

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15, 2009
Committee-of-the-Whole
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Vroman, Tiejema, Mason, Shattuck, Calley, Powell (left at 4:00 p.m.)
and Banks

Members absent: None

Others present: Gordon Douglas, Tom Thelen, Sentinel, Craig Wheeler, Deb Thailson,
Marilyn Smith, Loren Gage, Nancy Hickey, Lynette Seiler, Stephanie
Hurlbut, Don Ransom, Lisa McCafferty, Diane Adams, Bob Cusack and
Tonda Rich

Banks noted no additions or deletions to the agenda. Moved by Vroman, supported by
Tiejema, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks reminded the Board of the time change for the next meeting, December 22, 2009,
which will be at 3:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. Nancy Hickey, Craig Wheeler and Deb
Thailson addressed the Board concerning the Travel Policy.

New Business

1. Marilyn Smith gave the annual report on the Community Development Block Grant and explained the difference between emergency repairs and housing quality standards. In addition, Smith briefly explained the Property Improvement Program (PIP) and the benefits of the program.
2. Physical Plant Director, Don Ransom, updated the Board on the lighting project that is now completed at the Health Department, District Court and the main courthouse. Ransom stated that this project was done through a program offered by Consumers Energy and the cost for the new lighting in the three buildings was \$10,253.50, with the County only being responsible for \$1,097.51 of that cost. Ransom explained that all the offices in the courthouse were done, with the exception of the Circuit Courtroom. In addition, Ransom listed projects that are scheduled in 2010.
3. Gordon Douglas, Chief Animal Control Officer, submitted the October and November 2009 Animal Shelter Monthly reports and answered questions from the Board.
4. Loren Gage, Park Manager, stated that 2009 was a successful year at Bertha Brock Park. In addition, Gage updated the Board on projects completed at the Park, including the revenue on the camping and cabin/lodge rental fees this year.

5. Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Officer, submitted the Agency Report for December 15, 2009 Board of Health Meeting and briefly touched on the different areas in the Health Department. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the Clerk's Office).
6. The Board discussed the Travel Policy, with Commissioners voicing their opinions and concerns about whether the mileage reimbursement rate should be .38 cents or the rate set by the IRS.

Moved by Mason, supported by Shattuck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk