

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 2, 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 June 2, 2009.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner Jack Urban gave the Invocation.

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

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Nasim Ansari, Jeff Balkema, Rob Barnard, Deb Buchholtz-Hiemstra, 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: Commissioners Grady Biby and Frank Thompson.

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; Mary Balkema, Treasurer; Jo Woods, HR Director; Tim Snow, Clerk; and Sheri Stiger, Administrative Assistant.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the May 19, 2009, Board Meeting be approved as distributed.

ITEM 6 Communications:

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

a. A letter from Ryan Ray, Air Traffic Control Specialist concerning the FAA's decommission of the weather observation station at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport on or about July 1, 2009.

b. A letter from Stephanie Robinson sent to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission concerning the truck route of Aggregate Industries in Oshtemo Township.

c. A resolution from the City of Kalamazoo to approve an application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

d. A letter from US Department of Transportation, FAA notifying the Airport that they will be vacating the Contract Weather Observation System at the Airport on July 31, 2009.

Commissioner Ann Nieuwenhuis stated she had a letter from Clayton Nickerson regarding a damaged mailbox and noting a good response and resolution to the problem.

Commissioner Johnson received a letter from 3 citizens requesting a review prior to adopting a policy to increase premiums for County retirees. He also noted a letter from Goodwill Industries regarding work participation reports.

Commissioner Ansari, the Board liaison to the DHS Board stated they would like to provide an update at a future County Board meeting.

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. Wendy Fields, 3017 Heatherdowns, read two passages from the Bible.

Mr. George Magas, 742 Norton Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed Arena project.

Mr. Jonathan Braun, Homeless, representing Michigan People's Action, spoke in support of Housing First.

Mr. Norman Young, 9933 Woodlawn, representing MPA, spoke in support of Housing First.

Ms. Wilma Kooistra, 9900 N. Riverview Drive, a Kalamazoo County retiree, expressed opposition to the changes proposed for Kalamazoo County Retiree Health Insurance Benefits.

Mr. John Musick, representing the Michigan Organizing Project, spoke in opposition to the Jail Expansion RFQ.

Mr. Mike Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet, representing MPA and MOP, spoke in support of Housing First.

Mr. Chris Perry, Homeless, representing MOP, spoke in support of Housing First.

Mr. George Magas, 742 Norton Drive, spoke a second time expressing opposition to the Jail Expansion RFQ.

ITEM 8      For Consideration

CONSENT AGENDA

District Court

A. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Iyetek for Electronic Payment Processing

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Iyetek to allow District Court to accept electronic payments through the internet; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

B. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Office of Drug Control Policy for the Sobriety Court Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Submit a Grant Application to the Office of Drug Control Policy for funding for the Sobriety Court Program in the amount of \$98,000; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health and Community Services

C. Request for Approval of a Letter of Agreement with Michigan State University for a Behavior Risk Factor Survey

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Letter of Agreement with Michigan State University to provide service to collect uniform, county-based data on the health practices and health risk behaviors of adults for the period of June 3, 2009 through July 30, 2010 in the amount of \$55,212; a copy of said Letter of Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

D. Request for Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Kalamazoo Regional Education Services Agency (KRESA)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Cooperative Agreement with KRESA to work with the Head Start/School Readiness Program to ensure those who require special education services are identified for the period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

E. Request for Approval of Grant Amendment #2 to the 2008/2009 Community Services Block Grant Agreement

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Grant Amendment #2 to the 2008/2009 Community Services Block Grant Agreement to extend the Agreement through September 30, 2010; a copy of said Amendment #2 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

F. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Charter Township of Kalamazoo for the

Building Healthy Communities Initiative

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Charter Township of Kalamazoo to provide sidewalk extensions to the township's sidewalk in the Lake Street area as part of the Building Healthy Communities Initiative for the period of June 3, 2009 through September 30, 2009 in the amount of \$15,091; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval to Submit an Application for American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Cost of Living and AARA Quality Improvement Funds for the Head Start Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to Submit an Application to the Department of Health and Human Services for permanent COLA funds, ARRA cost of living adjustment funds and ARRA quality improvement funds in the amount of \$360,585 for the Head Start Program; a copy of said Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Information Systems

H. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Siemens for Phone System Replacement and Upgrades

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Siemens for phone system replacement and upgrades in the amount of \$684,896.48 and an annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$65,153.09 for the period of three years; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of Contract Renewal with OneCommunications for Local Phone Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract Renewal with OneCommunications for local phone services in the amounts listed below; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

\$299 a month for PRI service

Free, unlimited local calls on the PRI service

\$7.45 a month for Basic Xchange business lines

.05 per call for calls on the Basic Xchange lines

Planning and Community Development

J. Request for Approval to Hire a Temporary Employee/GIS Intern

That the Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of a temporary employee for the purpose of working on the Geographic Information Systems Road Layer project in the amount of \$2,400 for the period of June 2, 2009 through August 31, 2009.

Prosecuting Attorney

K. Request for Approval of the 2008-2009 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the Southwest Michigan Enforcement Team (SWET) Memorandum of Understanding

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute the 2008-

2009 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the Southwest Michigan Enforcement Team (SWET) Memorandum of Understanding for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in the amount of \$133,040; a copy of said Memorandum of Understanding to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

L. Request for Approval of a Contract with Kalamazoo Court Services for Civil Process Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Kalamazoo Court Services for civil process services for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with one-year renewal increments at the option of the County; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners

M. 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 June 2, 2009," noting claims in the total amount of \$3,512,278.83 with the exception of Balkema Excavating claims in the amount of \$146.00 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 June 2, 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.

N. Request for Approval of Livestock Claim

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

O. Request for Approval of Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following appointments:

Appointment of Audrey Wierenga to the Environmental Health Advisory Council to serve a term that will expire January 1, 2012.

Appointment of Gary Wager to the Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board to serve a term that will expire April 1, 2012.

P. Request for Approval of 9-1-1 Fire Dispatch Agreements with Alamo and Pavilion Townships and South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 9-1-1 Fire Dispatch Agreements with Alamo and Pavilion Townships and South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority through December 31, 2009; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Urban moved and it was duly seconded that Items A. through P., with the exception of Item N., 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 Biby and Thompson.

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

N. Request for Approval of Livestock Claim

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the payment of a Livestock Claim in the amount of \$7,360.20.

Discussion ensued.

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

Q. Request for Approval of Balkema Excavating Claims

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve payment of claims from Balkema Excavating in the total amount of \$146.00 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 May 19, 2009 and June 2, 2009 are claims from my business enterprise, Balkema Excavating, Inc. Since I have a conflict of interest as an owner/employee of Balkema Excavating, Inc., I would like to make the following disclosure pursuant to 1968 P.A. 317, as amended:

The parties to this agreement/payment are the County of Kalamazoo and Balkema Excavating, Inc.

The purpose of the agreement is for Balkema Excavating, Inc. to provide certain services as noted below:

Stabilized Gravel for Cold Brook Park

The amount of the payment to Balkema Excavating, Inc. totals:

\$146.00

(Invoice is listed on Page 32 of the Claims List for May 19, 2009 and Page 39 of the Claims List for June 2, 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 June 2, 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 reminded the Board of the Ribbon-cutting at Juvenile Home on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. and urged everyone to attend.

ITEM 12     Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Buskirk commented on the 3 Fire Dispatch Agreements and how important it was to get these in place. He stated the Board and received a Thank You note from Tracie Moored for the memorial gift in memory of her grandmother. He said he had participated in the Ready to Read Program at Bronson Park, along with the Sheriff and Commissioner Alford. He noted that 1,500 children had been registered to participate that day.

ITEM 13     Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Buchholtz-Hiemstra wished Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Biby speedy recoveries. She noted that the 3 hours spent in discussion at the Committee of the Whole had resulted in challenging decisions due to the state of the economy and budget concerns.

ITEM 14     Members' Time

Commissioner Zull reminded the Board of the Smart Counties meeting, Wed. June 10<sup>th</sup> at Juvenile Home from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. He commended Governor Granholm for her proposal to cut-back on State Government; reducing the number of departments from 18 to 8.

Commissioner Barnard stated he had been approached by a citizen who inquired if there had been discussion by the Administrator or Road Commission on removal of a traffic light at Fletcher & W. Main. He asked this issue be addressed by Administration.

He participated with Edison neighborhood association for Edison blossoms project; placing bedding plants in the area to beautify yards for people who cannot afford flowers. He noted donations by area bedding plant growers and former Representative Lorence Wenke made this possible.

Commissioner Heppler thanked Board Chair Buskirk, and Commissioners Alford & Quinn for attending the Fort Custer Memorial day service in his district.

Commissioner Johnson noted the traffic light at Fletcher and W. Main was in his district and often was a topic of discussion for area residents.

Commissioner Ann Nieuwenhuis indicated she had attended the Council of Governments meeting and it had been noted how educational the Economic Development training session had been. She said there was great interest in having another session. She said the City of Galesburg Parks Dept. had won a grant of \$15,000 from the Kellogg Company and congratulated them on their success.

Commissioner Quinn wished his mother a Happy Birthday

Commissioner Taylor noted that Commissioner Thompson was absent and wished him better health.

ITEM 15     Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Buskirk adjourned the meeting at 8:01 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