

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
June 16, 2009
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Tiejema, Shattuck, Vroman, Mason, Calley, Powell (arrived at 4:30 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Tom Thelen, Loren Gage, James Valentine, Lisa McCafferty, Nancy Hickey, Stephanie Hurlbut, Alex Doty, Gordon Douglas, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

New Business

1. Nancy Hickey, Ionia County Treasurer, presented the Board with the Foreclosed Land Sales Proceeds Annual Report, as required by MCL 211.78. Hickey discussed the report and answered questions from the Board.

Hickey further discussed the BS&A software program and the possibility of changing to New Ware Software. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the cost of the software upgrade and highlighted on benefits of having the new software. The discussion concluded with the understanding that BS&A would present the board with a demonstration of the software and to discuss the time frame for the conversion.

2. Loren Gage, Parks & Recreation Director, updated the Board on the events/work that is being done at Bertha Brock Park. Gage stated that the flood damage that occurred earlier in the year has now been fixed. Other discussions included camping reservations this year, mosquito spraying, and the seasonal maintenance worker has started.

Gage stated that the Park has also received a \$750 donation from the Hunting and Fishing Club, which is used to go toward the mowing at the Club.

3. Chief Animal Control Officer, Gordon Douglas, presented the Board with the April and May 2009 Monthly Reports for the Animal Shelter, and answered questions from the Board. (Copies of the reports are on file in the Clerk's Office)

4. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, presented the Board with the Agency Report for June 16, 2009 Board of Health meeting and updated the Board on events/work being done at the Health Department. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office)

Reports

The Chair gave a brief update on the Construction Project Manager for the Animal Shelter. Banks stated that resumes have been coming in and interviews will be scheduled in the future.

Commissioner Shattuck stated that the T Hangar at the airport will be leased as soon as all the paperwork is in order. In addition, the Chair and Commissioner Shattuck commented on the new Aviation School building at the airport.

County Administrator's Report

1. Wished Commissioner Shattuck a Happy Birthday;
2. Have a tentative contract for the deputy union;
3. Been receiving complaints on unlicensed builders. This matter has been referred to the Building Codes Department;
4. The Building Codes, Public Health and the Prosecutor's Office met to discuss dangerous structures and will be putting a packet of information together to bring before the Board at a later date;
5. Brief discussion on a fiber project that is being headed up by James Valentine and Brent Schipper;
6. Hearing conversations concerning the Deerfield Correctional Facility being used as a juvenile regional facility;

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, County Clerk