

Ionia County Board of Commissioners
September 18, 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 Sharp gave the Invocation.

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

Others present: Brian Simon, Jack Elliott, Dale Parus, Chris Bredice, Jim Valentine, Joan Duffy, Brian Abraham, Spence Riggs, Bob Cusack, Paul Spitzley, Bret Holbrook, Dorothy Pohl, Gordon Love, Stephanie Fox and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Banks noted the following addition to the Agenda, Item B. Under Closed Session to Consider a Written Legal Opinion from Cohl, Stoker and Toskey P.C. Moved by Hodges supported by Cowling-Cronk to approve from the amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Jack Elliott commented on the Land Bank.
Bob Cusack commented on condemned property.

New Business

- A. Dale Parus, Library Director, gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed library project.
- B. 2019 Budget Discussions
 1. Dorothy Pohl and Paul Spitzley from the Road Commission gave their Annual Report (on file in the Clerk's Office).
 2. Spence Riggs, Ionia County Economic Alliance, introduced himself and update the Board on his first few months as the Business Development Coordinator. (report on file in the Clerk's Office).
- C. Departmental Reports
 1. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director reported on the 911 Fiber Project and the installation of new sidewalks. Valentine received 18 applications for the Dispatcher position. The 5th Annual 911 Open House is coming up.

2. Brian Abraham, I3 Solutions introduced Bret Holbrook and gave an extensive report on departmental updates, projects and long-term planning. (a report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Closed Session

The Chair called for a brief recess at 4:37 p.m. and reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Hodges to go enter into Closed Session to discuss written legal opinions by the County's Legal Counsel on two separate matters. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes - all.

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adjourn Closed Session and return to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Banks, supported by Cowling-Cronk to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, County Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
