

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
July 17, 2012
4:00 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: Nancy Hickey, Jim Valentine, Nancy Rodriguez, Lisa McCafferty, Don Lehman, Doug DeVries, Chad Murphy, John Bush, Barbara Trierweiler, Rebecca McCafferty, Chad Shaw, Brenda Long, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Chad Murphy, candidate for County Commissioner, District 5 seat, introduced himself. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer, introduced Chad Shaw, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

New Business

- A. County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, discussed the foreclosed properties in the County and presented the Board with the Foreclosed Land Sales Proceeds Annual Report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
- B. Drain Commissioner, John Bush, stated that a petition has been received from property owners of land abutting Ranney Lake in Otisco Township requesting that a normal water level be established for the lake. Bush discussed the Inland Lake Level provisions according to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the action needed by the Board of Commissioners to establish a water level.
- C. Departmental Reports

Emergency Management

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Doug DeVries, updated the Board on the current activity of the Homeland Security Grant. Briefly, DeVries commented on the Emergency Management Performance Grant and stated that on June 22nd the City of Ionia had an active shooter incident which tested several aspects of the emergency response plans. (A copy of the Emergency Management Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Central Dispatch

Central Dispatch Director, Jim Valentine, gave a power point presentation giving an overview of Central Dispatch activities and projects. In addition, Valentine discussed the possibility of seeking voter approval to increase the present surcharge rate and further presented the Board with a status report on the 5 year Capital Plan for Ionia County Central Dispatch. (A copy of the Central Dispatch Report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

MSU Extension

Brenda Long, Extension Educator, discussed the foreclosure program that the Extension Office puts on, as well as, health education. Rebecca McCafferty, 4-H Program Coordinator, presented the Board with a newsletter on the 4-H Program. McCafferty stated she just finished with the Montcalm County Fair and will be spending the next week at the Ionia Fair with the 4-H families. Don Lehman, MSUE District 8 Coordinator, discussed the unique weather we have been experiencing that unfortunately is reducing the food crop due to the drought-like conditions.

Reports

Commissioner Tiejema discussed the Lake Board.

County Administrator, Stephanie Hurlbut, stated that the preliminary budget has been sent out to the department heads.

Moved by Lower, supported by Vroman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk