

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 20, 2012

Committee-of-the-Whole

Amended

4:00 p.m.

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

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

Members absent: Vroman and Calley

Others present: Deb Thailson, Ken Bowen, Doug DeVries, Jim Valentine, Jeff Radike, Doug Hyland, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

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

There was no Public Comment.

New Business

- A. Muir Village President, Doug Hyland, re-visited the Board to discuss the need for funding to have the bridge that crosses the Maple River repaired. Hyland stated that this bridge is on the Critical Bridge List and the village has to raise \$ 650,000. Chair Shattuck stated that this matter will be put on the agenda for the *December 11th* meeting, which at that time the Board will decide on allocating funds for the bridge repair.
- B. Departmental Reports
1. Friend of the Court – Jeff Radike, with the Friend of the Court, gave a brief overview of collections that takes place at the FOC Office and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).
 2. Treasurer’s Office – *There was no report given.* Commissioner Tiejema questioned the County Administrator on the Johnson Road construction and how it was funded.
 3. Building Codes - Don Sult, Building Official, presented his quarterly report for 2012 and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk’s Office)
 4. Emergency Management – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Doug DeVries, discussed the Homeland Security activities, grant funding, resources and

the Ionia County Emergency Management Advisory Council and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

- 5. Central Dispatch - Jim Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, discussed funding concerns since the 911 Millage Proposal did not pass. Valentine stated that expenses are increasing, but the funding remains the same. The Advisory Board will need to evaluate operation needs after the first of the year. In other topics, Valentine stated that Vicky Denny will be retiring at the end of the year and also gave a brief update on the Portland Fire Base.

Reports

Commissioner Tiejema stated that more information is being gathered by the pension committee group.

Commissioner Lower gave an update on the MSUE Advisory Council.

Moved by Lower, supported by Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jack Shattuck, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
