



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## MINUTES

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:18 p.m. – 6:13 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Ron Kendall, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Mike Quinn, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Lisa Henthorn, Amanda Morse, Kristine Cunningham, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton, Rick Fuller, Jim VanDyken, Lotta Jarnefelt, Jim Rutherford, Mary Balkema, Pat Crowley, David Rachowicz, Tim Meeker, Ken Bobo, Anne Zemlick, Jeff Getting

Chair Moore convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:18 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Amanda Morse, Deputy County Administrator stated claims for February 6, 2018 totaled \$5,308,186.63.

2. Corporate Counsel Discussion

This Item was removed from the Agenda.



### 3. Senior Millage Presentation

Mr. Jim Rutherford, HCS Director introduced Ms. Anne Zemlick, AAA Manager. He along with Ms. Zemlick presented a Power Point presentation on the Senior Millage.

Mr. Rutherford introduced Older Adult Services Advisory Council Chair Mr. Don Ryan. Mr. Ryan read a poem and urged the Board to place the millage on the ballot.

Commissioner Seals thanked staff for the presentation and appreciated the work of the committee. He wanted to know how this millage would impact the waiting list. Mr. Rutherford indicated there was a lot of variables and stated initially it would but could not forecast 5 years out.

Commissioner Kendall also thanked staff for the presentation and inquired if there were income thresholds and Ms. Zemlick indicated it would be a cost-sharing situation and would focus on care management.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the composition of the waiting list and Ms. Zemlick indicated it was made up of every need.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the history of the waiting list. Ms. Zemlick stated she did and today's count was 161.

Commissioner Gisler clarified that the Senior Millage Planning Committee Funding did not replace the current funding allocation for Area Agency on Aging it was in addition to.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked staff and the committee for their work on this. He stated he fully supported placing the millage question on the ballot.

Commissioner McGraw inquired how the County would implement services should the millage pass.

Mr. Rutherford indicated some of the services needed to be bid on and should hold off on those discussions until a future time.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would like to receive input from Senior Services.

Ms. Moored stated if there were additional questions to get those to her and she would coordinate with Mr. Rutherford.



Commissioner Seals inquired if any Veterans were involved in the committee and if not to include them.

Commissioner Kendall inquired about delivery of services, was this utilized for those living in their own home. Mr. Rutherford indicated the objective was to keep individuals in their home, however, were available to anyone who qualified.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was passionate about this issue in particular in fall prevention. She thanked the staff and committee for their work on this. She stated a vote of the Commission to place the question on the ballot did not necessarily vote for the millage, but allowed the citizens to make that determination.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about the next steps.

Chair Moore deferred to Ms. Moored.

Ms. Moored indicated it was Administration's intent to bring forward on the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for a vote.

Chair Moore thanked those for attending the meeting today.

#### 4. Community Corrections Advisory Board Discussion

Chair Moore indicated some of the Advisory Boards vetted the candidates and made a recommendation to the Board on those appointments. However, she felt the Board Appointment Committee should be involved with this process.

Commissioner McGraw suggested a commissioner along with the department head was involved with the interview/selection process.

Ms. Moored indicated staff were invited to the interviews.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Moore had concerns that a recommendation came to the full Board and the Board had no involvement in the process.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the question for him was performance. The Board needed to attend meetings of the advisory boards they were assigned and report back to the full Board. He stated it would be appropriate for the Board liaison to have input and also stated it was important to listen to the input of staff as well. He stated he was in favor of term limits on the advisory boards.



Commissioner Hall stated she liked the idea of the Board liaison having input. She stated it was important to have candidates go through the Board Appointment Committee process.

Commissioner Gisler stated he would be supportive of term limits.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would be hesitant to place term limits on the advisory boards as it was hard enough to get candidates to fill those vacancies.

Commissioner Seals stated he concurred with Commissioner McGraw.

Commissioner Rogers stated she did not support term limits.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the Board should look at authorities vs. advisory boards.

Commissioner Gisler stated he was dazzled by the qualified candidates he had seen over the last year or so.

##### 5. Board Chair Advisory Board Appointments

Chair Moore stated each commissioner received a copy of the appointments and wanted to have a conversation concerning the appointments.

She stated it had been brought to her attention that information on a few boards had not been relayed to the full Board, therefore, she wanted to have a discussion.

Commissioner Tuinier inquired if not required meant that the Board did not have a Commissioner representation and Ms. Moored indicated that was correct.

Discussion ensued on the Workforce Development Board.

Commissioner Tuinier stated if any board was not reporting to the full Board then the Board needed to be made aware.

Commissioner Rogers stated she on a regular basis distributed a dashboard from Workforce Development Board. She stated in her first year she worked on the PATH program and had done a lot of work.

Commissioner Hall stated each commissioner could do a better job of updating the full Board on advisory board work. She stated Commissioners Rogers and Seals did a great job doing that.

Commissioner McGraw stated he appreciated the Board Leadership for appointing a representative from each party. He stated there were advisory boards that needed bylaw amendments to allow the other commissioner to vote.



Commissioner Wordelman stated Commissioner Rogers had served effectively on the Workforce Development Board as well as the EDC/BRA and felt reappointment of her was valuable.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he did want to address the information flow from an advisory board. He stated it would be in the best interest to share the information with Administration and Board Leadership.

Ms. Moored stated she would urge Commissioners to bring administrative issues to Administration and political issues to Board Leadership.

Chair Moore indicated she had full faith in Commissioner Rogers and her ability to perform well on these advisory boards.

6. Any other items

Commissioner Kendall inquired about the Brownfield Process. He had questions concerning the Brownfield Plan the Board was going to be discussing at the Board meeting.

Ms. Moored asked for clarification on Commissioner Kendall's inquiry.

Discussion ensued.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.



There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

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Stephanie Moore, Chair  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

