

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee-of-the-Whole

August 17, 2010

3:30 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Powell and Vroman

Others present: Gordan Douglas, Arthur Pelon, Don Sult, Rick Norman, Jim Valentine, Stephanie Hurlbut, Lisa McCafferty, Melissa Eldridge, Betsy Kaline, Dan Skiver, Carrie Doran, Jon Szerlag, Mark Howe and Janae Cooper

Chair Banks noted that item #2 under New Business will be removed from the agenda. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Banks opened up the public comment period. Tina Conner Wellman, President of the Ionia County Chamber of Commerce, invited the Board to Legislative Coffee with the residents of Green Acres. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Green Acres Retirement Home.

New Business

1. Dan Skiver and Carrie Doran of Blue Cross/Blue Shield presented the Board with health insurance plan design changes that meet the County's target budget. The County will move forward with the plans as presented and will set up meetings in the next few weeks with the employees to discuss the direction of health insurance coverage.
2. Diane Smith, Director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance, discussed a proposed partnership with surrounding counties of a Kitchen Incubator. Smith distributed a hand-out and asked the Board to consider passing a resolution that Ionia County would invest a one-time, \$1,000 contribution into the project. Shattuck questioned the risk of liability to the county. Smith will update the Board at the next meeting.
3. Arthur Pelon, Chairman and Melissa Eldridge, Administrator of the Ionia Conservation District Agency distributed a handout and discussed their services and

requested Ionia County to contribute \$20,000 towards their 2011 budget, so they can remain open to serve the citizens of Ionia County.

4. Gordan Douglas, Animal Control Officer, presented the Board with quarterly reports of the Ionia County Animal Shelter.
5. Don Sult, Building Code Official, presented the Board with the Building Codes 2nd Quarter Report for 2010. Sult commented that permits seem to be maintaining.
6. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, presented a handout and informed the Board of a pertussis outbreak in Ionia County.

County Administrator Reports

1. The aerials that were contracted earlier this year have been received. Howe presented the Board with some of the aerial views.
2. The Animal Shelter is progressing. Final plans will be submitted to the Road Commission.
3. The Rail Trail Authority's first meeting will be on Friday. Ionia County will offer to be their fiduciary. The agreement is to be approved at a later date.
4. Howe stated that he is spending time on healthcare and union negotiations.
5. Department Head Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Banks, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p. m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Banks, Chair

Janae Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk