

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2013

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Organizational Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Dave Maturen, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on January 2, 2013.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Mr. Brian Johnson gave the Invocation.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Alford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, Dave Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier, and John Zull.

Members Absent: Commissioner Phil Stinchcomb

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Undersheriff Paul Matyas; Sheriff Rick Fuller; Treasurer Mary Balkema; Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Getting; Drain Commissioner Patricia Crowley; Dina Sutton, Office Manager; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk.

ITEM 5 - Election of Chairperson

Commissioner Alford moved that the nominations be opened for election of Chairperson of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and that roll call votes are conducted until one of the nominees has received a majority of the votes of the members present.

Commissioner Iden nominated Commissioner Maturen for chair and it was duly seconded.

Commissioner Iden moved and it was duly seconded to close the nominations and unanimously approve the nomination of Commissioner Maturen as Chairman.

ITEM 6 - Remarks of New Chairperson

Chairman Maturen thanked the Board for electing him as Chairman. He stated that 2013 was going to be a year in which the County would need to do due diligence.

ITEM 7- Election of Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Heppler moved that nominations be opened for election of Vice Chairperson of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and that roll call votes are conducted until one of the nominees has received a majority of the votes of the members present.

Commissioner Heppler nominated Commissioner Buskirk for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded to close the nominations and unanimously approve the nomination of Commissioner Buskirk as Vice Chairman.

ITEM 8 - Remarks of New Vice-Chairperson

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated it was an honor to be elected as Vice Chairman.

ITEM 9 - Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the December 18, 2012, Board Meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 10 - Communications

Commissioner Alford presented the following communication, which is on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A letter from Greg Rosine indicating he would like to be reappointed to the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority.

ITEM 11 Citizens' Time:

Chairperson Maturen 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.

Ms. Patricia Crowley, Kalamazoo, thanked the Board for their work. She also invited Commissioners Rogers and Tuinier to visit the Drain Office and thanked County Drain Office staff.

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, commented on the progress of the Drug Court.

Mr. Bill Russell, Kalamazoo, shared with the Board the work in which the employees do at the Juvenile Home. He also stated that employees at the Juvenile Home were paid less than Animal Services & Enforcement employees.

Mr. Jeff Getting, Kalamazoo, congratulated the Board on their election. He invited the Board to tour the Prosecutor's Office and meet the staff.

Ms. Mattie Jordan-Woods, Kalamazoo, congratulated the Board on their election and wished them the best. She invited the Board to attend the Northside Business Alliance.

ITEM 12 For Consideration

A. Request for Approval of Resolution Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in the philosophy of inclusiveness for all people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was dedicated to the equality and freedom of all persons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King had the courage and strength to uphold his convictions; and

WHEREAS, Congress has dedicated the third Monday in January a Federal Holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board believes that, in keeping with the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., individual strengths should be promoted and barriers that exist among people should be dismissed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby implores all people to have the "Courage to Live the Dream: Commitment, Community, Opportunity."

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

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B. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated January 2, 2013", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,127,905.94, be approved; 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 January 2, 2013, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

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

C. Request for Adoption of Temporary Bylaws

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners Adopt the Temporary Bylaws.

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

D. Request for Approval of 2013 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2013 meeting schedule as included in the packet.

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

E. Request for Approval of Amendment to Representation Agreement with Kelley Cawthorne, PLLC and John Crongeyer, Esq.

Commissioner Tuinier moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve an Amendment to Representation Agreement with Kelley Cawthorne, PLLC and John Crongeyer, Esq.; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

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

ITEM 13 - Old Business

There was no Old Business.

ITEM 14 - New Business

There was no New Business.

ITEM 15 - County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Peter Battani congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair on their elections.

ITEM 16 - Members' Time

Chairman Maturen reminded the Board to look at the Advisory Boards list and let him know which Board they would like to serve on.

Commissioner Alford thanked Mr. Johnson for giving invocation tonight. She thanked the citizens who addressed the Board.

Commissioner Heppler wished everyone a safe and happy New Year.

Commissioner Iden congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair on their election. He thanked Mr. Warren for all of his work.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was very pleased to be at her first meeting and encouraged citizens to contact her with any questions or comments. She stated Borgess and Bronson were hosting a joint MLK event on January 21st. She also stated the Board needed to be good stewards of funds.

Commissioner Seals congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair on their election. He reminded everyone to remember that the 507 National Guard was still deployed. He thanked Mr. Warren for all his work he did with the veterans.

Commissioner Taylor congratulated the new Board on their election. He felt 2013 was going to be a good year. He congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair on their election.

Commissioner Tuinier congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair on their election.

Commissioner Zull welcomed Commissioners Rogers and Tuinier. He thanked the District 11 voters for re-electing him to another term.

ITEM 15- Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen
Chairperson, Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners