

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
September 17, 2019
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Members present: Scott Wirtz, Larry Tiejema, Jack Shattuck, David Hodges
Chris Bredice arrived at 3:11 p.m.

Members absent: Jim Banks and Georgia Sharp

Others present: Elisabeth Walden, Evan Sasiela, Jim Valentine, John Niemela,
Ron Schafer, Walt Downes, Therese Thrill, Melissa Eldridge
Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted the following changes to the Agenda: Add Circuit Court request as Item A. under New Business. All other items move down by one. Moved by Wirtz, supported by Tiejema. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Judge Ron Schafer came before the Board to present wage study figures obtained per the Board's request at a budget meeting earlier this month. Schafer requested to table the matter so the Board had time to review the information as presented. (handout on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Therese Thrill from ICEA and John Niemela, Belding City Manager came before the Board with a short presentation regarding the Ionia county Economic Alliance. (handout is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- C. Melissa Eldridge from the Ionia County Conservation District reported mainly on the success of the Resource Recovery Programs. (handout on file in the Clerk's Office).
- D. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, distributed three handouts (on file in the Clerk's Office) and discussed the upcoming Open House, a year-to-date monthly activity report and a telephone call-type report. July tends to be a busy month for phone calls.
- E. 2020 Budget Discussion - Fox stated that there are many items to decide upon and to possibly have each request as an agenda item and approve or deny at that time.

Chairperson's Report

The Public Hearing regarding electing Road Commissioners will be held at the Commission on Aging at 6:00 p.m tonight.

Commissioner's Report

Shattuck stated that today was The Employee Picnic.

Tiejema briefly mentioned the Commission on Aging Director's pay increase request.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator, Stephanie Fox mentioned the 2020 budget will be discussed next week and that there will be a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. today at the Commission on Aging.

Adjournment

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
