

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
January 15, 2019
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Jim Valentine, Bert Gale, Elisabeth Walden, Bill Hendrian, John Duvall, Evan Sasiela and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Sharp stated that there will be no closed session today. Moved by Banks, supported by Tiejema to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Bill Hendrian introduced John Duvall as the new 4H Project Coordinator.

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. Bert Gale, Building Code Official, presented the 2018 Fourth Quarter Report. (report on file in the Clerk's Office). Chair Hodges inquired to Gale about the projections for building codes in 2019. Gale stated the lack of trades people seem to be diminishing over the years. The younger generation seems to have little or no interest in construction work.
2. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, reported on the happenings of Central Dispatch for 2018. (a full report is on file in the Clerk's Office). The biggest project was the new phone system upgrade (far most expensive project of the year at \$128,000). The delivery of 911 calls from copper wire to fiber was another large project in 2018. Currently 99% of the calls have been converted to fiber. The Camera/Door Security upgrade has been completed. The Hubbardston Fire Transmitter was a notable project that was also completed in 2018. This upgrade greatly improved radio coverage for fire departments and first responders in that area of the county. Valentine also presented pending projects for 2019; Computer Aided Dispatch System and a Fire Transmitter for the Southwest area of the County.

Chairperson's Report

- Chair Hodges met with Representative Albert regarding Veterans Funding.

- The Chair stated that the Department Head Meeting went well.
- The Sheriff's Award Presentation will be take place in Muir this week.
- The Chair stated that there will be a Facilities Committee Meeting this Friday.

Commissioner's Reports

Sharp reported that she attended the Quarterly Supervisors Meeting last night. The topic of CPL's came up and Sharp urged everyone to contact their commissioner relating to the matter.

Shattuck stated that he attended the Airport Board Meeting, Emergency Management Meeting and the Department Head Meeting.

Wirtz stated that he attended the Airport Board Meeting prior to the Commissioners' Meeting. They are negotiating prices for the Fuel Fund and the manager's contract is still being negotiated.

Bredice stated that he attended the Department Head Meeting.

Tiejema mentioned that he attended the Quarterly Supervisors Meeting last night and the Tax Allocation Board was brought up. Ionia County is one of the few counties in the state that have a Tax Allocation Board. The Commissioners could put it up for a vote of the people to dissolve the TAB.

Banks had nothing new to report; any meeting he attended were already discussed by other Commissioners.

Adjournment

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Hodges, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
