

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2014

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Maturen, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on January 7, 2014.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner John Taylor.

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

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Carolyn Alford.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Michelle Tombro Tracy, Assistant Corporate Counsel; Suzanne Darling, Circuit Court Administrator; Linda Vail, HCS Director; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Election of Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Taylor nominated Commissioner Buskirk for Vice Chair person and it was supported; Commissioner Buskirk accepted the nomination.

Commission Heppler moved and it was duly seconded to end nominations.

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

ITEM 6 Remarks of New Vice-Chairperson

Vice Chairman Buskirk thanked the Board for supporting him. He stated there were a lot of projects the Board needed to accomplish in 2014.

ITEM 7 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the December 17, 2013, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 8 Communications:

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

- a) A Resolution from Huron County opposing SB 636.
- b) Commissioner Seals stated he received a call from Mr. Pentz concerning the Road Commission

ITEM 9 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.

There were no citizens.

ITEM 10 For Consideration

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring John Edward Hoffman

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, John Edward Hoffman has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of December 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Edward Hoffman has faithfully served as a Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kalamazoo wishes to acknowledge and honor employees who have longevity under the umbrella of County Government, since it is through longevity that expertise in the employee's particular field is achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge with gratitude the many years of dedication and service John Edward Hoffman has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

B. 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."

Health & Community Services**C. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Homewatch Care Givers of SW MI**

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Homewatch Care Givers of SW MI to assist older adults to obtain and maintain the ability to stay in their own home for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

D. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition to utilize services of the Lead Long Term Care Ombudsman as part of the Money Follows the Person initiative in the reimbursable amount up \$10,000 for the period of December 3, 2013 through April 30, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

E. Request for Approval of Household Hazardous Waste Amendments with Multiple Townships and Municipalities

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute HHW Amendments as follows for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014:

GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND FUNDING

1. Alamo Township	\$2,600
2. Almena Township	\$ 4,000
3. Antwerp Township	\$ 3,500
4. Climax Township	\$ 600
5. Comstock Township	\$ 10,500

6. Kalamazoo, City of	\$ 40,000
7. Portage City of	\$ 26,000
8. Schoolcraft Village	\$ 500
9. Texas Township	\$ 10,000
10. Village of Augusta	\$ 500
11. Village of Climax	\$ 400

F. Request for Approval of a Contract Extension with Valley City Electronic Recycling

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract Extension with Valley City Electronic Recycling for recycling of electronics at the HHW Center for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$0.025 per pound; a copy of said Contract Extension to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval of LCA13-39015 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Assistance (LCA) Deliverable Fuel Notice of Funds (NFA) #2 from the Michigan Department of Human Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept LIHEAP LCA Deliverable Fuel NFA #2 from the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$71,400 through August 31, 2014; a copy of said NFA to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of a Contract Amendment with SQS Inc., dba Environmental Recycling Group

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract Amendment with SQS Inc., dba Environmental Group for transportation and disposal of hazardous waste collected at the HHW Center for the period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014; a copy of said Contract Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of Eliminations of .10 FTE Position in the Healthy Start Program

That the Board of Commissioners approve the elimination of the following position:

Eliminate

297-132 Care Coordinator 10202-015 K6 .10FTE 15.30 – 20.66

Sheriff

J. Request for Approval to Submit 2014 Marine Safety Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit the 2014 Marine Safety Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$71,835 for the period of April 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners

K. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

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 7,

2014”, noting claims in the total amount of \$3,961,158.83, with the exception of Maturen & Associates claim in the amount of \$1,600 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 7, 2014, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

L. Request for Approval of Police Protection Agreement with Charter Township of Oshtemo

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Police Protection Agreement with Charter Township of Oshtemo in the amount of \$117,117 per deputy and \$135,016 per traffic enforcement officer for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

M. Request for Approval of Partial Discharge of a CDBG Program Lien

That the Board of Commissioners approve of a partial Discharge of a CDBG Program Lien; a copy of said Lien to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. Request for Adoption of Temporary Bylaws

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Adoption of the Temporary Bylaws.

O. Request for Approval of 2014 Meeting Schedule

That the Board of Commissioners approve the 2014 meeting schedule as included in the packet.

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that Items A. through O., 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:	Commissioner Alford

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

P. Request for Approval of Maturen & Associates Claim

Commissioner Tuinier moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve payment of claims from Maturen & Associates in the total amount of \$1,600 for appraisal of land for the Airport to Kalamazoo County, and authorize the County Treasurer to make said payments.

Commissioner Maturen made the following disclosure statement:

Chm Initial _____

Clk Initial _____

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On the Claims List for January 7, 2014 is a claim from my company, Maturen and Associates, Inc. Since I have a conflict of interest as an owner of Maturen and Associates, Inc., I would like to make the following disclosure pursuant to 1968 P.A. 317, as amended:

The parties to this payment are the County of Kalamazoo and Maturen and Associates, Inc.

The purpose of the payment is for appraisal of property for the Kalamazoo Battle Creek International Airport.

The amount of the payment to Maturen and Associates, Inc. totals:

\$1,600

(Invoice is listed on Page 62 of the Claims List for January 7, 2014.)

I will receive a direct financial benefit from this project.

The term of the agreement is until project completion, and the project is now completed.

No County employees were assigned to this project.

I would request that this disclosure be made a part of the official minutes of the Board meeting of January 7, 2014. Please keep in mind that it will take a two-thirds' vote of the full Board to approve this payment.

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

ITEM 11 Old Business

There was no Old Business.

ITEM 12 Executive Session

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners 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.

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

ITEM 13 New Business

The Board returned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.

Q. Request for Approval of Bargaining Agreement with 9th Circuit Court UAW Local No. 2290
Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners

approve a Bargaining Agreement and Letter of Understanding as secured by the County's bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the 9th Circuit Court UAW Local No. 2290, and that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk-Register be authorized and directed to sign the aforementioned Agreement, for the period of January 7, 2014 through December 31, 2014; 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 14 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Mr. Peter Battani asked the Board to respond to Dina Sutton concerning Small Group meetings. He also stated he and Ms. Moored were working on Legacy Costs and hoped to have this information prepared by the end of the week.

ITEM 15 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maturen thanked the couple who assisted him out of a snow bank today and he in turn did the same thing.

ITEM 16 Members' Time

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he attended the Memorial Services for Bill Wright on Saturday.

Commissioner Taylor stated he was pleased the Board set aside additional funds for the homeless as they really needed the assistance right now.

Commissioner Tuinier expressed his sympathies to Bill Wright's family.

Commissioner Zull reviewed social happenings for 2013.

Commissioner Heppler wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Iden stated he also attended the Memorial Service for Bill Wright. He stated he would be participating in the Polar Plunge on February 22 at K College.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be serving on the executive committee for Michigan Works! She also stated several Borgess Employees were laid off recently and encouraged them to use the services of Michigan Works!. She stated on January 20, Bronson and Borgess would be sponsoring an MLK Event at noon. She stated she wanted further discussion on Bylaws concerning communication with employees.

Commissioner Seals stated he too attended the Memorial Service for Bill Wright. He mentioned the passing of Nelson Mandela. He thanked the utility workers for all their hard work during the recent storms. He also thanked the local plow drivers for their work in the last few days.

Commissioner Stinchcomb wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chm Initial _____

Clk Initial _____

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ITEM 17 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners