

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
Amended
November 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 (arrived at 3:51 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Dave Bee, Tony Smit, Stephanie Hurlbut, Larry Listerman, Bob Cusack, Jack Elliott, James Valentine, Mary Ellen Snyder, Gregg Yeomans, Juliann Burns, Lisa McCafferty, Don Ransom, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted no additions to the agenda. Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. Larry Listerman addressed the Board regarding Animal Control/Animal Shelter. Jack Elliott addressed the Board concerning the Law Library. Mary Ellen Snyder addressed the Board regarding the Animal Shelter.

New Business

1. Dave Bee, Director from West Michigan Regional Planning Commission discussed the organization's membership, funding and the purpose of the organization.
2. Tony Smit, Airport Manager, gave a power point presentation of the Ionia County Airport, touching on what projects have been completed and briefly discussed future plans for the airport.
3. James Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, discussed his department, stating that two consoles have been installed for the dispatchers; gave employee/position updates, and briefly discussed the unfortunate situation concerning the toddler that was killed last week. In addition, Valentine described how dispatchers handle calls that come into the center when the caller does not speak English.
4. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, presented the Board with the Ionia County Health Department Agency Report for November 17, 2009 Board of Health meeting (a copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office) and briefly discussed events, both past and present, happening at the Health Department.

5. Banks stated that the new animal shelter project is at a point where Commissioners will need to discuss adopting a budget for the shelter. Commissioner Powell stated that the original floor plan has been drafted and modified and discussions will continue concerning the floor plan. Other discussions included natural gas verses LP Gas, as well as, electricity for the new shelter.

Commissioner Vroman left at 5:20 p.m. and Commissioner Calley left at 5:59 p.m.

County Administrator's report:

1. The Board will need to review the county policies concerning 200.200 Travel Policy and 200.143 On Call policy due to changes that have taken place, but were never amended in the policy.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk