

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee-of-the-Whole

January 17, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Amended

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

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

Others present: Don Lehman, Gregg Yeomans, Jim Valentine, Loren Gage, Lisa McCafferty, Joann Eakins, Jon Szerlag, Don Ransom, Lynette Seiler, Dale Miller, Diane Adams, Stephanie Hurlbut and Janae Cooper

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

No one addressed the Board.

New Business

- A. Departmental Reports
 - 1. Don Ransom, Physical Plant Director, updated the Board on the status of the "Garden Level" of the Courthouse. Other reports included an update on the Animal Shelter, updating an airport terminal to comply with ADA (American Disability Act), the front steps of the courthouse, the elevator inspections, consumer rebates, as well as, obtaining pricing for a new vehicle for the Maintenance Department.
 - 2. Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, stated he will be requesting the Board's permission to fill the vacancy at Central Dispatch at the next board meeting.
- B. Valentine stated he received a letter of resignation from another staff and will be requesting to fill that position at the next board meeting as well.
- C. Dale Miller, Undersheriff, discussed purchasing new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Miller stated he would like to purchase two, brand new 2011 vehicles and put the savings (purchasing 2011's rather than 2012's) toward purchasing an unmarked police car. Miller also presented a handout regarding the year-end statistics for victim advocates.
- D. Ionia County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut and Greg Yeomans of the Planning Commission stated that two of the appointments on the commission are expiring and discussed whether or not the Planning Commission should continue. Commissioner Vroman

recommended appointing members, but to also look into West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.

- E. The Departmental Reports Schedule has been distributed for 2012.
- F. The commissioners' were given a draft of the Vacation Policy for their review. Hurlbut stated that this matter will be on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting. A "Sick Bank" was briefly discussed.

Reports of Officers, Board and Standing Committees

- A. Commissioner Tiejema stated that Commission on Aging will be putting a proposal on the August, 2012 ballot *with the approval from the Board of Commissioners*.
- B. Commissioner Vroman informed the Board of a Public Hearing that will be taking place regarding placing a wind turbine at the airport.

County Administrator's Report

- A. The Facilities Committee will be changing their meeting time from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- B. Due to the absence of Commissioner Mason at the February Personnel Committee meeting, that meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- C. Ionia County Chamber of Commerce will recognize Bertha Brock Park for eighty years of service.

Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Janae K. Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved on:
