

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
**September 20, 2011**  
3:30 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Mason

Others present: Loren Gage, Don Ransom, Tom Thelen, Nancy Hickey, Marilyn Smith, Lisa McCafferty, Don Lehman, Dale Miller, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

The Chair noted that item D. would be added under New Business. Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no public comment.

**New Business**

A. Marilyn Smith discussed the funding from the Community Development Block Grant and stated that these funds have been cut and the use has been re-designed. Smith stated that 50% of the funds allocated are to be used countywide, with the other 50% to be used in targeted areas, which those targeted areas will be decided by the Board of Commissioners. In the upcoming months, Smith stated that a public hearing will need to be held on this issue.

**B. Departmental Reports**

1. Loren Gage, Park Manager, updated the Board on the parks. Gage stated that this past weekend the Fall Festival was held, which approximately 1000 people attended. Gage further acknowledged the generous donations made to the park from area businesses. Gage concluded with an update on the Frisbee Golf project.
2. Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, discussed projects that have been completed, as well as, upcoming projects in and around county facilities. A short discussion took place on the Single Point of Entry, with Commissioner Tiejema requesting more information on the metal detector that will be used and questioned the possibility of having employees use a separate entrance rather than having to go through the metal detector on a daily basis.

C. The Chair acknowledged the filings of the PA 116's filed by Brian and Debra Henney.

- D. Interim County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, gave the Board handouts concerning the 2012 Capital Projects/budget and answered questions from the Board. Hurlbut stated that there is \$181,000 in undesignated funds.

**Reports**

Chair Shattuck, on behalf of the Board, gave their condolences to Commissioner Mason and her family for the loss of Mason’s mother. Shattuck further noted that Brent Schipper, Information Technician, has given his two week’s notice.

Moved by Banks, supported by Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 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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