

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2009.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner John Zull gave the Invocation.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner John Zull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: Commissioners Jeff Balkema, Grady Biby and Jack Urban.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, County Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporation Counsel; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Linda Buzas, HCS Director; David Artley, Resource Development; Jo Woods, HR Director; Tim Snow, Clerk; and Sheri Stiger, Administrative Assistant.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Maturen moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the May 5, 2009, Board Meeting be approved as distributed.

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Zull presented the following communications, all of which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

a) A Resolution from the City of Kalamazoo scheduling a public hearing to consider a request from Fabri-Kal Corporation seeking a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

b) A Resolution from Huron County opposing Senate Joint Resolution H.

c) A letter from the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority thanking the Board for supporting the transportation millage.

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. Linda Teeter, 902 Whites Road, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, thanked the voters of Kalamazoo County for their support of the May 5<sup>th</sup> transportation millage.

ITEM 8      For Consideration

A.      Public Health Update – *Linda Buzas*

Ms. Buzas reported that accreditation had been passed on every level. She noted there was a press release from WMU stating a student had been diagnosed with N1H1 and was recovering. She gave brief updates on HCS departments; the effect of federal stimulus dollars and state budget cuts; and indicated there was an increased demand for services.

Dr. Arthur James, discussed health care disparity issues.

Discussion ensued.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

B.      Request for Approval of 25-Year Resolution Honoring Sandra Schuyler

That the Board of Commissioners Approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Sandra L. Schuyler has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of May 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sandra L. Schuyler has faithfully served as a Systems Analyst in the District Court of Kalamazoo County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kalamazoo wishes to acknowledge and honor employees who have longevity under the umbrella of County Government, since it is through longevity that expertise in the employee's particular field is achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge with gratitude the many years of dedication and service Sandra L. Schuyler has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

Community Corrections

C. Request for Approval of FY2009/2010 Application for Comprehensive Corrections Plan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Submit the FY2009/2020 Application for Comprehensive Corrections Plan to the State of Michigan Department of Corrections in the amount of \$1,418,630 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Finance

D. Request for Approval of Professional Consulting Services Contract with Maximus, Inc.

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Professional Consulting Services Contract with Maximus, Inc. for a cost allocation plan for Central Services in the amount of \$34,500 for the years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health and Community Services

E. Request for Approval to Accept a Grant Award from the Michigan Office of Services on Aging for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Nutrition Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Accept a Grant Award from the Michigan Office of Services on Aging to support the congregate and home delivered meals programs for the period of March 18, 2009 through September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$60,974; a copy of said Award to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

F. Request for Approval of Amended Contract with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Amended Contract with MDEQ to increase training funds from \$5,567 to \$9,842 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval of Amendment #3 with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse services for a Two Month Extension of the PATH Grant

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #3 with KCMHSA to a two month extension of the Projects to Assist in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant from March 31, 2009 to May 31, 2009 and increase funding from \$48,810 to \$65,079; a copy of said Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Michigan Works!

H. Request for Approval of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act – Workforce Investment Act Adult Services Plan 08-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute the Workforce Investment Act Adult Services Plan 08-00 for individual training services in the amount of \$576,184 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010; a copy of

said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act – Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Plan 08-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute the Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Plan 08-00 for individual training services in the amount of \$1,027,004 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.

J. Request for Approval of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act – Workforce Investment Act Youth Plan 08-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute the Workforce Investment Act Youth Plan 08-00 to provide youth with meaningful work experience and an increase in work-readiness skills in the amount of \$2,116,109 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Prosecuting Attorney

K. Request for Approval FY2010 Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Application

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Submit the FY2010 Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Application to fund the establishment of paternity and child support orders for families and children for Kalamazoo County in the amount of \$890,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010; a copy of said Grant Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

L. Request for Approval of Seasonal Marine Division Supervisor Position

That the Board of Commissioners Approve the Seasonal Marine Division Supervisor Position for the period of May 9, 2009 through October 3, 2009;

Treasurer

M. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for Neighborhood Stabilization Funds

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Submit a Grant Application to MSHDA for Neighborhood Stabilization Funds in the amount of \$2,274,500 to rehabilitate up to 10 homes in the Edison Neighborhood of the City of Kalamazoo and in part of Comstock Township and demolish 110 housing units in the same areas; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners

N. 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 May 19, 2009," noting claims in the total amount of \$3,736,009.28 with the exception of Balkema Excavating claim in the amount of \$36.00 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 May 19, 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.

O. Request for Approval of Appointment of Leroy Crabtree to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board

That the Board of Commissioners Approve the Appointment of Leroy Crabtree to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board to assume a term that will expire on October 31, 2013.

P. Request for Approval of Sustainability Covenant

That the Board of Commissioners Approve the Sustainability Covenant as discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting; a copy of Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that Items B through P. 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: Commissioners Balkema, Biby and Urban.

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Q. Request for Approval of Balkema Excavating Claim

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

R. Request for Approval of a Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local No. 1677 Council #25, Juvenile Home

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a bargaining Agreement as secured by the County's bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the AFSCME Local No. 1677 Council #25, Juvenile Home and that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk-Register be authorized and directed to sign the aforementioned Agreement, for the period of February 3, 2009 through February 5, 2012; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

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

S. Request for Approval of a Contract with Radisson Hotel for Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Dinner

Commissioner Ansari moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Radisson Hotel for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Dinner on May 14, 2009; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Chair Buskirk gave a brief explanation.

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

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Battani stated Dr. James would return for a discussion on the Infant/Mortality issue.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Buskirk stated there would be a budget retreat prior to the budget meetings to discuss priorities.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Buchholtz-Hiemstra said communication continues to be a priority for the Board. She encouraged quick responses to Administration requests for scheduling meetings.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Zull expressed his concern that blame seems to be a part of every discussion. He stated people need to feel free to express their opinions and develop action plans without casting blame.

Commissioner Alford reminded the Board of Memorial Day services Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at Fort Custer; and area Parades on Monday. She wished everyone a safe holiday.

Commissioner Johnson reminded Commissioners that Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15, the Retirement Investment Committee would be meeting. He stated that last week he had attended the Workforce Development Board and Economic Development meetings. He said both he and Commissioner Alford had attended the Mental Health Breakfast last week and had enjoyed Keith Jones presentation, "Disability Does not Define You".

Commissioner Ann Nieuwenhuis stated she had attended the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber meeting and thanked Commissioners for putting money into the Health Care

Fund. She noted the \$900,000 savings to the County since 2006, and said participating employees had made this possible.

Commissioner Quinn stated he had spent time at the Veterans Affairs Office and noted that parking near the office had greatly improved the accessibility. He said Kalamazoo County Veterans were treated with respect and indicated despite the loss of state funding, there was a great need for increased staff with many veterans returning to the area.

Commissioner Thompson thanked Chairperson Buskirk and County Administrator Battani for visiting the VFW. He expressed sympathy to the family of Roger Gentry, a former area police officer.

ITEM 15     Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Buskirk adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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Timothy A. Snow  
Clerk/Register of Deeds

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Dave Buskirk  
Chairman, Kalamazoo County Board of  
Commissioners