

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 21, 2009

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board Chairperson Dave Buskirk, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on July 21, 2009.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Ms. Erica Parkinson of Richland Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Alford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Nasim Ansari, Jeff Balkema, Rob Barnard, Deb Buchholtz, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brian Johnson, Dave Maturen, Ann Nieuwenhuis, John Nieuwenhuis, Michael Quinn, John Taylor, Frank Thompson, Jack Urban and John Zull.

Members Absent: Commissioner Grady Biby.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, County Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporation Counsel; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Linda Buzas, HCS Director; Dave Rachowicz, Parks Director; Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning Director; David Artley, Resource Development; Jo Woods, HR Director; Jeff Fink, Prosecuting Attorney; Mary Balkema, County Treasurer; Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner; Nigel Crum, FOC Director; Tim Snow, County Clerk; and Sheri Stiger, Administrative Assistant.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the July 7, 2009, Board Meeting be approved as distributed.

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Alford presented the following communication, which is on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) Notice of Public Hearing by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on August 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. on the FY 2010 Drinking Water Revolving Fund.
- b) A letter from Chuck Culver to Commissioner Urban regarding Retiree benefits to Kalamazoo County Government Employees.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time:

Chairperson Buskirk stated that Citizens' Time was when any citizen could address the Board on a non-agenda item. He said anyone wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item should come to the podium, give their name and address, and limit their remarks to four minutes. He said if anyone would like to speak about an item that was on the consent agenda, they could ask that it be removed from the consent agenda at this time or he would provide an opportunity just prior to that section of the agenda.

Ms. Stacey Merrick, representing Michigan People's Action, thanked the Commissioners who attended the Nehemiah Assembly, and those who supported the idea of a Jail Survey to determine how many homeless are in jail.

Mr. Christopher Adams, representing MPA, echoed Ms. Merrick's comments.

Mr. Jonathan Braun, representing MPA, echoed Ms. Merrick's comments.

Ms. LoriAnne Tennison, representing MPA, echoed Ms. Merrick's comments and in support of Housing First.

Mr. Chris Perry, representing MPA, echoed Ms. Merrick's comments.

Ms. Barbara Anderson, 3601 Lincolnshire Blvd., spoke in favor of the proposed Jail Survey and in opposition to the proposed Arena.

Ms. Erica Parkinson, Board Chair of Michigan Organizing Project, thanked the Commissioners who attended the Nehemiah Assembly and in favor of the proposed Mobile Dental Clinic and Jail Survey.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Presentation of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission 2008 Annual Report

Mr. Jeff Maddox introduced several members of the KCRC and reviewed the Annual Report as presented to Commissioners.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA

Circuit Court/District Court/Prosecuting Attorney

B. Request for Approval of a Subscriber Application, Order Form, and Service Agreement with West Government Services for each of the three (3) Departments

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Subscriber Application, Order Form, and Service Agreement with West Government Services for each of the three (3) Departments for the purpose of providing person locator services needed for collection, family support and legal requirements; a copy of said Agreements

to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Community Corrections

C. Request for Approval of Extension of 90-Day Employment for Temporary Employee

That the Board of Commissioners approve the extension of temporary employee, J.C. Kuiper for a period ending August 14, 2009.

<u>Position/#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Effective</u>
10205-002	P243A	\$15.66/hour	July 17, 2009 thru August 14, 2009

Drain/Equalization/Treasurer

D. Request for Approval of a Licensing Agreement and Support Agreement with BS&A for Software Upgrades (Allocated Fund Balance)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Licensing Agreement and Support Agreement with BS&A for software upgrades in the total amount of \$67,895; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health and Community Services

E. Request for Approval of Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) Agreement with Cass Family Clinic

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a BCCCP Agreement with Cass Family Clinic to provide services to reduce the breast and cervical cancer among poor, older women effective June 1, 2009 with automatic annual renewals; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

F. Request for Approval to Accept American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Permanent Cost of Living and ARRA Quality Improvement Award for the Head Start Program and Approval of Two (2) Temporary Literacy/Curriculum Positions (Grant Funded)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept ARRA Permanent Cost of Living funds and Quality Improvement Award for the Head Start Program and approve the creation of the following two (2) temporary positions; a copy of said Award to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Create:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Position Title/#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Pay</u>	
794-081	Literacy/Curriculum Specialist/#10717	P332	1.0	\$38,522-\$50,086	7/22/09
794-081	Literacy/Curriculum Specialist/#TBD	P332	1.0	\$38,522-\$50,086	7/22/09

G. Request for Approval to Apply for Program Improvement Funds for the Head Start Program to the Department of Health and Human Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to apply to the DHS for program improvements funds in a total funding request of \$150,000 for the Head Start

Program; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of HCS/AAA IIIA to Participate in the Alzheimer's Disease Innovation Grant Application from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging to the Administration on Aging

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to participate in the Alzheimer's Disease Innovation Grant Application in the amount of \$26,573 for the period of October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of Creation of Nutritionist Position in the Community Action Agency Head Start Program (Grant Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Creation of the following position:

Create:

Account #	Position/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range	Effective
794-085	Nutritionist/#10052-001	P319	0.5	37,669 - 48,984	8/3/09

J. Request for Approval of Position Creation in the Community Action Agency Head Start Program (Grant Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners Approve the following position:

Create:

Acct#	Position/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range	Effective
794-086	Family & Community Involvement Specialist /#10665	P294	1.0	35,984 - 46,800	8/1/09

K. Request for Approval of Position Eliminations/Creations in the Health & Community Services Department (House Keeping, General Fund, Fee, Grant Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the elimination/creation of the following positions:

Eliminate:

Account #	Position/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range
221-218	Program Manager/#10733-001	M421	1.00	47,049 - 61,152
221-204	Program Manager/#10733-002	M421	1.00	47,049 - 61,152
221-218	Admin. Asst./Web Designer/#10412-001	T21	1.00	30,846 - 37,377
221-218	Senior Secretary/#10142-001	T15	1.00	26,603 - 32,240
221-218	Program Manager/#10736-001	M421	1.00	47,049 - 61,152

Create:

Account #	Position/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range
221-221	Program Manager/#10733-001	M421	1.00	47,049 - 61,152
221-222	Program Manager/#10733-002	M421	1.00	47,049 - 61,152
221-222	Admin. Asst./Web Designer/#10412-001	T21	1.00	30,846 - 37,377

L. Request for Approval of Position Eliminations/Creations in the Health &

Community Services Department (House Keeping, Grant Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the elimination/creation of the following positions:

Eliminate:

Account #	Position Title/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range
224-083	Program Assistant/10227-001	P252	.50	33,155 - 43,118
224-084	Homeless Shelter Worker #10027-001	T17	1.00	27,976 - 33,904
224-084	Homeless Shelter Worker #10027-002	T17	1.00	27,976 - 33,904
224-086	Program Assistant/#10227-001	P252	.50	33,155 - 43,118
248-080	P.H. Preparedness Specialist #10751-001	P353	.80	39,894 - 51,875
248-080	P.H. Preparedness Specialist #10751-003	P353	.20	39,894 - 51,875
295-080	Program Coordinator/#10380-007P342	.20		39,187 - 50,939
297-090	Community Educator/#10816 Effective 6/1/2009	P282	1.00	35,172 - 45,739
307-080	Coordinator-MIMI/#10763-001 Effective 7/1/09 Contract termination date	P342	.50	39,187 - 50,939
307-081	Coordinator-FIMR/#10763-001 Effective 7/1/09	P342	.10	39,187 - 50,939
307-080	MCH Supervisor/#10814-001 Effective 7/1/09 Contract termination date. FTE transferred to 307-081 & 297-090	P406	.25	43,451 - 56,472
690-001	Admin. Asst./Supervisor/#10209-001	P247	1.00	32,884 - 42,744
690-001	Secretary/Receptionist/#10098-001	T12	1.00	24,710 - 29,952
690-001	Secretary II/#10378-001	T13	1.00	25,334 - 30,700
690-001	Senior Secretary/#10101-001	T15	1.00	26,603 - 32,240

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Account #	Position/#	Grade	FTE	Pay Range
297-090	MCH Supervisor/#10814-001 Effective 7/1/09	P406	.125	43,451 - 56,472
297-093	Community Educator/#10816 Effective 6/1/2009	P282	1.00	35,172 - 45,739
307-081	MCH Supervisor/#10814-001 Effective 7/1/09	P406	.125	43,451 - 56,472
793-081	Admin. Asst./Supervisor/#10209-001	P247	1.00	32,884 - 42,744
793-081	Secretary/Receptionist/#10098-001	T12	1.00	24,710 - 29,952
794-080	Secretary II/#10378-001	T13	1.00	25,334 - 30,700
794-080	Senior Secretary/#10101-001	T15	1.00	26,603 - 32,240

Human Resources

M. Request for Approval of Position Elimination-Compensation Administrator

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

N. Request for Approval of Amendment to Personnel Policy Sections 7.02, 7.11, 7.15

This item was postponed until a later date.

Michigan Works!

O. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act Two-Year Plan for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act Two-Year Plan for Adults for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

P. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act, One-Stop Operations – Statewide Activities Plan 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act, One-Stop Operation – Statewide Activities Plan 09-00 in the amount of \$137,563 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Q. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act Capacity Building and Professional Development 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act Capacity Building and Professional Development 09-00 Plan in the amount of \$24,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

R. Request for Approval of American Recovery & Re-investment Act Fund Available for Re-Employment Services 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute American Recovery & Re-investment Act Fund Available for Re-Employment Services 09-00 in the amount of \$165,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

S. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act Adult Services Plan 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act Adult Services Plan 09-00 in the amount of \$1,099,177 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

T. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Plan 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Plan 09-00 in the amount of \$1,052,471 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

U. Request for Approval of Workforce Investment Act Youth Plan 09-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Workforce Investment Act Youth Plan 09-00 in the amount of \$1,796,635 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of

this meeting.

V. Request for Approval of Wagner-Peyser 7(a) Employment Services 09-00
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Wagner-Peyser 7 (a) Employment Services 09-00 in the amount of \$528,664 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Parks & Expo Center

W. Request for Approval of Amendment with Charter Township of Kalamazoo
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Amendment with Charter Township of Kalamazoo to change the termination of the agreement to December 31, 2030; a copy of said Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community Development

X. Request for Approval of Licensed Pictometry Products Agreement with Prein & Newhof
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Licensed Pictometry Products Agreement with Prein & Newhof; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Y. Request for Approval of Licensed Pictometry Products Agreement with Western Michigan University (WMU)
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Licensed Pictometry Products Agreement with WMU; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

Z. Request for Approval to Allow the County Office of Emergency Management to be the Fiscal Agent for the Kalamazoo County-wide Hazardous Material Team
That the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Office of Emergency Management to be the Fiscal Agent for the Kalamazoo County-wide Hazardous Material Team.

Board of Commissioners

AA. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements
That the Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated July 21, 2009," noting claims in the total amount of \$2,789,786.53 with the exception of Best Way Disposal claim in the amount of \$1,514.63 as provided to each Board member, be approved; that the County Clerk be authorized to certify to the County Treasurer that the Board has approved on this date the disbursements in the list dated July 21, 2009, and the County Treasurer is therefore, authorized to make those disbursements, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

BB. Request for Receipt of the 2008 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial

Report

That the Board of Commissioners receive the 2008 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

CC. Request for Approval of Resolution Urging Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to Keep Light at Fletcher Street and West Main Street

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

DD. Request for Approval of authorization to send letter of intent to renew Lease Agreement to the Sisters of St. Joseph for the Nazareth facility

That the Board of Commissioners authorize Chairman Buskirk to sign a letter of intent to renew the Lease Agreement with the Sisters of St. Joseph for the Nazareth Facility.

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that Items through B. be DD., with the exception of Items M., N. and CC., be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: Commissioner Biby

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Request for Approval of Position Elimination-Compensation Administrator

Commissioner Ansari moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners eliminate the following position:

Eliminate:

Account #	Position #	Grade	FTE	Pay Range
226-704	10779-001	M519	1.0	\$53,976-\$70,179
	Compensation Administrator			

Discussion ensued.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

CC. Request for Approval of Resolution Urging Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to Keep Light at Fletcher Street and West Main Street

Commissioner Johnson moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution and forward it to MDOT and Area Legislators:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for safety and maintaining traffic signals on state roads; and

WHEREAS, the traffic light at the intersection of West Main St. (M-43) and Fletcher Ave, in Kalamazoo Township, has been operated by MDOT for many years; and

WHEREAS, residents make decisions about where to live based on criteria that includes traffic, pedestrian access to markets and access to public transportation; and

WHEREAS, several residents, including those covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, chose to live near the intersection of West Main St. and Fletcher Ave based on access to public transportation and safe crossing of a state road in a residential area; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation is planning to remove the traffic signal at West Main St. despite petitions by residents and advocates for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, without the traffic signal, many persons with disabilities would have to walk a considerable distance to access safe crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act provides in Section 35.151, with respect to accessing public rights of way, that they “be altered in such manner that the altered portion of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the alteration was commenced after January 26, 1992.”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners requests that the Michigan Department of Transportation maintain and fund the cost of the traffic signal at the intersection of West Main St. and Fletcher Ave.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Barbara Anderson 3601 Lincolnshire Blvd., voiced her support of this resolution.

Ms. Julie Rogers, 3428 Marlane, spoke in support of this resolution.

Mr. Dan Drake, spoke in support of this resolution.

Mr. George Cochran, 1543 Calhoun Street, spoke in support of this resolution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Alford, Ansari, Balkema, Barnard, Buskirk, Heppler, Johnson, Ann Nieuwenhuis, John Nieuwenhuis, Quinn, Taylor, Thompson, Urban and Zull.

Nays: Commissioners Buchholtz and Maturen.

Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioner Biby.

The motion carried.

EE. Request for Approval of Economic Development Funding for the Economic Development Corporation to the City of Portage and Approval of Contract Associated with Funding

Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners Approve Economic Development Funding for the Economic Development Corporation to the City of Portage and Approval of Contract Associated with Funding; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

FF. Request for Approval of Economic Development Funding for the Economic Development Corporation to the City of Kalamazoo and Approval of Contract Associated with Funding

Commissioner Barnard moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners Approve Economic Development Funding for the Economic Development Corporation to the City of Kalamazoo and Approval of Contract Associated with Funding; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

GG. Request for Approval to Authorize the Economic Development Fund to Freeze Future Funding Requests

Commissioner Balkema moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners freeze future funding requests made to the Economic Development Fund.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

HH. Request for Approval of Best Way Disposal Claim

Commissioner Maturen moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve payment of claims from Best Way Disposal in the total amount of \$1,514.63 for work provided to Kalamazoo County, and authorize the County Treasurer to make said payments.

Commissioner Balkema made the following Disclosure Statement:

On the Claims List for July 21, 2009 are claims from my business enterprise, Best Way Disposal. Since I have a conflict of interest as an owner/employee of Best Way Disposal, I would like to make the following disclosure pursuant to 1968 P.A. 3116, as amended:

The parties to this agreement/payment are the County of Kalamazoo and Best Way Disposal

The purpose of the agreement is for Best Way Disposal to provide certain services as noted below:

Waste Removal from UKC & AKC Dog Shows

The amount of the payment to Best Way Disposal totals:

\$1,514.63

(Invoice is listed on Page 34 of the Claims List for July 16, 2009.)

I will receive an indirect financial benefit from this project.

No County employees were assigned to this project.

I would request that this disclosure be made a part of the official minutes of the Board meeting of July 21, 2009. Please keep in mind that it will take a two-thirds' vote of the full Board to approve this payment.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote, with one abstention.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

There was no new business.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Battani noted he had developed a draft budget retreat agenda and copies had been supplied to Commissioners. He suggested a time frame of early September for this proposed meeting and inviting Department Heads and public input.

Discussion ensued.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Buskirk thanked the Events Center Vetting Committee for their efforts. He noted he had a phone call from Bob Houtman, a former Kalamazoo Commissioner, now residing in Barry County and a Commissioner for that county.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Buchholtz updated the Board members on recent committee meetings regarding the proposed County Events Center.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Alford thanked the citizens who came to address the Board. She thanked the Administration staff for all their work. She noted a new business in town, Caroline's Classic Attire.

Commissioner Johnson stated he had served with Bob Houtman on this Board. He said he was disturbed by the article in the Gazette which referred to Kalamazoo as a mean county towards the homeless, and said there were many efforts in Kalamazoo to deal with homeless and housing issues.

Commissioner Maturen stated that the rating for that article in the Gazette had been based on 3 e-mails from one individual and nothing else.

Commissioner Ann Nieuwenhuis thanked Pat Crowley, County Drain Commissioner for her efforts on the Gilbert Drain in Comstock. She stated the meeting for retirees to answer questions about the change in retiree benefits was well attended and very informative. She thanked Grace Kalafut, Steve Yanni and the Sheriff for their hard work to get the garden in place for the County jail and thanked Rick Taylor for his commitment to incorporate fresh vegetables into the inmates' daily meals.

Commissioner John Nieuwenhuis thanked the Drain Commissioner, Pat Crowley, for her work for the County.

Commissioner Quinn stated he had spoken with Undersheriff Paul Matyas regarding several false alarms for car break-ins.

Commissioner Taylor stated he had been a County Commissioner for 6.5 years, and noted the State had been fiscally irresponsible. He announced his decision to run for State Senate in the 20th District.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the Gazette for reporting on the Westnedge/Park Hill speeding ticket controversy. He stated the Eastside was hosting a Carnival at 2302 E. Main on Saturday, August 8th. He sent his best wishes to Commissioner Biby.

Commissioner Urban thanked County Administrator Battani for his proposed budget retreat proposal.

Commissioner Zull noted he had missed the last meeting due to a vacation in Boston over the July 4th weekend and what a tribute to the nation's history that had been. He congratulated Commissioner Taylor on his decision to run for state office. He stated he was embarrassed to hear that Kalamazoo was nationally rated 6th as a mean city for homeless. He noted there were many initiatives In Kalamazoo County dealing with the homeless in Kalamazoo.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Buskirk adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

Dave Buskirk
Chairman, Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners