Ionia remains at a zero no-kill rate. A vacancy remains for a part-time Animal Control Officer. Their Facebook page now has reached 10,000 followers. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
 5. Ken Bowen, Health Officer, announced that Deb Thalison has been appointed to the Oversight Policy Board. (a full report is on file in the County Clerk's Office).

Chairperson's Report

Chair Hodges informed the Board of events happening in Belding on Memorial Day. He also attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

Commissioner's Reports

Sharp stated that she talked to a VA advocate and forwarded his name to Judge Sykes for possible appointment. Sharp also reported on the Personnel Committee meeting and advised the Board that the discussion regarding Road Commissioners as elected positions was tabled.

Administrator's Report

Stephanie Fox, County Administrator reported that the Audit is being finalized and the Board will be receiving a draft in the next few weeks. The Audit and Finance committees will both be meeting on May 28th. Fox also reported that interviews have been conducted for all open positions in Administration.

Adjournment

Moved by Banks, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on: