

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Mason, Powell, Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Joel Palmer, Sr., Tom Thelen, Jim Valentine, Alex Doty, Nancy Hickey, Stephanie Hurlbut, Barb Trierweiler, Jack Elliott, Gregg Yeomans, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

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

Chair Banks opened up the public comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the law library.

New Business

1. County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, submitted the Treasurer Quarterly Report to the Board. Hickey passed out copies of a general ledger report, as well as, a common cash report and answered questions from the Board.
2. Gregg Yeomans with the Planning Commission opened up discussions on the Planning Commission, the purpose of the Commission and the meetings that are required to be held by the Commission. Yeomans explained that the meetings held by the Commission are rare due to there being no need for action from the Commission, but only commenting on actions made by another body, such as a township. Banks stated that the feedback from the Planning Commission has been valuable. Further discussions included the attendance of the members at the Planning Commission meetings, the Master Plan and the possibility of doing comprehensive studies on county roads, drainage problems and private roads. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Board for the Planning Commission to stay status quo.
3. Don Sult, Building Codes Official, discussed dangerous structures in the County and opened up dialog concerning who pays for the removal of the dangerous structure. It was the consensus of the Board to have Sult check with other counties to see what their procedures are for the removal of dangerous structures. Sult submitted the Fourth Quarter Report for 2008 (a copy is on file in the County Clerk's Office) and answered questions from the Board.

4. Central Dispatch Director, James Valentine, updated the Board on Central Dispatch. Valentine stated that staffing is an issue at this time due to being short-staffed. Other discussions included overtime, funding from the cell phone surcharges and radios.
5. There was no Finance Report given.
6. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, updated the Board on the Health Department and presented the Agency Report for January 20, 2009 Board of Health Meeting (a copy is on file in the County Clerk's Office).

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

- Commissioner Powell announced the open house for the new MSU Extension Office.
- Commissioner Vroman stated he was appointed to the MAC Human Services Committee.
- County Administrator, Mark Howe, announced that the new county website is up and running.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, County Clerk