

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
March 17, 2009
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: Gary VanNorman, James Valentine, Alex Doty, Joel Palmer, Sr.,
Stephanie Hurlbut, Deb Thailson, Nicole Frost, Bob Lathers, Mark
Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted one item to be added to the agenda under New Business and one Executive Session. Moved by Vroman, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. Nicole Frost addressed the Board regarding Fall Festival t-shirts.

New Business

1. Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Executive Director, Gary VanNorman, gave a presentation on substance abuse. The presentation included NIDA Data, Sources of Legal Mandates, Sources of Funding, Nature of Funding, Treatment Services, and Admissions by County. Further discussions included PA 2 funding.
2. Central Dispatch Director, James Valentine, presented the Central Dispatch 2008 Annual Report. In addition, Valentine thanked Zenon Cardenas for his hard work over the past year.
3. Park Manager, Nicole Frost, gave a Power Point Presentation showing the damage in Bertha Brock Park due to flooding. Discussions followed regarding the clean up and the construction that will need to be done in the park.
4. Community Health Supervisor/Substance Abuse Director, Deb Thailson, presented the Agency Report for March 17, 2009 Board of Health meeting and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
5. The County Line newsletter was discussed. Commissioner Calley stated she has volunteered to head up the newsletter again and briefly discussed her plans for the newsletter.
6. Green View Point Park Committee Chairman, Don Jandernoa, discussed the Lyons Dam and voiced his concerns about taking the dam out.

County Administrator's report:

- 1) Gave a demonstration on how to use the GIS Mapping on the County's website;
- 2) Discussed/gave an overview of the General Fund;

Banks called for a brief recess at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to enter into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Powell, to adjourn Closed Session and return to regular session at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk