

**Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
Committee-of-the-Whole**

**September 17, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.  
Board of Commissioners room – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Ionia County Administrative Building  
101 W. Main St.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment  
(3 minute time limit per speaker – please state name/organization)
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - A.
- VII. New Business
  - A. The Right Place – Therese Thill & ICEA – John Niemela
  - B. Ionia County Conservation District
  - C. Central Dispatch
  - D. 2020 Budget discussion
- VIII. Reports of Officers, Board and Standing Committees
  - A. Chairperson
  - B. Commissioners
  - C. County Administrator
- IX. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
- X. Closed Session
- XI. Adjournment

**CHAIR**  
**Susan Hatto**  
Montcalm Community College

June 17, 2019

**VICE-CHAIR**  
**Sandy Wolniakowski**  
Village of Pewamo

Ms. Stephanie Fox  
County Administrator, Ionia County  
Courthouse, 101 West Main Street  
Ionia, MI 48846

**TREASURER**  
**Sue Dahms**  
Union Bank

**S. Tutt Gorman**  
City of Portland

Dear Ms. Fox

**Ethan Ebenstein**  
Ionia County  
Intermediate Schools

On behalf of the Ionia County Economic Alliance, I would like to thank Ionia County for its longstanding partnership and investment in support of our countywide economic development activities. This support has played a critical role in our ability to work with business and municipal leadership to strategically advance the economy of Ionia County.

**Chris Thelen**  
Consumer Energy

Since 2011, the Ionia County Economic Alliance in partnership with The Right Place has played an active role in 15 different business development projects resulting in \$186.5 million in new capital investment and 740 new and retained jobs across the county. This growth in industry has also translated to more than \$24 million dollars in new payroll over that same period. More generally, ICEA has worked with 55 unique companies to help address their challenges and facilitate growth opportunities.

**Jason Eppler**  
City of Ionia

**John Niemela**  
City of Belding

**Ryan Wilson**  
Michigan One Credit Union

**David Hodges**  
Ionia County Commissioner  
Ex-Officio with Voting Rights

With 2019 demonstrating significant increases in both assessed values (+6.33%) and taxable values (+3.78%) as a result of new construction and in-migration of new businesses and residents, we hope the County will agree that now it is as important as ever to continue investing in proactive economic development strategies. In this way, we can promote long-term economic prosperity and opportunity for Ionia industry and residents alike.

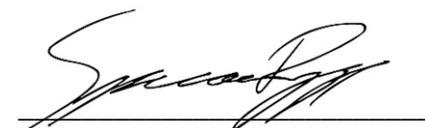
**Twayne Howard**  
The Right Place  
Ex-Officio with Voting Rights

**Consequently, the Ionia County Economic Alliance respectfully requests a contribution of \$30,000 in FY2020 to support our organization's ongoing economic development efforts in Ionia County.** A representative of ICEA would be happy to attend an upcoming County Board of Commissioners' Meeting to discuss our work in greater detail and answer any questions the board might have.

Best Regards,



Susan Hatto  
Chair  
Ionia County Economic Alliance



Spence Riggs  
Business Development Coordinator  
The Right Place

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Central Dispatch Report – September 17, 2019

The following is an overview of what is happening at Central Dispatch:

OPEN HOUSE:

We are working on finalizing our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House scheduled for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. As you know, our open house philosophy has been to not only showcase our dispatch employees and operation but to also showcase our public safety partners (police, fire, EMS), in addition to other second line responders such as the Ionia County Road Commission and Tri-County Electric.

This year we were not sure how condensed this open house would be since MSP is occupying half of our building including the former conference room area. Our static display area has been greatly reduced and our assumption was a majority of the displays would be the outside vehicle displays. Much to our relief, MSP has stepped up and is taking advantage of showcasing their side of the building. They have made available a small conference room area for static displays as well as other common open areas we previously utilized for additional displays. They will have 'their' side of the building open for public tours in addition to the static displays. MSP will be featuring several displays from their agency.

Because we want to showcase ALL of our public safety partners, we will be calling on our Sheriff's Office as well as the other police agencies to have equipment and staff here. Ionia Department of Public Safety will have their new ladder truck on display. Fire departments and ambulance services will also provide vehicles and displays.

WION will again conduct live broadcasts throughout the afternoon hours in addition to doing some advanced promotions to help us get the word out. WION has been a tremendous partner and an outstanding advocate for Ionia County Central Dispatch helping to promote everything from Smart911, Smart911 Facilities, Text to 911, RAVE Alert, and our open houses. WION works closely with our center to broadcast warnings and alerts, road closings and other safety notices to help the citizens of Ionia County.

Heartland's Institute will again bring all of their classes to the open house. We expect over 200 students will attend throughout the day.

We will also reach out to the school districts throughout the county offering class tours.

Open House Hours: 8:15AM to 7:00PM.

Heartland's Institute tours 8:15AM to 9:15AM and again at 12:15PM to 1:15PM.

General Public 9:15AM through 7:00PM.

OTHER INFORMATION:

At the meeting I will have some statistical information showing our call volume for the first eight months of the year.