

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
June 15, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Chair Banks called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Calley, Mason (arrived at 3:39 p.m.) and Banks

Members absent: Powell

Others present: Stephanie Hurlbut, Nancy Hickey, Loren Gage, Diane Smith, Jim Valentine, Lisa McCafferty, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Banks noted an Executive Session to be added to the agenda. Moved by Vroman, supported by Tiejema, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

1. Country Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, presented the Foreclosed Land Sales Proceeds Annual Report and indicated there are 25 parcels up for foreclosure sale. Hickey explained the maintenance that is done on these properties and answered various questions from the Board.
2. Diane Smith, MSUE Educator, presented the Board with the Ionia County Brownfield Plan Policy, which sets forth the criteria used to put property in the Authority. Smith answered questions from the Board regarding the Authority.
3. No report was given on Animal Control.
4. Loren Gage, Park Manager, updated the Board on current events happening at Bertha Brock Park. Gage stated that it has been a busy year so far including the rental of Palmer Lodge and the cabins. Gage further commented on upcoming events, the reconditioning of the original sign at the park, annual passes and an upcoming raffle for two guns that Commissioner Shattuck donated.
5. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, presented the Board with the Agency Report for June 16, 2010 Board of Health meeting and discussed the report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Reports

Commissioner Tiejema discussed the recommendation from the last Board meeting concerning the County's investments and asked for guidance from the Board on how to proceed. Chair Banks indicated that the decision from the Board was that the matter was referred back to the Pension Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Mason updated the Board on a meeting she attended in Lansing on Rails-to-Trails.

County Administrator's report:

1. Commissioners should have received copies of the audit and requested that these reports be brought with them to the next meeting;
2. Appointments to the Rail-Trail friends group will be made at the next meeting. In addition, Howe discussed an article he read concerning "trail towns" and how the rails can be of benefit to landowners;
3. Brief update on the Animal Shelter project;
4. Received notification from the City of Ionia that they are looking at re-zoning the fairgrounds area;
5. Passed out calendars to the Board asking that the calendars be returned to his office with dates that Commissioners will not be available to meet for upcoming Strategic Planning workshops;
6. Reminder: meeting at Orleans Township Hall tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the request from Pitsch Landfill who is requesting to raise the cap to 750,000 tons;
7. Presented the Board with a proposed Fund Balance Policy and discussed the policy briefly;

Chair Banks called for a brief recess at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:26 p.m.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Shattuck, that the Board enter into a Closed Session at 5:26 p.m. to review written interrogatories in a pending lawsuit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the Closed Session at 5:44 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Shattuck, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk