

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Shugars, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on February 7, 2017.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Pastor Beth Jones gave Invocation on behalf of Commissioner Dale Shugars.

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

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Ron Kendall, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Mike Quinn, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman.

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Tracie Moored, County Administrator/Controller; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Lisa Robert, Director of Finance & Internal Services; Sheriff Rick Fuller; Jim Rutherford, HCS Director; Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director; Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner; David Rachowicz, Parks Director; Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the January 21, 2017 Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

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

- a) An email from Mr. Mark Miller expressing his concerns with the proposed language to amend the Board Bylaws requiring the votes of 2/3rds to be able to add on an agenda item.

C. Recognition of WMU Football Team

Chair Shugars stated it was an honor and privilege to be able recognize the WMU Football Team.

Vice Chair Moore acknowledged introduced Ms. Kathy Beauregard, WMU Athletic Director.

Commissioner McGraw stated it was an exciting time for him as he and his family were alums.

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

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners would like to formally honor the success of the 2016 WMU Broncos Football Team; and

WHEREAS, the Team has brought great recognition to the University and the Kalamazoo County Community through its accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Team exhibited leadership and citizenship qualities of which we all are proud of.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that following the Team's navigational theme of "Row the Boat", the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners demonstrates their appreciation for all that the Team has done for the University and Kalamazoo County Community, we dedicate and rename this Marine Division boat "Bronco 1" in honor of the Broncos in recognition of all your great achievements.

Sheriff Rick Fuller indicated the Sheriff's Office presented the WMU with the renaming of a Boat, Bronco 1.

Ms. Kathy Beauregard thanked the Board for their recognition and thanked the Sheriff's Office for the honor of renaming a boat after the Team.

Mr. Jamauri Bogan thanked the Board on behalf of the entire the Team and asked for continued prayers for future success.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

A. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring James VanDyken

Commissioner Quinn moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve

the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, James VanDyken has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of January 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James VanDyken has faithfully served throughout his career as a Deputy, Detective, Lieutenant, and now as Captain; and

WHEREAS, James VanDyken has followed in the footsteps of his father who was a 40 year employee of the Sheriff's Office who also served as Captain; 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 James VanDyken has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Captain VanDyken thanked the Board for honoring him. He recognized his parents and son.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Chairperson Shugars 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.

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board about the lack of support for Veterans in Kalamazoo County.

Mr. Andrew Miller, Kalamazoo, stated he was against the 2/3 vote issue. He stated he was disappointed in this Commission.

Ms. Jennifer Strubbs, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning the 2/3rds vote. She stated she was heartened by the discussion held at the Committee of the Whole earlier today.

Mr. Nathan Dannison, Kalamazoo, thanked the Board for pulling the 2/3rds vote issue. He stated he appreciated the Board's transparency, accountability, and clear/good governance.

Mr. Zachary Lastner, Kalamazoo, questioned the qualifications of Vice Chair Moore.

Mr. Mike Barker, Kalamazoo, thanked the Board for pulling the 2/3rds vote issue. He stated the City Commission just passed a Sanctuary and he would like the County to do so as well. He also questioned how the Board Leadership came to be elected.

Ms. Nancy Klegg, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to pass a Resolution supporting Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Mr. Jonathan Current, Kalamazoo, IBEW Member, addressed the Board concerning responsible bidder policy. He stated he was very supportive of supporting local workers.

Chair Shugars announced Public Media Network was experiencing technical difficulties, therefore, the meeting was not being broadcasted.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

B. MAC Update

Mr. Steve Currie, Executive Director, presented a power point presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Seals thanked Mr. Currie for his presentation. He inquired about the Indigent Defense issue and wanted to know if he knew anything about funding and Mr. Currie indicated it would need to go through appropriations.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the information was on MAC's website and he indicated it was.

Commissioner Kendall inquired about the Escanaba vs. Menards repeal and Mr. Currie indicated the case was still ongoing. He stated the Tribunal ruled incorrectly and the Supreme Court ordered to redo the work and requested oral arguments.

Commissioner Rogers thanked MAC from championing on this issue. She also inquired if there was any funding mechanisms for Veterans. Mr. Currie indicated there wasn't anything specific, but worked with the Veterans Affairs Agency to work with the Regional Veterans Coordinators.

Chair Shugars thanked Mr. Currie for his presentation.

CONSENT AGENDAClerk/Register of DeedsD. Request for Approval of Funding for the May 2, 2017 Election

That the Board of Commissioners approve funding in the estimated amount of \$95,000 for the May 2, 2017 Election.

Health & Community ServicesE. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant Application to MDHHS for the MI PHAB Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of March 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

F. Request for Approval of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Amendment #1 with Multiple Municipalities

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Household Hazardous Waste Program Amendment #1 with Multiple Municipalities for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; a copy of said Amendment #1's to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND FUNDING

1. Village of Augusta	\$500.00
2. Brady Township	\$3,000.00
3. Paw Paw Township	\$2,150.00
4. City of Kalamazoo	\$40,000.00
5. Schoolcraft Village	\$575.00
6. Pavilion Township	\$5,000.00
7. City of Portage	\$41,000.00
8. Cooper Township	\$8,000.00
9. Kalamazoo Township	\$13,000.00
10. Ross Township	\$3,500.00
11. Prairie Ronde Township	\$800.00

G. Request for Approval to Allow the Health Officer to Sign the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) Confidentiality Agreement Form

That the Board of Commissioners authorize the Health Officer to sign the U.S. FDA Confidentiality Agreement Form.

H. Request for Approval of 2016-2017 Vision & Hearing Agreement with Kalamazoo Public Schools

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2016-2017 Vision & Hearing Agreement with Kalamazoo Public Schools in the amount of \$150 per full day or \$75 per half day effective September 1, 2016; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

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I. Request for Approval to Eliminate Vacant Nurse Position and Redistribute Funds to Create Full-Time Positions Which Currently Are Part-Time

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination/Creation of the following Positions:

ELIMINATE:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
221-227	Public Health Nurse #10865-006	0.8	K8	\$37,989.12 – \$46,542.08	02/08/2017

CREATE:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
221-206	Medical Laboratory Technician #10731-002	0.2	K6	\$7,417.28 - \$9,093.76	02/08/2017
221-226	Public Health Nurse Specialist #10878-002	0.2	K8	\$9,497.28 - \$11,635.52	02/08/2017
221-227	Public Health Nurse Specialist #10865-002	0.2	K8	\$9,497.28 - \$11,635.52	02/08/2017
221-227	Public Health Nurse Specialist #10865-007	0.1	K8	\$4,748.64 - \$5,817.76	02/08/2017
221-218	Public Health Technician #10121-002	0.0625	K8	\$2,967.90 - \$3,636.10	02/08/2017

Human Resources

J. Request for Approval of a Contract Renewal with MLive Media Group

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract Renewal with MLive Media Group for online job posting package in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Michigan Works!

K. Request for Approval of Talent - Investment Agency (TIA) Policy 17-02

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Talent – Investment Agency (TIA) Policy 17-02 in the amount of \$37,500 for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Parks & Expo Center

L. Request for Approval of 2017 Comstock Lions Club Bingo Contract

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2017 Comstock Lions Bingo Contract for space at the Expo Center in the amount of \$18,900 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community Development

M. Request for Approval of 2017 Remonumentation Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2017 Remonumentation Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in the amount of \$87,296 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December

31, 2017; a copy of said Grant Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

N. Request for Approval to Submit 2016-2017 Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP) Underage Drinking Enforcement Grant

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit 2016-2017 Office of Highway Safety and Planning Underage Drinking Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$7,900.

Board of Commissioners

O. 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 February 7, 2017", noting claims in the total amount of \$1,879,271.41 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 February 7, 2017, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

P. Request for Approval of Board Bylaws

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Board Bylaws as included in the Packet.

Q. Request for Approval of Black History Month

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that Items D. through P., 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.

Q. Request for Approval of Black History Month

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

WHEREAS, each February "National African American History Month" also known as "Black History Month" is observed to celebrate and honor the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and through that Association, he began pressing the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson's dream became a reality in 1926, he chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970's the event was called Black History Week, and in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month; and,

WHEREAS, the United States is a diverse nation comprised of citizens from various ethnic groups and cultures; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to promote a greater awareness of the history and culture of all ethnic groups across our country; and,

WHEREAS, February is designated as Black History Month; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the importance of the Black History Month, supports this Resolution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

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

Whereas, the Michigan School Reform Office (SRO) has determined Washington Writers' Academy and Woodward School for Technology and Research (Woodward School), which are

part of the Kalamazoo Public School District, are two of the 38 schools in Michigan that are on a list for potential closure, and

Whereas, these schools received notice they were in the bottom 5 percent of schools according to state tests three years ago, have received competitive school improvement grants that are currently being implemented, and have made significant improvements, and

Whereas, their teachers at the schools have demonstrated commitment to excellence through additional hours of training and instituting targeted school improvement activities, and are moving the students and schools in the right direction, and

Whereas, Kalamazoo Public Schools has had a number of priority schools that have been removed from SRO oversight and have a track record of improvement, and

Whereas, closing either school would place an undue burden on, and create instability in, the lives of the children who attend the schools, many of who are at-risk as is evidenced by eligibility for free and reduced-price lunch, which has averaged 95 percent at Washington in the last ten years and 89 percent at Woodward in the last eight, placing them in a high-poverty area with additional challenges, and

Whereas, these schools are schools of choice for many families in the Kalamazoo area, are a source of community pride and are neighborhood anchors in Kalamazoo County, and

Whereas, Washington Writers' Academy is a historic school just rebuilt and re-opened in 2015, and Woodward School, being substantially renovated in the last three years, as part of the \$16 million in bond funds approved by Kalamazoo Public Schools District voters in 2010, and

Whereas, losing these schools could result in students losing their opportunity to receive the Kalamazoo Promise, a free college tuition program in our county, and

Whereas, the community has done positive work and will continue to do more to help support and mentor our youth so they can realize their greatest potential, and

Whereas, the parents and families, the NAACP, & community/neighborhood/faith-based organizations have demonstrated commitment to Kalamazoo Public Schools students which is evidenced by having active education committees, quality mentorship and after school programs, and is a village who is ready and willing to help all children achieve their individual promise, and

Whereas, closure isn't a solution because it simply disperses children without any assurance of improved results, and

Whereas, we the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners value public education, the taxpayers' investment in these school facilities, and the economic effects of a well-educated workforce in our county.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners urges the SRO to keep Washington Writers' Academy and Woodward School for Technology and Research open and to work with Kalamazoo Public Schools to continue to improve the schools.

Vice Chair Moore read a statement from Senator Margaret O'Brien, Representatives Jon Hoadley, Representative David Maturen, and Representative Brandt Iden.

Ms. Carol McGlinn, KPS Trustee thanked everyone for their support on the work done on this issue.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Chair Shugars thanked the Board for their support on this issue.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Ms. Tracie Moored indicated the Board meetings were now being broadcasted live and work continued for the Committee of the Whole meetings.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Shugars thanked the Commission for all of their work at today's meetings. He stated between him and Vice Chair Moore they held a lot of years and knowledge. He stated it was his intent to make the Board the best it could be.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Moore stated the Board Leadership was elected due to the fact that the democratic caucus refused to work together and make a decision and she wanted the County to conduct the business at hand.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Quinn stated he was delighted to see citizens engaged.

Commissioner Rogers thanked all the citizens for their engagement. She thanked everyone for their work on the Kalamazoo Public Schools Resolution. She stated she served on a subcommittee of the Workforce Development Board – DART and it focused on people with disabilities to help them gain employment and they were working on doing more to reach out. She

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stated on February 14th the Annual Animal Services Meeting would be held. She stated on February 16th the Brownfield Authority was hosting an Open House and also February 16th the Douglass Association was holding a meet and greet.

Commissioner Seals stated the Mental Health \$7 million grant was denied by the State of Michigan. He stated May 30th the Annual Disaster Drill would be held at the Airport. He stated on March 18th at 2 p.m. there would be training on sky warning. He stated in April there would be a Talon Flight.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he liked that the Board talked about a lot of good, hard working people and was inspired. He thanked Commissioners Rogers and Moore for their work on the resolution. He stated it was important to recommit towards Welcoming Michigan. He the Board Leadership for their comments.

Commissioner Hall thanked those who communicated with her and it was her hope that citizens stay engaged. She attended the Public Housing Commission last week. She stated she along with fellow Commissioners toured the Airport last week. She thanked Carol Babcock, Dina Sutton and Thom Canny for all their hard work and assistance.

Commissioner Kendall thanked the Administrative Staff as well. He stated he was glad the Advisory Board appointments had been finalized and looked forward to those meetings. He stated the County ID Task Force had been meeting and the subcommittees had been structured and they were working diligently and was proud of the work done thus far.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Shugars adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

Dale Shugars, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners