

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
August 21, 2012
4:00 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: Jennifer Wangler, Melissa Eldridge, Jim Valentine, Don Sult, Deb Thailson, JoAnne Eakins, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Monte Starkweather, Karen Bota, Lisa McCafferty, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mason, supported by Vroman, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- A. Jennifer Wangler, Business Development Coordinator for the Ionia County Economic Alliance, gave a power point presentation reviewing the mission statement, the new goals for ICEA, as well as, the community marketing plan and the partnership with The Right Place. Wangler answered questions from the Board.
- B. Melissa Eldridge and Rachel Koleda with the Ionia Conservation District gave an update on the Ionia County Resource Recovery Program. Koleda discussed the household hazardous waste items that were taken in in 2011 compared to those items collected in the spring of 2012. Other discussions included the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, the recognition of five Michigan Green Schools in the county, which include Clarksville Elementary, Saranac Middle School, St. Peter and Paul, Woodview Elementary and Ellis Elementary. Eldridge further discussed the Ionia 4-H Council, and both Koleda and Eldridge answered questions from the Board.
- C. Department Reports
 - 1. Building Department – Don Sult, Building Codes Official, presented the second quarter report for the Building Department and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of this report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

2. Juvenile Court - Monte Starkweather, Juvenile Court Referee, discussed the Child Care Fund and staffing levels in the Juvenile Court.

3. Treasurer's Office – The Treasurer's Report was included in the Board packet.

4. Public Health – Deb Thailson, JoAnne Eakins, Dr. Sugandha Lowhim, Lindsay Beill and Lisa McCafferty discussed different events and happenings in the various departments of the Health Department and Animal Control. Discussions included the tobacco grant and how the staff at the Health Department was commended on a job well done with how financially responsible the agency was with the grant funds. Other discussions included Mid-South/Mid-South Advisory Board, vendor education, teen intervention, drug training for the public, animal control, a community garden at the animal shelter and different wellness programs. Dr. Lowhim discussed the West Niles virus and the Swine Flu, reminding citizens to use mosquito repellent and not to eat or drink in close proximity to pigs. A case of the swine flu has been determined in Washtenaw County. Public Health Officer, Lisa McCafferty, discusses the Agency Report for August 21, 2012 Board of Health Meeting (a copy of this report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

D. County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, presented the 2013 budget packets to the Board along with her recommendations. Hurlbut stated that budget meetings are currently being scheduled and the Board should review their packets so discussions can start next week on the recommendations.

Reports

Commissioner Lower discussed the Road Commission vacancy.

Commissioner Mason discussed the Ionia to Saranac rail trail and stated that construction of this portion of the trail will begin soon.

Commissioner Calley gave an update on Community Corrections.

Moved by Lower, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
