

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2016

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Organizational 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 January 5, 2016.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Mr. Dennis Joekla gave the Invocation on behalf of Commissioner Scott McGraw.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner McGraw 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: Terrence Neuzil, County Administrator, John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Rick Fuller, Sheriff; Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Mary Balkema, Treasurer; Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner; Julie Pioch, MSU Extension Director; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 - Election of Chairperson

Clerk Snow opened the meeting for the Election of Chairperson.

Commissioner Rogers nominated Commissioner John Taylor and it was duly seconded to elect Commissioner John Taylor as Chairperson.

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

ITEM 6 - Remarks of New Chairperson

Chairman Taylor thanked the Board for their support and stated the Board accomplished a lot in 2015 and would do even more in 2016, from capital improvement projects to technology needs. He stated he looked forward to team building and planning for the future of the County and hoped the Board would work together on issues.

ITEM 7 - Election of Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Seals nominated Commissioner Jeff Heppler and it was duly seconded to elect Commissioner Jeff Heppler as Vice Chairman.

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

ITEM 8 - Remarks of New Vice-Chairperson

Vice Chairman Heppler thanked the Board for their support. He stated he looked forward to working with the Board on the issues facing the citizens and community and striving to make this the best place for citizens to live, work and play. He also stated "Kalamazoo County had a bright future and he looked forward to keeping it shining.

ITEM 9 - Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the December 15, 2015, Board Meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 10 - Communications

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

- a) A Notice to Revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate issued to Eaton Corporation.
- b) A resolution from Oceana County Opposing House Bills 4947 through 4966.

Commissioner Rogers stated Ms. Dusty Farmer, Oshtemo Township Trustee sent an email to the Board concerning the Police Protection Agreement with Oshtemo Township and hoped continued discussions would occur.

ITEM 11 - Citizens' Time

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, wished everyone a happy new year.

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Mr. Dennis Joekla, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning some of the organizations he was affiliated with, such as Sheriff's Office Reserve, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

ITEM 12 - For Consideration

CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

A. 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 January 5, 2016", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,079,100.74 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 January 5, 2016, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

B. Request for Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule

That the Board of Commissioners approve the 2016 meeting schedule as included in the Packet.

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

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."

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that Items A. through C. be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like to move the first meeting in August to a Wednesday due to National Night Out. Chairman Taylor indicated the proposed schedule included this change.

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that Items A. through C., 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.

D. Strategic Calendar

Chairman Taylor stated the proposed strategic calendar would be a part of the board retreat would be discussed as one item.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if the retreat would be a full day and Chairman indicated it would be a full day.

Discussion ensued on a date.

Chairman Taylor stated the retreat would be held on Friday, February 5 and Friday, February 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. both evenings.

Commissioner Shugars suggested holding the meeting off site and the Board concurred.

E. Board Retreat

This Item was discussed as part of Item D.

F. Board Chair Appointments to Advisory Boards

Chairman Taylor asked the Board to review their assignments and let him know if they would like to change.

Commissioner Taylor stated he had been in discussions with Commissioner Shugars about creating committees/task forces on various topics.

Several Commissioners expressed their support.

ITEM 13 Old Business

G. Police Protection Agreement with Oshtemo Township

Chairman Taylor indicated the meetings with Oshtemo Township had been going very well and continued discussions would occur. He indicated that there would be some changes to the contract in the future. He stated he was cautiously optimistic.

Mr. Terrence Neuzil, County Administrator, stated all parties were in an agreement that law enforcement was a priority and both sides showed leadership. He stated a lot of the appreciation goes to Chairman Taylor for his work with Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell.

Sheriff Fuller thanked the Board and Oshtemo Township for all of their hard work to resolve this issue.

Commissioner Shugars stated the Board may need to look at matrix and crime data to establish bench markers for policing; he felt this was a good discussion item for the Board Retreat.

ITEM 14 Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

ITEM 15 New Business

Commissioner Provancher stated he would like to review the Board Bylaws, particularly with the reappointments to the Community Mental Health Advisory Board Consumer Reappointments.

ITEM 16 County Administrator's Report

Mr. Neuzil thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here and was very inspired by the people and employees of the County. He stated he was in the process of reaching out and meeting with not only each Board member, but County elected officials, department heads and employees. He stated the organizational structure would be looked at and re-evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of that. He stated he was re-evaluating the Administrative Team, especially John Faul, Tracie Moored and Thom Canny. He stated he was assessing the vulnerability and risk of the County, particularly the Human Resources Department. He stated employee collaboration would be an area he would be looking at.

ITEM 17 Members' Time

Commissioner McGraw thanked Mr. Joekla for giving Invocation and for his service to the community. He welcomed Mr. Neuzil and his wife to the community. He stated he felt the task forces would be beneficial to the Board and the County.

Commissioner Moore stated Mothers of Hope would be hosting an event next week in conjunction with Meridian Health and Bronson Hospital concerning health care.

Commissioner Provancher stated the Public Housing Commission would be meeting later this week and would be having ongoing discussions concerning the housing millage recently passed.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was the Board liaison on the now defunct Kalamazoo County Health Plan and indicated there were left over funds and they were looking to utilize those funds for a mobile dental clinic. She also stated there was a lot of collaboration happening in the community with mental health recipients. She stated with the low unemployment rate Michigan

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Works! was struggling to find recipients to assist. She indicated they were now trying to work with those individuals with disabilities. She indicated the County would be hosting the next SMART Counties meeting on January 27th at the Kalamazoo Expo Center.

Commissioner Seals welcomed Mr. Neuzil.

Commissioner Shugars welcomed Mr. Neuzil and his wife.

Commissioner Tuinier wished everyone a happy and blessed new year. He welcomed Mr. Neuzil and thanked him for meeting with him.

Commissioner Gisler welcomed Mr. Neuzil to the community and to the County. He stated he was in favor of the special task force committee concept.

ITEM 18 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

John Taylor, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners