

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 17, 2017

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tracy Hall, Ron Kendall, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Mike Quinn, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Gisler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, John Faul, Thom Canny, Lisa Robert, Kristine Cunningham, Mary Balkema, Tim Snow, Pat Crowley, Ann Filkins, Rachael Grover, Jim Rutherford, Paul Matyas, Jeff Getting, Rick Fuller, Julie Pioch, Judge Santoni, Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Robert, Finance Director stated claims for January 17, 2017 totaled \$1,792,647.43. She indicated there was a release of funds to the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority in the amount of \$250,000.

2. Board Chair Appointments to Advisory Boards

Chair Shugars indicated a revised list had been emailed to the Board earlier today. He indicated he along with the Vice Chair met and reviewed the list and hoped they placed everyone on a Board based on experience.

Vice Chair Moore indicated she had left voice mail messages for the democratic members of the Board.

Chair Shugars indicated they did their best to get everyone on the Board they wanted. He indicated that some of the Bylaws would need to be changed to allow for more than one Commissioner to serve on the Board.

Commissioner Rogers indicated to have an even number of Commissioners appointed to an Advisory Board did make it difficult.

Commissioner Rogers stated the Road Commission was an important, paid board and she felt the entire BOC should interview the applicants.

Chair Shugars stated an odd number was more appropriate, however, this make-up would force the Board to work more cooperatively.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked the Leadership for their work on this. He too concurred with Commissioner Rogers that the Road Commission interviews should be conducted by the full Board of Commissioners.

Chair Shugars wanted to make sure the Board was fine with the proposed appointments to the Advisory Boards and would place this on the February 7, 2017 agenda.

Discussion ensued.

3. Temporary Board Bylaws Discussion

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel indicated this was an opportunity for the Board to suggest any changes to the Bylaws.

Mr. Canny indicated as included in his memo that there were some formatting changes that Administration would like to make to the document for clarity.

Mr. Canny indicated he would like changes made to Section 1.3 as outlined in his memo as included in the Packet.

Mr. Canny also indicated Commissioner McGraw would like changes made to Section 4.6 B. as outlined in the memo as included in the Packet.

Mr. Canny indicated he had not received any further amendments.

Chair Shugars indicated the Board would approve these at the next meeting.

Commissioner McGraw indicated he would like to the change to the Bylaws to allow the Board to take the two week pause and look at an item vs. making a hasty decision.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he had some questions concerning Commissioner McGraw's recommendation.

Commissioner McGraw indicated it was his intent to stop the last minute votes and giving the Board the opportunity to fully review an item before voting.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she too had those same concerns. She stated the Board should use caution making changes to Section. 4.6 B.

Commissioner Seals stated this had been brought up before and no action was taken. He also indicated he would like to know the purpose of making such an amendment.

Commissioner McGraw stated he brought this up so the Board would take the time necessary to review items in depth and, not make hasty decisions. He stated his point was to build more of a consensus.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he thought the issue might be if a Commissioner brought a Resolution to the Board last minute that they would not have an opportunity to have the item on the agenda again and he did not feel that was the case.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he appreciated the thought that went into this, however, he felt some additional wordsmithing needed to be done.

Vice Chair Moore stated she too had concerns, however, was pleased that Commissioners McGraw and Wordelman would be working with Mr. Canny on those revisions.

Further discussion ensued on the Advisory Board Appointments.

4. Facilities Master Plan Update

Mr. John Faul, Deputy County Administrator gave a Facilities Master Plan Update Power Point presentation to the Board as well as reviewed his memo as included in the Packet.

Chair Shugars inquired if the Board would be able to go into Executive Session at the next meeting conferencing Plaza Corp's offer on the surface lot and Mr. Canny indicated that was correct.

5. Any other items

Chair Shugars indicated Administration wanted the Board get together for Strategic Planning and suggested March 17 & 18 or March 24 & 25.

Discussion ensued and it was decided the Strategic Planning sessions would be held March 24 & 25.

Commissioner Rogers indicated the Walk for Warmth was being held on March 25th and inquired if the start time could be pushed until 10 a.m. or after and that was agreed upon, the location would be determined.

6. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Dale Shugars, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners