

## MINUTES

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 19, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Stephanie Moore, Larry Provancher, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Scott McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrence Neuzil, Tracie Moored, Lisa Bradshaw, John Faul, Thom Canny, Kristine Cunningham, Randy Winterowd, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Vern Johnson, Lynne Norman, Pat Crowley, Tim Snow, Rick Fuller, Jeff Getting, Michelle Tombro Tracy, Rachel Grover, Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for January 19, 2016 totaled \$2,009,108.01. She indicated there were some release of funds to Community Mental Health and the Land Bank Authority. She also stated there were a few departmental budgetary alignments.

2. Amendment to Board Bylaws

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Moore arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioner Gisler inquired how many individuals serve on the Community Mental Health Board and Commissioner Provancher indicated there were 12 members.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the consumer sector members would be able to function with a 12 member Board and Commissioner Provancher stated he felt the members would function fine.

Commissioner Rogers stated she supported this amendment. She indicated it would only affect 2 Board member slots.

Commissioner Seals stated consumer sector members were vetted by Community Mental Health staff and it was intimidating to individuals to be interviewed with a room full of people that weren't familiar to them.

Commissioner Shugars stated he would like to postpone voting on the amendment until the next meeting.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he concurred with Commissioner Shugars.

Chairman Taylor stated he did not have a problem with waiting until the next meeting, however, he did not feel it was controversial.

Commissioner Rogers indicated the Board needed to make the amendment by the end of February.

Chairman Taylor indicated this item would be on the February 2 Board agenda.

3. Board Chair Appointments to Advisory Boards

Chairman Taylor stated he had not been contacted by any Commissioner requesting to be changed.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if that meant those appointments from 2015 were status quo and Chairman Taylor indicated yes.

Commissioner Wordelman arrived at 4:15 p.m.

4. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Conference

Chairman Taylor stated the MAC Conference information was included in the packet. He inquired which Commissioners would like to attend.

Commissioner Gisler stated he felt the conference last year was quite remarkable.

Commissioners Shugars and Seals indicated they would be interested in attending.

5. Law Enforcement Millage

Sheriff Fuller and Prosecuting Attorney Getting presented a Power Point presentation on the Law Enforcement Millage request.

Commissioner Shugars inquired about the ballot proposal language, should it not pass this year, when would it affect departments?

Mr. Canny indicated the last taxes collected would be December 1, 2015, this millage would be levied December 1, 2016 and the monies would go through 2016 but the Board needed to have discussion in August of 2016.

Commissioner Shugars stated he would like to see a Plan B, Plan C and the Board needed to be prepared.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Shugars would like crime data, particularly type of crime as well as where the crime occurred. Sheriff Fuller indicated he would get some information to the Board.

Commissioner Gisler apologized for missing the last Law Enforcement Millage meeting but was pleased the discussion of the recapture was off the table.

Commissioner Moore inquired where the indigent defense fund was housed and Mr. Canny indicated it was in the Courts budget and they had contracts with individual attorneys.

Commissioner Moore inquired if the funds came from the Law Enforcement Millage; if not, she would like the Board to look at the Indigent Defense Fund.

Vice Chairman Heppler stated the Board set the operating budget for all Departments.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about the policy that set the guidance as to what the funds would be used for. Mr. Canny indicated the Board set the Policy to utilize the millage funds to maintain services not supplant; he stated it would be cumbersome to include in the ballot language.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers thanked the Sheriff and Prosecutor for providing the information ahead of time. She stated she was quite happy with the progress made with Animal Services. She did state the jail inmate population was still quite alarming and hoped the Board would be able to look at alternatives. She also stated the Health and Community Services Department had mandated services, which was just as important as law enforcement. She also mentioned the Gag order passed by the Legislators. Mr. Canny addressed the gag order law.

Vice Chairperson Heppler stated he felt the County did a great job with managing law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, etc.

Commissioner Gisler stated he too felt the Board needed to have a conversation about the use of the millage dollars.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he agreed that more needed to be done with young people to keep them from being a part of the legal system.

Commissioner Seals stated a lot of good things were happening in the community; but he would like to see the minority numbers.

Commissioner Provancher inquired about public defender issue and would like this topic on the Board Retreat.

Commissioner Shugars inquired about the final report of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Clerk Snow indicated the cost was approximately \$97,000. He indicated it would be about the same for the May 2016 election, maybe less. He also stated Comstock Public School would be placing a bond question on the ballot.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if the May election was budgeted and Clerk Snow indicated it had been.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired if the County would be able to utilize County funds to remind citizens to vote in May and Mr. Canny indicated it would not be able to, however, the Clerk would be able to via the State statute.

Discussion ensued.

## 6. ADA Compliance

Ms. Michelle Tombro Tracy, Assistant Corporate Counsel reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was very supportive of this. She inquired if there was a policy and Ms. Tombro Tracy stated the County had always been compliant but this was a formal policy and centralized.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he received feedback from Disability Network and he stated he would like the language to be more inviting.

Mr. Neuzil advised the Board to look at the Circuit Courts webpage.

## 7. Amendment to Personnel Policy 4.03

Ms. Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She indicated the Board needed to appoint an ADA Coordinator and the most logical person would be the County Administrator, who would be able to delegate those responsibilities.

Chairman Taylor stated this could potentially be expensive for the County and would be for non-union employees only at this time, but would be part of the bargaining discussions.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he felt it was a good idea to be pro-active.  
Commissioner Tuinier stated he too felt this was a good step.

Discussion ensued.

8. Any other items

Commissioner Shugars inquired if there would be a discussion concerning the RFQ's for Alcott that had been emailed to the Board earlier in the day. Mr. Canny stated it was sent to the Board for review and to allow the Board to comment. Mr. Canny indicated staff would get the responsible Bidder Policy to the Board if they wanted it. Mr. Canny indicated the link to the Policy would be included in the RFQ.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the Board having a discussion on the increased footprint requested by the State.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about the School Choice Week Resolution.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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John Taylor, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners