

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1, 2016

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairperson Heppler, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on March 1, 2016.

Vice Chairperson Heppler asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the recent shootings.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Ms. Gulnar Husein gave the Invocation on behalf of Commissioner Julie Rogers.

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

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Larry Provancher, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman.

Members Absent: Commissioner John Taylor.

Administrators Present: Terrence Neuzil, County Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; David Rachowicz, Parks Director; Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner; Sheriff Rick Fuller; Jeff Getting Prosecuting Attorney; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the February 16, 2016, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Rogers presented the following communications which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Galesburg on an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Smith's Machine & Grinding, Inc.
- b) A Notice of Public Meeting from the City of Kalamazoo to inform the community about plans to redesign E. Kilgore Road.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he received a copy of a petition urging the County to divest any investments the County may have in guns or ammunition.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Vice Chairperson Heppler 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. Gulnar Husein, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning some upcoming events.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Update from Sheriff Fuller and Prosecuting Attorney Getting

Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Getting and Sheriff Rick Fuller updated the Board on the shooting incident that occurred 10 days ago.

Commissioner Seals commended everyone for working together.

Commissioner Moore thanked them for the update and for the work. She also indicated the children of one of the victims were also victims of the crime.

B. Transit Update

Ms. Linda Teeter, KCTA Chair, updated the Board on the transit millage.

C. Park Master Plan Presentation

Mr. David Rachowicz, Parks Director, presented a Power Point presentation to the Board on the Parks Master Plan. He thanked the Parks Commission and staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Gisler commended Mr. Rachowicz and his staff for reaching the goal of the Parks Department being self sustaining.

Commissioner Gisler inquired how many annual passes were sold and Mr. Rachowicz indicated he would get that information to the Board.

Commissioner Gisler also stated he was skeptical of the dog park but was very impressed.

Commissioner Shugars thanked Mr. Rachowicz and his staff for their hospitality for hosting the Board Retreat.

Commissioner McGraw stated he utilized the dog park at Prairie View Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Health & Community Services

D. Request for Approval of Household Hazardous Waste Program Contracts with Multiple Townships and Municipalities

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Household Hazardous Waste Program Contracts with the following units for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; a copy of said Contracts to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND FUNDING

1. Climax Township \$ 800
2. Climax, Village of \$ 400

E. Request for Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2015-2016 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #2 to the 2015-2016 Comprehensive Agreement with MDHHS for additional funding in the amount of \$10,225 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness for a total amount of \$3,733,274 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; a copy of said Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

F. Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with the Douglass Community Association

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Lease Agreement with Douglass Community Association for the provision of office space to conduct community programs and health services effective March 1, 2016 with automatic annual renewals; a copy of said Lease Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval to Accept Statement of Grant Awards #2016-2 and #2016-3 from the MI Aging & Adult Services Agency

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept Statement of Grant Awards #2016-2 and #2016-3 from the MI Aging & Adult Services Agency for funding for a provision of services provided by the Area Agency on Aging IIIA in the amount of \$1,209,568 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; a copy of said Grant Awards to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of a Grant Contract with the Susan G. Komen Michigan for Southwest Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP) Wrap-Around Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Contract with the Susan G. Komen Michigan for breast screenings and follow-up diagnostic services for the BCCCNP Wrap-Around Program in the amount of \$21,400 for the period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017; a copy of said Grant Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of a Contract with Kalamazoo Public Schools

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Kalamazoo Public Schools to provide financial assistance for fourth graders at Northeastern Elementary School to attend Sherman Lake YMCA camp in the amount of \$5,900 for the period of March 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. Request for Approval of a Contract with Housing Resources Inc. (HRI)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with HRI for the provision of financial assistance to eligible residents in need of assistance to resolve housing emergencies in the amount of \$60,000 for the period of March 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. Request for Approval of Healthy Babies/Healthy Start Business Agreement with the National Fatherhood Initiative

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Healthy Babies/Healthy Start Business Agreement with the National Fatherhood Initiative for the purpose of strategic planning support as it relates to eliminating barriers and burdens that lead to infant mortality for the period of March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Parks & Expo Center

L. Request for Approval of Parks Master Plan

That the Board of Commissioners accept the Parks Master Plan as presented.

M. Request for Approval of Funds from the Kalamazoo County Park Endowment Fund

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Kalamazoo County Park Endowment Fund for maintenance, operation, and programming of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail in the amount of \$8,673.94.

N. Request for Approval of Funds from the Markin Glen Endowment Fund

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Markin Glen Endowment Fund for operating expenses for Markin Glen Park in the amount of \$17,744.41.

O. Request for Approval of Funds from the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail Endowment Fund

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (KRVT) Endowment Fund for operating and programming expenses

for the KRVT in the amount of \$75,146.24.

Planning & Community Development

P. Request for Approval of Contract with Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with KATS for in-kind contributions for the FY 2016-2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

Q. Request for Approval of Payment for the Purchase of Six (6) Patrol Vehicles

That the Board of Commissioners authorize payment for the purchase of 6 patrol vehicles in the amount of \$29,008 per vehicle for a total amount of \$174,048.

R. Request for Approval of the Distribution of Funds from the 911 Service Fund for Schoolcraft Fire Tower Project (State Funds)

That the Board of Commissioners authorize distribution of funds from the 911 Service Fund for the Schoolcraft Fire Tower Project in the amount of \$13,696 with the South County Fire Authority reimbursing \$7,000.

Board of Commissioners

S. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

That the Board of Commissioners approve Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated March 1, 2016", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,034,614.58 be approved and 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 March 1, 2016, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

T. Request for Approval of the Appointment of Sister Rose Cadaret to the Public Housing Commission

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Appointment of Sister Rose Cadaret to the Public Housing Commission for a term commencing March 1, 2016 and ending February 28, 2021.

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that Items D. through T., 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 Taylor

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Items are Non-Consent Agenda Items and will be voted on individually.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New BusinessU. Request for Approval of the Appointment to the Animal Services Advisory Board

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded to appoint Samantha Cree to the Animal Services Advisory Board for a term commencing March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Rogers apologized to the Board for putting this on as New Business but due to circumstances the appointment needed to be made.

Commissioner Shugars stated he would not be supporting this motion due to the precedent it set.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he attended the interviews yesterday and there were two very qualified candidates that were interviewed and he felt comfortable moving forward, however, he did understand Commissioner Shugars concerns.

Commissioner Moore stated the Board needed to be consistent with how it handled advisory board appointments; although, she did understand the circumstances at hand.

Commissioner Provancher stated he too attended the interviews yesterday and although he agreed with Commissioners Shugars and Moore due to the circumstances he would support this appointment.

Commissioner Rogers stated she understood Commissioner concerns but the Board needed to take action on this appointment this evening because the Animal Services Advisory Board was meeting next week.

Commissioner Rogers did apologize to Commissioners for not having the information ahead of time, it was her understanding that staff, Ms. Tina Becker, was going to get the information to Manager Dina Sutton for distribution to the Board ahead of time. She expressed her displeasure with this not happening.

Commissioner Gisler suggested a letter be sent to the Advisory Board Chairs/Staff Liaisons notifying of the Board's process.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	All members present, except
Nays:	Commissioners Shugars, Tuinier, Moore
Abstains:	None

Absent: Commissioner Taylor

The motion carried.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Mr. Terrence Neuzil read a prepared report.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairman Heppler stated he was impressed with the Chairman for not wanting to miss a Board meeting, however, his honeymoon was important. He thanked the Board for their work and time commitment.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Rogers echoed thanks to law enforcement and medical team for their work during the shooting incident. She indicated there was a new Brownfield project in Schoolcraft. She indicated her next Coffee with Constituents would be held this Saturday. She wished prayers and healing for Tracie Moored.

Commissioner Seals asked to keep the families of the officers and first responders in their thoughts as it affected them too.

Commissioner Shugars thanked law enforcement in the community. He indicated there were certain foods that extracted lead from the body's system.

Commissioner Tuinier stated it was always good to give praise and thanks to individuals. He asked everyone to continue to pray for the victim's families.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the County Parks Commission adopted a new alcohol policy.

Commissioner McGraw stated he was out of the Country when the shooting incidents occurred and watched through national media and stated it was very difficult to watch. He stated he was very proud that the community came together. He wished prayers and healing for Tracie Moored.

Commissioner Moore mentioned upcoming events. She stated she was pleased with a few of the items the Board passed under Health & Community Services. She stated she was displeased with not being able to obtain information concerning the accident that resulted in the death of her uncle. She indicated she had also done a Freedom of Information Request and was denied some information.

Chm Initial _____

Clk Initial _____

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Commissioner Provancher stated earlier today interviews were conducted for the Community Health Board and the candidates expressed a concern with the lack of funding for mental health services.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairperson Heppler adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

John Taylor, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners