

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Committee-of-the-Whole  
**September 21, 2010**  
3:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Shattuck, Vroman, Tiejema, Powell, Calley and Mason  
Members absent: Banks

Others present: Jim Valentine, Nancy Hickey, Loren Gage, Stephanie Hurlbut, Bob Cusack, Sug Pinnow, Lisa McCafferty, Janae Cooper, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Vroman stated there was an Executive Session added to the agenda. Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Vroman opened up the Public Comment period. Jack Shattuck stated he has tickets for a gun raffle with the proceeds to go toward Bertha Brock Park and that the drawing will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

1. Budget Discussion

- a. Vroman asked for opening comments from Commissioners' concerning the meetings with Department Heads.

Commissioners' Mason, Tiejema and Vroman commented on the presentations from the Department Heads.

- b. Laundry List

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to state any ideas where possible cuts or a cost savings could be for each department.

Other items added to the Laundry List included early buy-outs, pay out of Paid Time Off, mileage, wage/furlough days, health insurance, review mandated and non-mandated services and General Fund balance.

- c. The next budget workshop is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Reports of Officers, Board and Standing Committees**

Commissioner Vroman stated that due to an urgent matter, Chair Banks was unable to attend today's meeting.

Commissioner Powell discussed the status of the animal shelter.

Commissioner Mason commented on the Rails-to-Trails project that would run from Lowell to Greenville.

Vroman called for a brief recess at 5:14 p.m. and reconvened at 5:20 p.m.

Moved by Mason, supported by Powell, to enter into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried by the following roll call: yes – all.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Calley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Mark Vroman, Vice Chairperson

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Tonda Rich, Clerk