

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
August 18, 2009
3:30 p.m.

Chair Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Calley, Tiejema, Banks, Vroman, Shattuck (arrived at 4:15), Powell
Members absent: Mason

Others Present: Michelle Siego, Alex Doty, Jim Valentine, Gordy Douglas, Don Ransom,
Lisa McCafferty, Tom Czerwinski, Robert Reynolds, Stephanie Hurlbut,
Mark Howe and Janae Cooper

Moved by Powell, supported by Vroman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

New Business

1. Banks introduced Michelle Siego, the new DHS Director. She answered various questions presented from the Board.
2. Tom Czerwinski, Agency on Aging, discussed programs offered by the Federal Government to assist in caring for Veterans and aging adults.
3. Animal Control Officer, Gordy Douglas presented the Board with two statistical handouts regarding the Animal Shelter and Animal Control (copies of these reports are on file in the Clerk's Office). Discussion took place stating a need for another "Dog Team" meeting.
4. Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, updated the Board that the dome of the courthouse is in its final stages of completion. Road construction will begin on Adams Street next week causing there to be a single entry for the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department for approximately thirty (30) days. Ransom has also met with Dan Vos Construction regarding the electrical and mechanical effects of the Animal Shelter. Everything is on track. Ransom briefly discussed updating the light fixtures in the county.
5. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Official, provided the Board with the Agency Report for August 18, 2009 Board of Health Meeting (a copy of this report is on file in the Clerk's Office) and updated the Board on events at the Health Department.

County Board of Commissioners Chairperson's Report

1. Planning continues for the Animal Shelter project.
2. Discussion took place regarding the pro's and con's of paying cash, bonding or borrowing the money to pay for the Animal Shelter.
3. A motion to authorize the drafting of a Resolution of Intent will be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

County Administrator's Report

1. First 25% of the 2010 Budget is completed;
2. A Department Head meeting is scheduled for Friday;
3. Need to "tie-down" four Budget Meeting dates in September;
4. Briefly touched on the Child Care Fund Advance;
5. County Picnic scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd from 11:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Moved by Calley, supported by Shattuck to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk