

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
4:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson, Jim Banks, called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Doug DeVries, Judge Robert Sykes, Jr., Dorothy Pohl, Charles Minkley, Wayne Schoonover, Deb Steele, Lynette Seiler, Sue Gorby, Lisa Insley, Sug Pinnow, Deb Thailson, Lisa McCafferty, Jon Szerlag, Monte Starkweather, Barbara Trierweiler, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

The Vice Chairperson noted no additional items to be added to the agenda. Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no Public Comment.

New Business

1. Managing Director of the Ionia County Road Commission, Dorothy Pohl and Road Commissioner Charles Minkley presented the Board with the 2011 Supplemental Annual Report for the Ionia County Road Commission. Pohl discussed road and bridge projects, safety projects and funding for the Road Commission. Pohl, on behalf of the Road Commission, thanked the Board for their support. Wayne Schoonover, Highway Engineer, explained a technique known as rubberized liquid asphalt that the Road Commission is using. The rubberized liquid asphalt is made from ground up tires and is used to patch holes in the roads.
2. Probate Judge, Robert Sykes, Jr., and Juvenile Court Referee, Monte Starkweather, presented the Board with the 2011 Annual Report for the 8th Circuit Court-Family Division of the Juvenile Court and Youth Service Bureau. Sykes and Starkweather both discussed the collaboration in trying to keep children in their own home, medical marijuana issues, methamphetamine use and staffing levels. A copy of the full report is on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. Commission on Aging Director, Lynette Seiler introduced Sue Gorby, Transportation Director, Lisa Insley, Nutrition Director and Deb Steele, In-Home Director from Commission on Aging. Each Director was given the opportunity

to discuss their department and answered questions from the Board. A copy of the Commission on Aging report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. District Court Administrator, Sug Pinnow, gave an update on District Court. Pinnow discussed the increase in caseload, specifically in the landlord-tenant division; discussed Sobriety Court and Veterans Court. Other areas of discussion included the collections software, record disposal and an internal audit.
5. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, briefly reviewed the Agency Report for April 17, 2012 Board of Health meeting. Other discussions included Animal Control and Mid-South. A copy of the Health Department Report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Reports

Commissioner Lower stated it was Jon Szerlag's last day as a reporter for the Sentinel-Standard. The Board wished Szerlag well in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Mason announced the Community Showcase at the Belding High School on Thursday, April 19th.

Moved by Lower, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Vice Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk