

## MINUTES

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2016

ITEM 1      Call to Order: The Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Taylor, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on October 4, 2016.

ITEM 2      Invocation: Commissioner John Gisler.

ITEM 3      Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gisler 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, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman.

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: John Faul, Interim County Administrator; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Sheriff Rick Fuller; David Rachowicz, Parks Director; Matt Hansen, Equalization Director; Rachael Grover, Resource Coordinator; Dr. Gillian Stoltman, HCS Director; Charlotte Smith, Deputy HCS Director; Ryan Post, HCS Finance Director; Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5      Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the September 20, 2016, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6      Communications:

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

- a) A Notice of Public Hearing from Pavilion Township on an Industrial Development District.
- b) A Letter from WMU Associate Vice President Bob Miller supporting an integrated health and human services campus on Alcott Street.

Commissioner Gisler stated he received 2 letters from Texas Township residents Richard & Cheryl Cravin and Brian & Kathy Stauffer concerning the election process of the Texas Township Treasurer.

Commissioner Rogers stated she received a call from Bill Burdick stating the Road Commission had redid his road approximately 14 months ago. It was done improperly and Mr. Burdick had contacted the Road Commission with no resolution and finally had reached out to her and she contacted the Road Commission at which time it was resolved.

Commissioner Moore arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Seals stated he received calls concerning absentee ballots not being sent out yet.

Commissioner Seals stated he received a letter from NACo President appointing him to the Veterans Military Service Committee.

#### ITEM 7      Citizens' Time

Chairperson Taylor 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.

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning Isabelle Grimes who raised money for the Honor Talon Flight.

The following citizens spoke on the needs of the Veterans Affairs Office and the need for additional staff.

- Mike Quinn
- Scott Fitzpatrick
- Ms. Guizer
- Don Jarzambek
- Tom Burton
- Jerry VanDenBerg
- Mike Jones
- Bill Becker
- Michele Parish
- Benjamin Smith
- Stan Steps
- Freddy O'Brown

The following citizens spoke on driver's license issue and urged the Board to support a Resolution House Bills 5940 & 5941:

- Nayeli Sanchez

- Rod Tucker
- Garcia Valdez
- Elizabeth Foentez

Mr. Kevin Smutek, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning trash can violations he had been receiving.

ITEM 8      For Consideration

GG.    Request for Approval of Resolution Recognizing the Western Michigan University College of Education and Human Development's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Stand Alone College

Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1903 the Western State Normal School was founded as a teacher's college; and

WHEREAS, in 1927 the Western State Normal School was renamed as Western State Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, in 1941 the Western State Teachers College was renamed the Western Michigan College of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 the Western Michigan College of Education was renamed Western Michigan College; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 the Western Michigan College was organized into five units or schools and what is currently the College of Education and Human Development was named the School of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 the School of Education was renamed the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the name of the college was changed to the College of Education and Human Development to represent the 38 bachelor degree programs; 29 master degree programs, 9 doctoral programs, 3 certificate programs, and 1 specialist program; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development's vision is to be the premier choice for a diverse community of education and human development learners by offering a portfolio of nationally and internationally recognized programs; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development is home to six academic departments: Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; Educational Leadership, Research and Technology; Family and Consumer Sciences; Human Performance and Health Education; Special Education and Literacy Studies; and Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development started the first Western Michigan University graduate program in 1939; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development started earning the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) starting in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Fall 2016 the College of Education and Human Development has 2,345 undergraduate learners and 1,370 graduate learners enrolled for a total Fall 2016 enrollment of 3,715 learners; and

WHEREAS, during the past 10 years (2005-2015), the College of Education and Human Development has conferred 7,314 bachelor's degrees, 4,766 master's degrees, and 335 doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development is accredited by the following: Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND); American Psychological Association (APA); Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE); Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE); National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD); National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE); National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA); and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development includes notable alumni, including but not limited to: Homer Stryker, Merze Tate, Lloyd Dean, Anthony Tersigni, John Pruis, Pauline Dennert, Bill Lajoie, Loretta Long, Robert Bruininks, Dennis Archer, Fritz Erickson, John Harbaugh, Paul Blair, Tererai Trent, and Beth Canavan; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development is consistently ranked by the U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best Education Schools in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development is the most significant contributor to the graduate education at WMU by producing one third of the master's degrees and about 32% of the doctoral degrees granted by WMU for the period 2010 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Teacher Educators presented the Distinguished Program in Teacher Education award to WMU's teacher education programs in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development Alumni account for approximately 30% of all WMU graduates; and

WHEREAS, in its 2017 ranking, College Factual/USA Today named WMU as one of the top 100 Institutions that offers programs in education and whose graduates are among the top wage earners after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development has produced over 75,000 graduates and currently has over 68,000 living alumni worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development in 2012-2015: started a Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership in the Dominican Republic; published 159 refereed articles and 17 books; received nearly \$12.5 million in grants and contracts; received over \$6 million in total gifts; established 15 new endowments; developed six international partnerships and signed

six collaborative program agreements; and developed and gained approval from the Michigan Department of Education for 18 new programs; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development total endowment as Fall, 2016 exceeds \$12 million; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development directly provides an average of \$350,000 in scholarships to its students annually; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education and Human Development continues to establish strategic priorities for growth including: Enhancing and implementing the optimum portfolio of high quality programs; Strengthening research and scholarship; Strengthening and expanding community engagement; Increasing diversity and cultural competence; and Expanding and strengthening partnerships: community, interdisciplinary, and international; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the College of Education and Human Development programs require an internship/experiential learning experience; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners honors the College of Education and Human Development on the occasion of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a stand-alone college at Western Michigan University that offers a portfolio of nationally and internationally recognized programs to a diverse community of education and human development learners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners that we do hereby recognize the College of Education and Human Development on the occasion of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a stand-alone college at Western Michigan University and do hereby extend our deep appreciation for their distinguished and meritorious service to our local and global communities.

Commissioner Shugars stated discussion occurred during the earlier meeting about last minute Resolutions and not following policy and procedures.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

A. Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan for Village of Schoolcraft

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move into a Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan.

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

Mr. Tom Daly, Schoolcraft, Metal Mechanics, Inc. thanked the Brownfield Authority for their work on this project and urged the Board to support this Plan.

Mr. Joe Agostinelli, BRA Chair, stated it was a significant project and asked the Board to support the Plan.

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move out of a Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan.

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

Commissioner Gisler stated this was a significant deal for the Village of Schoolcraft.

Commissioner Rogers stated the Brownfield Board supported it unanimously and was excited about this project.

B. Request for Approval of Resolution Supporting National Fire Prevention Week

Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshals of Kalamazoo County operate an active and ongoing fire prevention program for the protection of its citizens and their property; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshals of Kalamazoo County join the nation in recognizing October 9 through 15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week, which was established in 1922, to promote fire safety and to encourage citizens to practice fire prevention techniques; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County's citizens have worked with the Department of Public Safety Prevention Bureau for many years to the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, the loss through fire, which includes national averages of a house fire every 45 seconds resulting in 3,240 house fire fatalities and over 15,925 injuries, continues to be a concern for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth (20 percent) of all U.S. homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms aren't working; three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent).

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshals of Kalamazoo County encourage all citizens to install smoke detectors in their homes, to develop fire escape plans, to help reduce incidents which bring injury and loss of life or property to our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the Week of October 9 through 15, 2016 as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, and urges all citizens and institutions to participate in Kalamazoo's fire prevention activities.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present  
Nays: None  
Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Mr. Dave Obereiter, Kalamazoo Township Fire Chief and Vice Chair of Kalamazoo Fire Chief Association thanked the Board for supporting its efforts.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Buildings & Grounds

#### C. Request for Approval of a Contract with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with IGS to make bulk gas purchases by a savings of \$.05/MCF for the period of November 2016 through March 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

### Circuit Court

#### D. Request for Approval of Amendment to 2015-2016 Child Care Budget

That the Board of Commissioners approve an Amendment to the 2015-2016 Child Care Budget to allocate funds between accounts for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; a copy of said Budget to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

### Community Corrections

#### E. Request for Approval of FY 2017 Comprehensive Corrections Plan with the State of Michigan – Department of Corrections (MDOC)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute FY 2017 Comprehensive Corrections Plan with MDOC too fund programs within the Office of Community Corrections in the amount of \$582,838 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

### Health & Community Services

#### F. Request for Approval of Amendment #5 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 #5 to 2015-2016 Comprehensive Agreement with MDHHS for increased funding for various programs for the total amount of \$3,828,557 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.

#### G. Request for Approval of 2016-2017 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2016-2017 Comprehensive Agreement with MDHHS for funding of public health services in the amount of \$3,776,971 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

#### H. Request for Approval to Terminate Contracts with Health Michigan Dental, Delta Dental, MI Advantage Network and University of Detroit Mercy

The appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to terminate contracts with Health Michigan Dental (effective December 3, 2016), Delta Dental, MI Advantage Network (effective December 3, 2016) and University of Detroit Mercy (effective January 2, 2017).

I. Request for Approval of Provider Agreements for Area Agency on Aging IIIA

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Agreements with Various Providers of Service for Area Agency on Aging Program for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Service(s)</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Senior Services	Home Delivered Meals	\$410,642.00
	Congregate Meals	191,273.00
	NSIP (USDA)	109,999.00
	Senior Center Staffing/Operations	3,000.00
	Home Injury Control	3,000.00
	Senior Project Fresh	1,000.00
	Ecumenical Senior Center	Senior Center Staffing/Operations
WMU Center for Disability Services	Dementia Adult Day Services	10,227.00
Counseling at Home	Caregiver Counseling	6,800.00
Legal Aid of Western MI	Legal Services	13,086.00
Shepherd's Center	Transportation	5,000.00
South County Community Services	Caregiver Supplemental Services	4,268.00

J. Request for Approval of Notice of Funds Available #1 (NFA) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) WAP16-39015 from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept NFA #1 for the LIHEAP WAP 16-39015 from MDHHS in the amount of \$116,293 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said NFA #1 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. Request for Approval of WAP16-39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Agreements

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute WAP16-39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Agreements for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Subcontract Agreements with:

- Hochstedler Energy Services, Inc.-Inspector
- Randd Building Enterprises, LLC- Inspector
- Rogers Refrigeration Inc.-Mechanical/HVAC
- DeHaan Heating & Cooling Co.- Mechanical/HVAC
- Better World Builders, LLC- Contractor

L. 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 residents to resolve housing emergencies in the amount of \$30,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

M. Request for Approval of a Contract with Ecumenical Senior Center

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Ecumenical Senior Center to provide onsite congregational meals to senior citizens in need of nutritional meals in the amount of \$5,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. Request for Approval of Amended Partnership Agreement with Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amended Partnership Agreement with KVCC to provide financial assistance to eligible residents to resolve educational barriers in the amount of \$8,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Amended Partnership Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

O. Request for Approval of a Contract with the Promise Program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with the Promise Program at KVCC to provide financial assistance to eligible residents to resolve educational barriers in the amount of \$25,500 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

P. Request for Approval of a Contract with Kalamazoo Metro Transit (KMT)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with KMT to provide financial assistance for residents to resolve transportation barriers in the amount of \$3,700 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Q. Request for Approval of a Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement with MDARD for the Environmental Assurance Program Clean Sweep Program for the collection and disposal of agricultural pesticides and mercury in the amount of \$11,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Grant Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

R. Request for Approval of 2016-2017 Vision and Hearing Agreements with Multiple Schools

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2016-2017 Vision & Hearing Agreements with Climax-Scotts Community Schools; Comstock Public Schools; Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools; Heritage Christian Academy; Kalamazoo Christian Association; Kalamazoo Country Day School; Kazoo School; and Providence Christian School to provide vision and/or hearing screening services for their students. This agreement is effective September 1, 2016 with automatic annual renewals; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to

the official Minutes of this meeting.

S. Request for Approval of Elimination of Position (10894-001) (House Keeping)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination of the following Position:

Eliminate:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
280-151	Program Coordinator 10894-001	1.0	K9	\$46,384 - \$62,629	10/4/16

Parks & Fairground

T. Request for Approval of an Agreement with AV Catering & Events for Expo Center Concession Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with AV Catering & Events for Expo Center Concession Services in the amount of \$750/month rent and 10% of the gross receipts above \$100,000 for the period of November 1, 2016 through October 30, 2019; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community Development

U. Request for Approval of Resolution Approving Brownfield Plan for Village of Schoolcraft – 400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), have formally resolved to participate in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) of Kalamazoo County (the "Authority") and have designated that all related activities shall proceed through the BRA; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act, has reviewed, adopted and recommended for approval by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, the Brownfield plan (the "Plan") attached hereto, to be carried out within the Village of Schoolcraft, relating to the redevelopment project on the industrial property located at 400 South 14th Street in the Village of Schoolcraft, Michigan, (the "Site"), as more particularly described and shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 contained within the attached Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the Plan, and have been provided a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan and in accordance with Sections 13(13) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners have noticed and held a public hearing in accordance with Section 13(10,11,12 and 13) of the Act, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Schoolcraft has passed a resolution supporting adoption of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners have made the following determinations and findings:

- A. The Plan constitutes a public purpose under the Act;

- B. The Plan meets all of the requirements for a Brownfield plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;
- C. The proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities, as described in the Plan, was feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;
- D. The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its review of the Plan, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners concur with approval of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Plan Approved. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, by the Act, the Plan is hereby approved in the form attached to this Resolution.
- 2. Severability. Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.
- 3. Repeals. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Prosecuting Attorney

V. Request for Approval of FY 2016-2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Attorney General

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute FY 2016-2017 MOU with the Department of Attorney General to assist local prosecutors with investigations and prosecutions of viable cases arising from the testing of previously untested sexual assault kits in the amount up to \$99,216 for limited term investigators and \$45,000 for additional investigative costs for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said MOU to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

W. Request for Approval to Purchase Replacement 800MHZ Portable Radios

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Purchase of replacement 800MHZ Portable Radios in the amount of \$304,300 from Motorola.

X. Request for Approval to Submit FY17 Traffic Enforcement Grant (Strategic Traffic) to the Office of Highway Safety Planning

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit FY17 Traffic Enforcement Grant (Strategic Traffic) to the Office of Highway Safety Planning to focus on the enforcement of impaired driving and seat belt enforcement and authorize the County Board Chair to sign a letter allowing for electronic submission for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of CommissionersY. 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 October 4, 2016", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,041,312.72 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 October 4, 2016, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

Z. Request for Approval of the Appointment of Heather Isch to the Land Bank Authority

That the Board of Commissioners approve the appointment of Heather Isch to the Land Bank Authority for a three year term commencing October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded that Items C. through Z., 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: None

The motion carried.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS**AA. Annual Public Hearing Re: Proposed 2017 Budget for Kalamazoo County

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move into a Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget.

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

Commissioner Moore moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move out of a Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget.

BB. Request for Adoption of the 2017 Budget for Kalamazoo County

Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners Adopt the 2017 Budget as presented.

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded to amend the budget to create the Veterans Service Coordinator Position in the amount of \$54,600 and to take the money from the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Seals indicated he was very supportive of this not only because he was a Veteran. He felt the Veteran's Affairs Office needed additional staff.

Commissioner Tuinier stated per Dr. Stoltman's letter the Veteran's Affairs Office was not closed and there was a current vacancy. He asked the Board to let Administration look at the issue and report to the Board.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was supportive of the Veteran's Affairs Office and the staff of the office. She indicated she would like an examination of the pay structure of that office and she would like data supporting the need for an increase in pay. She stated she was not ready to support the creation of another FTE until a full examination was done. She stated she was supportive of a Veteran's Court which was being proposed as well and would also require funds.

Commissioner McGraw concurred with comments made by previous Commissioners; he stated he would not support this motion.

Commissioner Moore stated she was surprised that more data was needed because if you looked around the community you saw people suffering and in need. She stated there was a need and the County needed to streamline services.

Commissioner Moore inquired of Ms. Moored what Administration's recommendation was.

Ms. Moored indicated it was Administration's recommendation not to address any new funding requests until Spring of 2017.

Commissioner Gisler stated he concurred with Commissioner Rogers's comments. He stated Human Resources needed to evaluate the pay scale of this office.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he struggled with this request. He inquired about creating a temporary position to assist with the back log.

Ms. Moored indicated the creation of an FTE would be required in order to hire a temporary employee.

Mr. Faul indicated there were many factors involved and would suggest the Board hold off on creating this position.

Commissioner Wordelman stated there was a need to create this position.

Commissioner Provancher stated there was a need to do something now.

Commissioner Seals stated he had served as the liaison to the Veteran's Affairs Office for awhile now and there had been a great need for a long time.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he too was a veteran and veterans did need to be taken care of, and asked the Board to hold off until this office was fully staffed and look at the issue again in six months.

Dr. Gillian Stoltman indicated there was a Veterans Service Specialist position that was vacant and Dr. Stoltman stated interviews were in the process of being done.

Commissioner Rogers stated the Board discussed and voted on not taking any action on new funding requests until Spring of 2017. She stated the Board and Administration needed to look at this issue thoroughly.

Vice Chairperson Heppler stated Veterans needed to be supported, however, he agreed with Administration's recommendation and to review the office once it was fully staffed.

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded to call the question.

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

The roll call vote on the amended motion was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Moore, Provancher, Seals, Taylor, Wordelman  
Nays: Commissioners Gisler, McGraw, Heppler, Rogers, Tuinier, Shugars  
Abstains: None  
Absent: None

The motion failed.

Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded to strike the General Fund Law Enforcement Ratio Policy on page 20 of the budget notebook.

Commissioner Rogers inquired of the impact it would have on various departments.

Ms. Moored stated this strapped the General Fund.

Commissioner Rogers stated the timing was not appropriate right now.

Discussion ensued.

The roll call vote on the amended motion was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Seals, Taylor, Wordelman, Moore  
Nays: All others present  
Abstains: None  
Absent: None

The motion failed.

The roll call vote on the original motion was as follows:

Ayes: All members present, except  
Nays: Commissioners Seals, Shugars  
Abstains: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

CC. Request for Approval of Resolution to Levy

Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and County Controller of Kalamazoo County have submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Kalamazoo County estimates of the anticipated expenditures for the various departments and functions of Kalamazoo County for the year 2017 together with the estimated revenues from said departments and from taxation for the year 2017 and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to discuss, consider and authorize an annual appropriation to cover such expenditures as are determined by the Board of Commissioners to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a 4.6871 mills tax to cover such estimated expenditures would be necessary plus a 1.4491 mills operating levy for special law enforcement as approved by the voters on May 5, 2016 plus a .2301 mill debt service levy for the Juvenile Home construction bond issue as approved by the voters on August 8, 2006 plus a .1000 mills for the Kalamazoo County Local Housing Assistance Fund as approved by the voters on November 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a 4.6871 mills operating tax was spread on the taxable value of the property of the County of Kalamazoo on July 1, 2016 to cover the estimated expenditures for the various departments and functions of Kalamazoo County for the year 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an operating tax of up to 4.6871 mills shall be spread on the taxable value of the property of the County of Kalamazoo on July 1, 2017 to cover the estimated expenditures for the various departments and functions of Kalamazoo County for the year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 1.4491 mills for special law enforcement operations be spread on the taxable value of the property of the County of Kalamazoo on December 1, 2016 to cover the estimated expenses for operations for 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that .2301 mills be spread on the taxable value of the property of the County of Kalamazoo, on December 1, 2016 to cover the estimated Juvenile Home bond issue debt service for the year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that .1000 mills be spread on the taxable value of the property of the County of Kalamazoo, on December 1, 2017 to cover the estimated expenses for the operation of the Local Housing Assistance Programs for 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, as the duly appointed Budget Director, is hereby empowered to administer such duties as may be from time to time delegated to that office by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Guidelines as adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at the October 4, 2016 meeting and such amendments as from time to

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time may be adopted, shall be incorporated by reference into this Resolution and the County Administrator is hereby authorized to implement those guidelines for fiscal control of the County revenues and expenditures.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

DD. Request for Approval to Accept Apportionment Report – October 18

This Item will be postponed until a future meeting.

EE. Request for the Adoption of Resolution to Apportion Ad Valorem Taxes – October 18

This Item will be postponed until a future meeting.

FF. All Other Items to be Considered at the Annual Meeting

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no Old Business.

ITEM 10 New Business

GG. Request for Approval of Resolution Recognizing the Western Michigan University College of Education and Human Development's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Stand Alone College

This was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Rogers stated Administration needed to work on the Veteran's Affairs Office issue and bring back a recommendation to the Board.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

Interim Director John Faul distributed a written report to the Board. He stated Administration and Human Resources would be meeting tomorrow on the Veteran's Affairs Office.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Taylor stated he was proud the budget was passed. He urged Commissioners to continue their fight.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Heppler stated he would like an update at the next meeting on the Veteran's Affairs Office. He thanked the first responders.

ITEM 14     Members' Time

Commissioner McGraw stated he didn't agree with the Chair with his approach with getting 6 – 5 votes, he felt the Board needed to do a better job of supporting one another and coming to a consensus.

Commissioner Moore invited everyone to a Walk in Her Shoes event on Saturday.

Commissioner Provancher urged the Board to support a resolution supporting House Bills 5940 and 5941.

Commissioner Rogers stated the YWCA held a Candlelight Vigil tonight for domestic violence.

Commissioner Seals stated he was disappointed in the vote on the Veteran's Affairs Office.

Commissioner Shugars stated absentee ballots were sent out by Township and City Clerks, not the County. He stated the Board set a bad precedent for future budget processes. He stated it was important for the Board to support Administration and their recommendations.

Commissioner Wordelman stated there was a celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WMU College of Education and Human Development.

ITEM 15     Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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Timothy A. Snow  
Clerk/Register of Deeds

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John Taylor, Chairperson  
Kalamazoo County Board of  
Commissioners