

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 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: Stephanie Hurlbut, Don Ransom, Bob Cusack, Barb Trierweiler, Wayne Schoonover, Dorothy Pohl, Lisa McCafferty, Joel Palmer, Sr., Tom Thelen, Alex Doty, Dr. Sienko, Dr. Lowhim, Jack Elliott, James Valentine, Fred Chapman, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Chair Banks opened up the Public Comment period. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Brownfield Development Plan and requested that it be put on the county's website.

New Business

1. Huw Roberts, Project Developer with TCI Renewables, Inc. presented the Board with a handout and power point presentation on developing a wind farm in Ionia County, specifically in Sebewa Township. Roberts discussed the developing process and the benefits of having a wind farm in the county.
2. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, introduced Dr. Sienko and Dr. Lowhim. Both doctors discussed their services to the County and answered questions from the Board.
3. Dorothy Pohl, Managing Director of the Ionia County Road Commission, Fred Chapman, Road Commissioner and Wayne Schoonover, County Highway Engineer, met with the Board to discuss the 2008 Supplemental Annual Report. Further discussions included deeding two lots back to the Road Commission due to ongoing negotiations with a cell tower company and briefly discussed options for future funding for the Road Commission.
4. Central Dispatch Director, James Valentine, updated the Board on Central Dispatch. Valentine stated that the roof needs to be replaced and will be looking at

alternatives for funding for some of the capitol projects at Central Dispatch. In addition, Valentine stated that the agreement with the City of Ionia regarding the tower needs to be amended due to radio equipment monitoring fees being imposed.

5. Banks and Commissioner Powell discussed/updated the Board on the architect position for the new Animal Shelter project. The position has been offered to someone and the recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

County Administrator's report:

1. Interim Park Manager is doing well;
2. Has been putting together data/property values geared toward doing projections on revenue;
3. Had a meeting with Building Codes concerning dangerous structures;

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Powell, to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk