

Ionia County Board of Commissioners  
**November 20, 2018**  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
Conference Room - Central Dispatch Building  
3:00 p.m.

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

**Members present:** David Hodges, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Scott Wirtz, Georgia Sharp, Larry Tiejema and Jack Shattuck

**Others present:** Bob VanLente, Chris Bredice, Jim Valentine, Stan Hoskins, Jeff Montgomery, Ken Bowen, Steve Gunn, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Wirtz, supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

A. Departmental Reports

1. Ken Bowen, Health Officer, reported on the Health Department. He discussed the Statewide Sanitation Code and the possibility of the House passing bills during lame duck session. If the bills pass Bowen said he will likely be coming to the Board in the future to approve large fees and the need for an additional sanitarian. This would require a sewer inspection every five years. PFAS results keep trickling in. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office) .
2. Carly Quinn, Manager, Animal Control reported on the happenings at the Shelter. Quinn reports it has been very successful this year with adoptions and reuniting pets with their owners. The facility has taken in several types of animals this year: horses, donkeys, rabbits, etc. Applied for Grant for every adopted animal to be microchipped. There has been a great deal of networking with local entities to help raise money for the Shelter. There have been a couple of animal abuse issues reported. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
3. Stan Hoskins, Emergency Management gave a quick run-down on projects with the Homeland Security Grant. He will be moving forward with the Courthouse camera project. Hoskins is looking to purchase SIMS equipment which assists with ALICE training. HAZMAT suits will be bought for Belding and Ionia HAZMAT teams. All school staff with the exception of Saranac Elementary have been ALICE trained. The parents have given positive

feedback on these programs. The Courthouse Exercise went very well. A few concerns came to light in the exercise including that one of the emergency doors in the new addition did not open. Some of the local schools received a Security Grant; now all the schools have a pretty standardized emergency plan. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office). Tiejema questioned the passing of the marijuana proposal. Local jurisdictions can ban the selling, not the possession of marijuana. Sharp questioned if the Ionia Hospital is prepared to handle a massive emergency situation. Hoskins said that they have training exercises to handle these types of situations.

4. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, reported on the winding down of several projects, including the fiber connections (no more copper wires). Everything has been going very well. A tentative offer has been made on the dispatcher position which Valentine hopes to have the body in place in early December. Valentine reports that he has had a great pool of applicants. The Security camera and door access upgrade that the Board recently approved is scheduled for installation next Tuesday. (A full report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shattuck introduced Chris Bredice, County Commissioner-elect, District 4. The dates for New Commissioner training are forthcoming.

### **Commissioner's Reports**

Wirtz stated that interviews have been conducted for a new Airport Board Manager.

Sharp stated that the next Personnel Committee Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on November 27<sup>th</sup>, at Central Dispatch.

### **Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Stephanie Fox stated that Maintenance has been working on the new Board Room.

Administration is working on open enrollment and year-end budget amendments.

Fox announced that Administration has moved and there will be an open house on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 p.m.

Sheriff Miller's open house will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. at the Commission on Aging.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on: