

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
**August 16, 2011**  
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Others present: Don Sult, Art Pelon, Lisa McCafferty, Nancy Hickey, Monte Starkweather, Robert S. Sykes, Jr., Don Ransom, Barbara Trierweiler, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Banks, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

A. Departmental Reports

1. County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, discussed the cash summary by fund reports and answered various questions from the Board. Hickey outlined the process of the tax sales and how houses end up in the Land Bank. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
2. Shelby Bollwahn, with the Ionia Conservation District, discussed the Resource Recovery Program. Melissa Eldridge, District Manager, stated that upcoming collection dates are being scheduled. Eldridge further stated that she has received many requests for pharmaceutical collections and discussed how this process would work. Eldridge believes that per the documentation and phone call records, Ionia County is in need of a recycling program.
3. Monte Starkweather, Juvenile Court Referee, discussed the Child Care Fund. Probate Judge, Robert S. Sykes, Jr., discussed working with area agencies to meet the needs of the children. Sykes stated that meth is a serious problem in the county, as well as, the loopholes governing (or lack of) medical marijuana.
4. Building Official, Don Sult, presented the Board with the Building Codes 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report for 2011 and answered questions from the board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
5. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer, presented the Agency Report for August 16, 2011 Board of Health and gave a brief update on happenings at the Health Department. McCafferty continued discussions on the meth problem in Ionia County.

**Chairperson's Report**

- 1) Discussed harvesting trees at the Park as a fundraiser with the proceeds to go to the Park, as well as, possibly selling gravel off of the Main Street property;
- 2) Upcoming park raffle

**County Administrator's Report**

- 1) Visited Bertha Brock Park and commented on what a nice park it is;
- 2) Update on the Animal Shelter/Manager;
- 3) Budget meeting schedule

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Jack Shattuck, Chair

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Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:  
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