

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
September 17, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Amended

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

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

Others present: Walter Barnes, Dave McCord, Loren Gage, Judy Clark, Bob VanLente, Jim Valentine, Melissa Eldridge, David Wook, Rachel Koleda, Marilyn Smith, Diane Adams, Stephanie Hurlbut and Tonda Rich

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- A. Walter Barnes, IT, and Dave McCord with Bevelwise, discussed redesigning the County's website. McCord stated that this redesign will be more user friendly and easier for the county departments to use and update their own content. Barnes discussed offsite hosting which will be more secure than the onsite hosting that is being done with the current website. This matter will be on the agenda at the September 24th board meeting.
- B. Melissa Eldridge with the Ionia County Resource Recovery Program and the Ionia Conservation District updated the Board on these two departments. In regard to the Resource Recovery, Eldridge stated that electronics are the biggest collection and the Clean Sweep Program has been successful. David Wood, Watershed Coordinator, updated the Board on the Lake Creek Watershed and Rachel Koleda discussed the MAEAP Program.
- C. Departmental Reports
 - a. County Treasurer - Judy Clark, Treasurer, presented the Board with a list of County Investments and a Cash Balance Report. Clark discussed the interest rates, credit cards, foreclosures and tax payments.
 - b. Parks - Loren Gage, Park Manager, updated the Board on the parks and stated that a meeting with the FEMA representative will be taking place to discuss the flood damage in the park that occurred earlier in the year.

Other updates included the camping reservations, the Community Theater using the park and the upgrades to the park and Palmer Lodge. *Gage further announced and thanked Easton Township for their \$5,000 donation to the park.*

Chairperson's report

- 1) Recognized the article in the Sentinel-Standard about Greenview Point Park
- 2) Reminded the Board of the next budget meeting
- 3) Thanked Commissioner Shattuck for his donations to the County Employee picnic

County Administrator's report

- 1) FEMA update
- 2) Equalization Department Director update

Commissioner Mason reminded the Board to arrive early in Belding for the next board meeting so they can tour the Belding Museum.

Moved by Banks, supported by Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Julie Calley, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk

Minutes approved on:
