

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
November 15, 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: Nancy Hickey, Tony Smit, Don Sult, Jim Valentine, Lisa McCafferty,
Walter Barnes, Rick Norman, Diane Smith, Stephanie Hurlbut and
Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

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

There was no Public Comment.

New Business

A. Department Reports

1. Airport – Tony Smit, Airport Manager, gave a power point presentation on the Ionia County Airport. The presentation covered the T-hangar, taxi street repairs, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology and the future plans for the airport.
2. County Treasurer – County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, discussed the Cash Summary by Fund and the Cash Summary by Account reports. A brief discussion took place concerning the Land Bank Authority. (The reports are on file in the Clerk's Office)
3. Emergency Management – Emergency Manager, Rick Norman, updated the Board on the narrowband project, the Emergency Management Performance Grant, the Single Point of Entry at the courthouse and volunteer events. (The report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
4. Central Dispatch – Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, discussed the fiber optic project that is now completed, as well as, touched on the narrowband project. Valentine further discussed the supervisor position and the hiring process for a new dispatcher. (The report is on file in the Clerk's Office)
5. Buildings & Grounds – Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, updated the Board on the status of the repairs being done on the front steps of the courthouse

indicating that the heating unit could not be installed as planned. Other items of discussion were the Single Point of Entry, charging systems for the computers in the police cars and the new animal shelter.

6. Building Codes – Building Codes Official, Don Sult, presented the 3rd Quarter Reports on the Building Department and answered questions from the Board. (Copies of the reports are on file in the Clerk’s Office)

7. Friend of the Court – Interim County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, indicated that there was only a written report for the Board from Friend of the Court. (The report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)

8. Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) – ICEA Director, Diane Smith, discussed the staffing, indicating that she will remain as the Director until the end of the year. Smith further discussed The Right Place, Inc. (RPI), indicating that the Business Development Coordinator (BDC) will start on January 3, 2012; discussed the Plan of Work and Progress Reports, office space and the United for Progress Campaign and answered questions from the Board. (The report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)

Chairperson’s Report

Chair Shattuck stated his appreciation for all who participated in the gun raffle.

Reports

Commissioner Mason presented a handout showing the Flat River Rail Trail.

Commissioner Vroman updated the Board on the Facilities Committee meeting.

County Administrator’s Report

- 1) Working on an anti-fraud policy;
- 2) Had a great experience this past weekend helping her parents adopt a dog from the animal shelter.

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on: _____
