

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 6, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Carolyn Alford

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Judge Bell, Lotta Jarnefelt, Lee Adams, Kelly Ball, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton

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

1. Aeronautics Board Interviews

Commissioners introduced themselves and each candidate answered questions.

Chairman Maturen arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Commissioner Zull arrived at 4:22 p.m.

Chairman Maturen indicated there were two vacancies and the Board Appointment Committee requested to waive the interview process for Gil Collver and was requesting reappointment of Mr. Collver.

Commissioner Taylor felt there were 2 strong candidates who had interviewed, Mr. Billedeaux and Mr. Hazelrigg.

Commissioner Stinchcomb felt Mr. Hazelrigg would be a great appointment.

Commissioner Zull stated he felt business representation from Perrigo would be beneficial, but felt there were many good candidates.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was in favor of appointing two of the candidates interviewed and not reappointing Mr. Collver. She stated she was impressed with Mr. Hazelrigg.

Commissioner Seals stated if the focus was to cater to businesses; the membership of the Board did not leave enough room for others to be appointed. He indicated he liked Mr. Billedeaux and Mr. Hazelrigg.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Tuinier indicated he was impressed by Mr. Hazelrigg.

Commissioner Maturen suggested reappointing Gil Collver and appoint Mr. Hazelrigg to the Aeronautics Board.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director stated claims for August 6, 2014 totaled \$3,661,416.03. She indicated there was one release of funds to Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services.

3. TIF Policy

Mr. Lee Adams, Planning & Community Development Resource Director reviewed the information in the packet.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Mr. Adams for his work on this policy.

Chairman Maturen indicated he added a sentence on the first page concerning resurgence.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if the Chairman felt the previous draft language would be strong enough and Chairman Maturen stated he didn't feel it was strong enough and just qualified the initial statement.

Commissioner Zull concurred with Chairman Maturen's suggestions/comments.

Commissioner Rogers suggested an amendment to Section 3b under Chapter 1.

Commissioner Taylor stated he too agreed with Chairman Maturen's suggestions/comments. He stated he too would support Commissioner Roger's proposed amendment to Chapter 1 Section 3b.

Vice Chairman Buskirk indicated he would support Commissioner Rogers proposed amendment.

Discussion ensued.

4. 2015 Budget Schedule

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator reviewed his memo in the packet. He stated he felt the budget process would be straight forward more so this year than in prior years. The proposed dates were approved.

5. Any other items

Chairman Maturen indicated Portage LDFA was looking for a Commissioner to serve and Commissioner Stinchcomb indicated he would be willing to do so.

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 Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of consulting with the County's attorney pending legal action in the matter of Kalamazoo County vs. Hotels.com, et al because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners