

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
April 16, 2013
4:00 p.m.

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

Members present: Larry Tiejema, Jim Banks, Brenda Cowling-Cronk, Lynn Mason and Scott Wirtz

Members absent: Jack Shattuck and Julie Calley

Others present: Tom Thelen, Karen Bota, Deb Thailson, Al Almy, Lynette Seiler, Sug Pinnow, Ken Bowen, Randy Hager, Rebecca McCafferty, Don Sult, Bob VanLente, Jim Valentine, Monte Starkweather, Deb McPeek, Bob Lathers, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

A. Consideration of additional items

Moved by Cowling-Cronk, supported by Wirtz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

A. Departmental Reports

1. District Court Report – Court Administrator, Sug Pinnow, reviewed the District Court’s caseload and explained the caseload report and the different types of cases filed at District Court. Pinnow stated that District Court has been processing a high volume of garnishments. Other discussions included District Court’s two specialty courts: Sobriety Court that has 32 participants and Veteran’s Court with nine participants. Pinnow stated that the Probation Department, that supervises the Specialty Court participants, also supervise 409 probationers.

2. Juvenile/Probate Report – Juvenile Court Referee, Monte Starkweather, presented the Board with the 2012 Annual Report for the Juvenile Court and Youth Service Bureau and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

3. Building Codes – Don Sult, with the Building Department, presented and discussed the October to December 2012 Quarterly Report and the January to March 2013 Quarterly Report and answered questions from the Board. (Copies of the reports are on file in the Clerk’s Office).

4. Commission on Aging – Lynette Seiler, Director of Commission on Aging, reported on the services provided by Commission on Aging, as well as revenues and expenses for the Commission on Aging. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

5. Public Health Report – Randy Hager, a local farmer and Rebecca McCafferty, from MSU Extension 4H Program and Deb Thailson, from the Health Department, discussed a

community garden to be planted out at the Animal Shelter. McCafferty stated that \$1000 has been awarded to the project through a grant. Hager discussed the garden and collaboration with other communities.

- B. Dorothy Pohl, Bill Weisgerber and Al Almy with the Ionia County Road Commission presented the Ionia County 2012 Supplemental Annual Report and answered questions from the Board. (A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office).

(Due to representatives from Community Mental Health not present at time, the Vice Chair continued on with items on the agenda)

- C. Vice Chair Banks postponed the acknowledgment of the PA 116 filed by Dennis Heffron until the April 23rd meeting.

Reports of Officers

Commissioner Mason commented on the Adult Spelling Bee where proceeds went to the Ionia County Literacy Group.

The Vice-Chair recessed at 5:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

- D. Deb McPeck and Bob Lathers from Ionia County Community Mental Health discussed the annual report. Other topics of discussion were jail diversion and funding. Lathers thanked the Board for their continuing support.

Moved by Mason, supported by Cowling-Cronk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Banks, Vice Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved by: