

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JUNE 18, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Zull

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Lisa Bradshaw, Tammy Lahman, Rick Fuller, Lotta Jarnefelt, Randy Winterowd, Jeff Getting, Tim Snow, Kelly Ball, and Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director stated claims for June 18, 2013 totaled \$1,756,975.65.

2. Head Start Year End Report

Ms. Elizabeth Dancer presented a Power Point presentation concerning the 2012-2013 Year End for Head Start.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Ms. Dancer for all of her hard work with the Head Start Program. He inquired how many 4 year olds were eligible for kindergarten and Ms. Dancer indicated there were over 3,100; she said the county as a whole was reaching 50% of those children.

Commissioner Rogers asked the status of KRESA taking over the Program and would they be providing updates to the County once KRESA takes over the program. Mr. John Faul, Deputy County Administrator, indicated the County and KRESA were still waiting for formal approval from the Federal Government of the grant award to KRESA. He also indicated that the County was working with the Head Start employees during the transition. Commissioner Rogers inquired about the referral of obese children and Ms. Dancer stated the nurse from HCS called the family and discussed it with them and counseled the family to assist them.

Commissioner Seals thanked Ms. Dancer and her staff for their performance and success of the Head Start Program.

Commissioner Stinchcomb concurred with Commissioner Seals comments.

Commissioner Heppler arrived at 4:16 p.m.

3. Area Agency on Aging Report

Ms. Judy Sivak presented a Power Point presentation concerning the Annual Area Agency on Aging Multi-Year Plan.

Commissioner Iden arrived at 4:24 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Ms. Sivak for her work with elders particularly with dwindling funds available.

Commissioner Rogers inquired of Ms. Sivak if there were additional ideas or grants available since there were decreasing funds available and Ms. Sivak stated she was always thinking outside the box and working on solutions. She also indicated the Older Adult Advisory Council was going to make a recommendation to the Board concerning funding.

4. Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Faul presented a Power Point presentation concerning the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Taylor stated he had an issue was with quality of indigent defense and knew the State would be taking the lead but wanted to know if there would be benchmarks for indigent defense. Mr. Faul stated he wasn't sure of the indicators. Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator indicated the State was going to form a Committee to establish benchmarks and track Counties.

Commissioner Alford thanked Mr. Faul for his presentation. She wanted to know if construction work had started on the Michigan Avenue Courthouse and Mr. Faul indicated outside work had begun but internal work would not begin until the Gull Road Courthouse was complete in 2015.

Commissioner Rogers appreciated the recap. She indicated there were several items that had been completed and felt it was worth looking at the Plan again.

5. Any other items

Chairman Maturen reminded the Board to let Tina Becker know if they would like to attend the MAC Regional Summit on August 21, 2013.

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel, briefed the Board on the process for the Public Hearing on the Restricted Ground Zone for Parker Hannifin that would take place at the Board meeting later that evening.

6. 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) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations, to consider the purchase or lease of real property and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 5:11 p.m. and returned to regular session at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners