

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

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

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

Members absent: Mason

Others present: Mary Ellen Snyder, Jon Szerlag, Diane Adams, Lindsay Beill, Jeff Radike, Rick Norman, Don Lehman, Jim Valentine, Nancy Hickey, Lisa McCafferty, Tom Thelen, Don Ransom, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

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

The Chair opened up the Public Comment period. Mary Ellen Snyder commented on the animal control ordinance.

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. Jeff Radike, Assistant Friend of the Court, reported to the Board on the Office of the Friend of the Court, as well as, discussed funding for the FOC Office and answered questions from the Board.
2. Rick Norman, Emergency Management, discussed the structure of the Homeland Security Grant and what the funding is used for. Norman further commented on the emergency evacuation of the courthouse that took place a few months ago, as well as, discussed the status of the single point of entry for the courthouse.
3. Don Lehman, MSU Extension Director, discussed the contributions made to the MSU Extension department, as well as, the contributions from the County and the benefits of having those contributions. Lehman further discussed the budget, as well as, gave a tour of the MSUE website: www.news.msue.msu.edu.
4. Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, gave an overview of projects that have been completed or will soon be completed at Central Dispatch. In addition, Valentine updated the Board on the status of the supervisor position that has been vacant for some time at Central Dispatch.

5. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, stated that his department has been busy with the opening of the new animal shelter, as well as, other various projects at the airport, District Court, Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

B. Ionia County Animal Control Ordinance

Before the discussion began on the Animal Control Ordinance, Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, stated that the new Animal Shelter has opened.

Each commissioner was given the opportunity to voice any opinions and concerns regarding the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Discussions included the dog census, "Director" language, misdemeanor charges for certain issues and the fee/fine schedule. McCafferty agreed to revise the proposed ordinance and after the county attorney's review, she would bring it back before the Board.

Reports

Commissioner Tiejema stated that he believes there needs to be more clarification concerning the duties of the animal control officers.

Commissioner Lower announced that the Republican Tent Dinner will be held on July 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ionia Free Fair.

Commissioners' Calley, Mason and Shattuck will not be at the next Board meeting.

Moved by Vroman, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
