

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
**April 19, 2011**  
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Jim Valentine, Deb Steele, Mark Novak, Sue Gorby, Sug Pinnow, Lynette Seiler, Lisa McCafferty, Bob Kjolhede, Stephanie Hurlbut, John Bush, Cheryl O'Connor, Robert Sykes, Monte Starkweather, Don Ransom, Barb Trierweiler, Caitlyn Hendrickson, Mark Howe and Shirley Thomas

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

Chair Shattuck opened up the Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

**New Business**

1. Equalization Director, Cheryl O'Connor, GIS Mapping/Drain Commissioner, John Bush and Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine discussed the Address Ordinance. Valentine stated that with new technology, road names and addresses are being verified, and if an address needs to be changed in order to comply with the current Ordinance, the person or persons residing at that address are notified of the change in writing. If these individuals fail to comply with the ordinance (changing their address with various agencies and the post office), the Ordinance does not address follow-up procedures. Discussions continued on amending the language in the ordinance.
2. Dorothy Pohl, Managing Director of the Ionia County Road Commission, presented the Board with the 2010 Supplemental Annual Report for the Road Commission and discussed upcoming projects and answered various questions from the Board. (A copy of the supplemental report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
3. Lynette Seiler, Commission on Aging Administrator, along with Sue Gorby, Caitlyn Hendrickson and Deb Steele from the Commission on Aging, gave an overview of the in-home department, nutrition program and transportation services offered by Commission on Aging and answered questions from the Board. A copy of the Commission on Aging Report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. Probate Judge, Robert Sykes, Jr., discussed the different types of cases that are heard in the Probate Court, as well as, the cases that are assigned to him through the Circuit Court Family Plan. Other items of discussion included security issues. A copy of the Probate Court report is on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. Bob Kjolhede from ISD, Diane Smith, Ionia County Economic Alliance and Don Lehman, MSUE, discussed a business plan for attracting new businesses, retention of existing businesses and marketing Ionia County. Kjolhede answered various questions from the Board. In other discussions, it was noted that Diane Smith will no longer be working for ICEA, but for the MSUE Office. No report was filed.
6. Don Lehman, MSUE Director, discussed funding for an Agriculture Educator, which will be discussed in further detail at the next board meeting.
7. District Court Administrator, Sug Pinnow, gave an overview of District Court and the types of cases that are handled in District Court. A copy of the District Court report is on file in the Clerk's Office.
8. Juvenile Court Referee, Monte Starkweather, submitted the 2010 Annual Report for the Juvenile Court and Youth Service Bureau, and answered various questions from the Board. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
9. Lisa McCafferty and Mark Novak with the Health Department discussed meth labs and the cost for cleaning up the labs. Other discussions included household/hazardous waste collections and uninsured population. (The Agency Report for April 19, 2011 Board of Health meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office).

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shattuck discussed the new animal shelter.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioners' Lower and Calley both commented on budget issues.

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Shirley Thomas, Deputy Clerk

