

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 1, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:35 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: John Faul, Thom Canny, Lisa Bradshaw, Rick Fuller, Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachel Grover, Pat Crowley, Tim Snow, Jeff Getting, Dave Rachowicz, Ken Bobo, Kristine Cunningham, Dina Sutton

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

1. Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Interviews

The Board introduced themselves and interviewed:

- Linda Teeter
- Jeff Breneman

Commissioner Shugars arrived at 4:25 p.m.

Chairman Taylor stated the remainder of the applicants would be interviewed at the December 8th Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director stated claims for December 1, 2015 totaled \$1,493,502.80. She also stated there was release of funds to the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission in the amount of \$68,727.00 as well as several departmental budget adjustments. She also stated there were also yearend departmental budget adjustments.

Commissioner Rogers had some inquiries, which Ms. Bradshaw answered.

Chairman Taylor inquired about the salary carry over and Ms. Bradshaw indicated it was \$1,959,600.

3. Bronson Park

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel, reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated at the next meeting Administration would ask the Board to extend the lease through January 4, 2017.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the City would be willing to swap Bronson Park for the property on Alcott Street the County was interested in purchasing and Mr. Canny stated that would be a future conversation.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if the City had ever provided an expense report and Mr. Canny stated he had not seen anything, but he would be willing to obtain the information.

Commissioner Rogers asked Mr. Canny to provide some information on Iannelli Fountain and Chairman Taylor stated the County did contribute funds for an RFP concerning the Iannelli Foundation.

Discussion ensued.

4. Brownfield Plan for 3912 Douglas Avenue

Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt, Director of Planning & Community Development and Ms. Rachel Grover, Resource Coordinator reviewed the memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers stated as the Board liaison she supported this project, particularly since it was not a large amount of dollars.

Commissioner McGraw inquired what happened if the property was sold and Ms. Grover stated there should not be any issues as long as the new owner paid the taxes.

Ms. Jarnefelt stated there would be a request at the next meeting to approve this.

5. Law Enforcement Millage

Mr. Rick Fuller, Sheriff presented a Power Point presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Gisler inquired how positions were determined to be paid for by the Law Enforcement millage vs. funded by other means.

Sheriff Fuller stated during the conversations in 1980 it had set those guidelines and systems were in place.

Chairman Taylor stated part of the language question dictated where those funds would be distributed.

Mr. Canny stated if the Board did decide to do the recapture, there would need to be two separate questions on the ballot.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about the medical expenses incurred at the jail and Sheriff Fuller indicated that more dollars were being recaptured through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Shugars inquired of the time-line and Sheriff Fuller indicated the question would be on the May 2016 Ballot. He stated the Committee would be back before the Board in January to seek their approval to place the question on the Ballot.

Discussion ensued.

6. Administrator Welcoming Reception

Chairman Taylor stated he would like to hold a reception in January for Mr. Neuzil to allow the opportunity for others in the community to meet Mr. Neuzil. He stated he would like to ask some Commissioners to sit on a Committee to assist in planning the event.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be willing to assist in planning the event.

Commissioner Shugars stated he would recommend hosting two events, one for the public and one for the elected officials.

Discussion ensued.

7. Any other items

There were no other items.

8. 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 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioner Moore

The motion carried.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners