

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:57 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, Dave Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Kelly Ball, Jeff Getting, Mary Balkema, Tim Snow, Lisa Bradshaw, Rick Fuller, Paul Matyas, Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:00 p.m.

1. Land Bank Interview

No interview was conducted. Chairman Maturen stated based on circumstances he felt the Board should appoint Mr. Collins, the only applicant.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for February 18, 2014 totaled \$3,358,791.18.

3. KCTA Annual Presentation

Ms. Linda Teeter, KCTA Board Chair and Mr. Sean McBride, KCTA Executive Director presented the 2013 Annual KCTA Presentation as distributed to the Board.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if it was the norm for KCTA to use fund balance and Mr. McBride stated last year KCTA did use fund balance in 2013 and it was budgeted due to various issues.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if the student service hours went until 10 p.m. and inquired if there was discussion to increase the hours and Mr. McBride stated there had been discussion, but there were many factors involved.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Ms. Teeter and her staff for all their hard work and had concerns with the timing and he hoped politics didn't obscure this.

Commissioner Rogers stated she served on the Michigan Works! Board and was very pleased with the partnerships. She indicated one of the programs, PATH, had participants that were having issues with transportation to fulfill the program requirements and she was hoping a solution could be found.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if discussions had occurred with KVCC on expanded hours and routes.

Commissioner Rogers stated some of the concerns riders had was access to the buses due to the increased volume of snow. Ms. Teeter stated this was an issue this year.

Commissioner Alford thanked Ms. Teeter and Mr. McBride for their presentation.

Commissioner Seals encouraged the Board to go to the KCTA website and view the automated system.

Commissioner Zull stated he was very pleased with the presentation and looked forward to the future.

Commissioner Iden inquired of Mr. Battani when the Board would be asked to vote on this and Mr. Battani indicated early summer. Commissioner Iden stated he would like the Articles of Inc. as soon as possible, preferably by the end of March.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Tuinier arrived at 5:02 p.m.

4. Amendment to Sanitary Code and Creation of 2 Groundwater Restricted Use Zones

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as included in the Packet.

5. Gull Road Court Facility Update and Contract Amendment with Tower Pinkster

Mr. John Faul, Deputy County Administrator reviewed his memo as included in the Packet.

Commissioner Taylor asked to receive a list of the construction bids received and Mr. Faul indicated he would get those to him.

6. Any other items

Mr. Battani stated Administration was going to begin meetings to discuss healthcare plans and wanted to know besides Commissioner Rogers, was there any other Commissioner interested in participating in discussions and Commissioner Tuinier indicated he would be interested.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if there was still a vacancy on the Parks Commission and if there was he stated he would be interested in attending the meetings.

Commissioner Stinchcomb requested a copy of Residential used and not used from Equalization.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the Jail Expansion and Healy Street projects. Mr. Canny and Sheriff Fuller provided updates.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers commented on the amount going into foreclosure was a lot. Mr. Canny indicated he and the Treasurer was in court today concerning foreclosures and it went smooth.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Seals 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 Sections 8 (c) and 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations and to consult with its attorney concerning pending litigation or contested administrative proceedings.

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, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners