

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Pat Crowley, Lynne Norman, Lucinda Stinson, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Rachel Grover, Julie Pioch, Mary Balkema, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Bradshaw, Tina Keifer, Rebecca May, Judge Richard Santoni, Timothy Snow, Ken Bobo, Jeff Getting, Lotta Jarnefelt, Dina Sutton

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

1. Public Housing Commission Interviews

Commissioners introduced themselves and interviewed the following candidates:

- Brenda Hughes
- Tracy Hall

Commissioner Gisler stated the County was very fortunate to have such qualified individuals willing to serve on the advisory boards.

Commissioner Provancher stated both candidates were highly qualified.

Commissioner Rogers stated although both candidates were highly qualified, she felt due to the technical nature of the commission she felt Ms. Hughes would better serve the Commission.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he knew Ms. Hall personally, and having said that, he felt should she would be a great representative on the Commission.

Commissioner Seals stated both candidates were qualified, however, due to the nature of the Commission and the issues it will be facing in the near future he felt that Ms. Hughes would better serve the Commission.

Commissioner McGraw concurred with the comments made by Commissioners Rogers and Seals.

Commissioner Moore agreed that both candidates were qualified; however, she felt Ms. Hall would be a great asset to the Commission.

Discussion ensued.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for February 17, 2015 totaled \$2,915,894.29. She indicated there were a few budgetary line item transfers for the Sheriff's Office and Health & Community Services.

3. District Court Position Elimination/Creation

Judge Richard Santoni reviewed the memo as included in the packet. He stated the FOP District Court decertified their contract and District Court was now asking to place those employees into the K Band system.

Discussion ensued.

4. Right of First Refusal – Rose Street Market

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

Commissioner Tuinier stated he supported this request.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired if the Board had to waive it permanently or just for this purchase.

Mr. Canny indicated further discussion was going to be had on this issue.

Discussion ensued.

5. PACE District, Scheduling Public Hearing

Mr. Canny reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated a Resolution of Intent to Establish a Property Assess Clean Energy Program needed to be adopted and a Public Hearing would occur at a future meeting.

Commissioner Shugars wanted to verify that the County was not going to bond these projects and Mr. Canny indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Shugars wanted to know how many counties had done PACE Districts and Mr. Andy Levin indicated there were 9 counties and 3 cities that participated in PACE Districts.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if a contract with Levin Energy Partners, LLC was also necessary and Mr. Canny indicated that was correct.

6. Amendment to Board Bylaws

Chairman Taylor reviewed the proposed amended paragraph.

Commissioner Moore stated she wasn't opposed to it, but would like to create an employee advisory board.

Commissioner McGraw stated the paragraph mirrored MAC's policies.

Commissioner Provancher stated he liked this paragraph compared to that last one, however, he didn't even feel it wasn't necessary.

Commissioner Shugars stated he felt the Board needed to police each other and keep each other in check and he felt this paragraph was acceptable.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Seals indicated this shouldn't be in the Bylaws, but should be in the Code of Conduct.

7. Amendments to Personnel Policies

Ms. Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director stated this item was pulled from the agenda and a full review would be done by outside counsel along with department heads and elected officials.

8. Any other items

Chairman Taylor stated the suggestion made by Commissioner Moore about creating a Human Resources Committee would be discussed at the Retreat.

Commissioner Shugars distributed a job posting for a County Administrator in Livingston County.

Commissioner Moore distributed information concerning issues she had with the Community Action Tripartite Board and her actions and dealings with staff and fellow Commissioners. Chairman Taylor indicated the Committee of the Whole was not the appropriate place to hold this discussion. He further stated discussion would occur at the Board Retreat.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if issues like this could it be discussed during a closed session. Mr. Canny stated this issue would need to be discussed in an open meeting because the items were FOIAble.

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 6:18 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners