

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JUNE 21, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:30 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Scott McGraw, Larry Provancher, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Stephanie Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, John Faul, Thom Canny, Dina Sutton, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Bradshaw, Mary Balkema, Rick Fuller, Paul Matyas, Jeff Getting, Jean Michaud, Dave Rachowicz, Lotta Jarnefelt, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Lynne Norman, Judy Sivak, Tim Snow

Chairman Taylor convened the Committee of the Whole at 3:30 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for June 21, 2016 totaled \$2,286,868.50. Ms. Moored indicated there were a few departmental budget line item adjustments.

2. Inmate Accounting Update

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She indicated the current reconciliation was not reconciled. She indicated she would like another 90 days to allow Administration and Sheriff to continue to work on this.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if the account was in compliance and Ms. Moored indicated it was not but steps were being taken to remedy the account and the account was not reconciled.

Sheriff Fuller indicated work was ongoing, training materials were being distributed to staff and he felt maybe a different staff person may be assigned to this account.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wordelman arrived at 3:38 p.m.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if this would affect the bond rating and Ms. Moored indicated there were many items that impacted that decision as well as other information.

Commissioner Shugars inquired how many years the account was on the audit and Ms. Moored indicated it started in 2006 and starting in 2014 Administration and the Sheriff had started working on this issue.

Commissioner Shugars asked Ms. Moored to explain what a single audit was, which she did.

Commissioner Shugars stated the Sheriff's Office needed to get this taken care of.

Commissioner Tuinier arrived at 3:55 p.m.

Commissioner Rogers stated she too shared some of the frustrations however; she would like to get this resolved.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if 90 days would be sufficient and Ms. Moored indicated it would be a minimum of 90 days.

Commissioner Seals stated he concurred with previous comments made by Commissioners.

Discussion ensued.

3. Request for Allocation of Law Enforcement Funds to Purchase Portable Radios

Sheriff Rick Fuller reviewed his letter included in the packet. He stated he was requesting to utilize Law Enforcement Fund Balance to purchase 100 portable police radios at the cost of \$414,268.50.

Vice Chairman Heppler inquired how many radios the Sheriff's Office currently had and the Sheriff indicated over 100.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers inquired how much was in that account and Ms. Moored indicated there was approximately \$600,000.

Commissioner Rogers inquired of the Sheriff if any conversations had been had with the other departments who utilized those funds and he indicated there had been some discussions with them.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor stated he would be willing to meet with Ms. Moored and come up with a funding source.

Chairman Taylor directed the Sheriff to negotiate with Motorola.

4. Electronic Time Keeping Update

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She stated this request stemmed from the Department of Labor audit as well as FSLA requirements and would be effective December 1, 2016. She indicated employees making less than \$50,000 would now be non-exempt and would have to utilize a time clock system.

Discussion ensued.

5. Complete Streets Resolution

Commissioner Rogers indicated her and Commissioner Shugars had been working on this for the last few weeks and had reached out to many entities concerning this. She indicated a Complete Streets Policy would be beneficial to the community.

Mr. John Faul, Interim County Administrator stated he reached out to the Road Commission and cycling community and would recommend the Board adopt such a resolution.

Commissioner Shugars stated this was a good start and the issue was bigger than the resolution. He stated the whole community needed to have a discussion on the safety of motorists, cyclists, joggers, etc. He stated he would like to be aggressive in dialogue and communication.

Vice Chairman Heppler wanted to point out that this had been discussed at KATS heavily and stated he felt this was important to the community, but cautioned that infrastructure of the roads was also important.

Commissioner McGraw concurred with Commissioner Heppler and he felt the Board needed to tread lightly. He stated he would like to see a clean copy of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Wordelman stated Complete Streets did not solve the problem or issues.

Commissioner Provancher stated his constituents had expressed their concern with the deteriorating streets vs. sidewalks.

Commissioner Shugars stated the SoDA in Oshtemo Township would be receiving grants to assist with sidewalks and snow removal of those sidewalks.

6. Area Agency on Aging IIIA Multi-Year Plan

Ms. Judy Sivak, Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA), presented a power point presentation to the Board on the AAA IIIA Multi-Year Plan.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Ms. Sivak for her presentation and appreciated being a part of Meaning of Purpose Team and was hopeful additional funds were available to assist with those on the waiting list.

Commissioner Seals thanked Ms. Sivak and her staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Gisler thanked Ms. Sivak for her hard work and dedication and for advocating for seniors.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked Mr. Hilliard for serving on that Board and for attending tonight's meeting. He stated he was excited about the Community for Lifetime Committee.

Chairman Taylor stated there was a need for a senior millage.

7. Tiana Carruthers Resolution

This item was removed from the Agenda.

8. Any other items

Chairman Taylor has indicated Treasurer Balkema was asking the Board to approve the hiring of a deputy Treasurer at the E Step and if there were no objections this would be on as new business tonight.

9. Executive Session

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded to meet in closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) being the Open Meetings Act to consult with Kalamazoo County's Attorney Gordon Love of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, regarding settlement strategy in connection with the litigation presently pending in the Workers' Compensation Agency, entitled Skinner v Kalamazoo County, LaCoss v Kalamazoo County and Oakland v Kalamazoo County. A closed meeting is necessary because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of Kalamazoo County, the Defendant/Respondent in the matter.

Further, that the presence of Human Resources Benefits Specialist Jean Michaud was necessary in order to provide the Board of Commissioners with historical information on the Claimant and other relevant facts as determined by the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

10. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners