

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 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 February 18, 2014.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Reverend Strick Strickland on behalf Commissioner Carolyn Alford.

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

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

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Josh Jacobs, Deputy HCS Director; Judy Sivak, Older Adult Services Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the February 4, 2014 Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Alford presented the following communications which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury revoking Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Mueller Copper Tube Products, Inc.
- b) A Resolution from Huron County supporting SJR V and HJR CC to petition the U.S. Congress to call a convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced budget, in the absence of a national emergency.

- c) A Resolution from Huron County Opposing HB 5210.
- d) A Resolution from Huron County opposing any action by the Michigan Legislature that results in further reductions in revenue to county governments.
- e) A Resolution from Huron County calling upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and fully fund county revenue sharing payments for FY 2015.
- f) A Resolution from Huron County in support of restoring community mental health general fund appropriations for 2014.
- g) An Open House for clean up options for Allied Landfill on February 19, 2014.
- h) A copy of the 2013 Annual Building Authority Report.

Commissioner Rogers stated she had received several calls from constituents concerning the slow removal of snow.

Commissioner Rogers stated Allen Switzer left her a message concerning a violation of the Open Meetings Act in Alamo Township.

Chairman Maturen stated he received a letter thanking the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for their work on removing snow.

Commissioner Seals stated he received a complaint concerning snow removal.

ITEM 7 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.

Mr. Rico White, Kalamazoo stated he would be running for County Commissioner for District 1.

Mr. Frank Warren, stated he had spoke with Mr. Rachowicz concerning the 2015 Fair, particularly Veteran's Day.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Request for Resolution Honoring Verne Robbert

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

Whereas, in the past 17 years, Verne Robbert has been a member of the Kalamazoo County Older Adult Services Advisory Council, serving as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and advising the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and the Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA on the implementation and coordination of services for seniors;

Whereas, through Verne Robbert's wisdom, leadership, and commitment, the Older Adult Services Advisory Council and Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues have effectively advocated for needed legislation and funding to protect and assure the greatest degree of independent living and quality of life for Kalamazoo County older adults;

Whereas, Verne Robbert has shown that the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient;

Whereas, Verne Robbert's example of volunteerism has taught us that government by itself cannot solve all of our community's social and economic problems;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the County of Kalamazoo does hereby honor, recognize and thank Verne Robbert for his dedicated service and contributions to make Kalamazoo County a better place to live.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Robbert's family thanked the Board for honoring him.

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Request for Approval of Resolution in Support of Black History Month

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.

Heath & Community Services

C. Request for Approval of an Agreement with the Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) for Energy Assistance Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with THAW for Energy Assistance Services. HCS will be reimbursed \$25.00 per paid application taken during the program heating season which runs through August 31, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

D. Request for Approval of Business Associate Agreement with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Business Associate Agreement with MCAAA to allow for increased efficiency in submitting reports and outcomes as well as better coordination of efforts to fight poverty effective January 1, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

E. Request for Approval to Accept DOE Weatherization Assistance Program, Notice of Funds Available (NFA) #2 from the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept DOE Weatherization Assistance Program, NFA #2 from MDHS in the amount of \$214,626 to promote self-sufficiency for residents for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016; a copy of said Notice of Funds to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

F. Request for Approval of LIHEAP/DOE 13-39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute LIHEAP/DOE 13-

39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements for weatherization work for residents in need effective February 1, 2014; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval of an Agreement for Advertising with MLive Media Group

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with MLive Media Group for advertising for the HHW Center's recycling/disposal services in the amount of \$5,200; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of Elimination/Creation of Positions

That the Board of Commissioners approve the elimination/creation of the following positions:

Eliminate:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Pay</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
221-227	10880-001	11.75-15.86	K3	1.0	Immediately

Create:

101-613	10141-001	12.50-16.88	K4	.2375	Immediately
221-226	10877-001	12.50-16.88	K4	.3625	Immediately
221-227	10865-007	19.57-26.42	K8	.20	Immediately

Prosecuting Attorney

I. Request for Approval of an Amendment #4 (PROFC11-39001) to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Human Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #4 (PROFC11-39001) with Michigan Department of Human Services to extend the Agreement through June 30, 2014; a copy of said Amendment #4 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

J. Request for Approval of Training Agreement with Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Training Agreement with Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety to train civilian dispatchers in the amount not to exceed \$10,000; a copy of said Agreement 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 February 18, 2014", noting claims in the total amount of \$3,358,791.18, 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 18, 2014, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

L. Request for Approval of Amendment to Sanitary Code and Creation of Two Groundwater Restricted Use Zones

That the Board of Commissioners approve Amendment to Sanitary Code and Creation of Two Groundwater Restricted Use Zones.

M. Request for Approval of Contact Amendment with Tower Pinkster

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract Amendment with Tower Pinkster to include services of SME to assist Tower Pinkster with the development of specifications, bidding, and installation of an aggregate pier system that will improve the site soils prior to construction of the foundation in the amount of \$9,900; a copy of said Contract Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. Request for Approval of Appointments to Various Advisory Boards

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Appointments:

- The appointment of Michael Jones to the Veteran’s Affairs Committee to assume a term that will expire 12/31/14.
- To move Sonjalita Hulbert to the Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board (CATAB) Private Sector to assume a term that will expire 12/31/2015. Ms. Hulbert currently serves on the Consumer Sector of CATAB.

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that Items B. through N., 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.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

O. Request for Approval of an Appointment to the Land Bank Authority

Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners appoint Mike Collins to the Land Bank Authority to assume a term of 10/1/12 to 9/30/15.

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

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Mr. Peter Battani stated the number of foreclosures were down from last year. He stated he sent an email out concerning the 2015 State budget, particularly restoration of state revenue sharing and it meant that full restoration would be at the 2004 level.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maturen stated he attended a presentation by Senior Services. He stated March was County Government month.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairman Buskirk thanked Mr. Battani for his written report. He stated at the Aeronautics Board meeting last week they received numbers and the enplanements were up and the new tower should be up and running soon. He also stated the Aeronautics Board appointed David Reid as the new Airport Director. He stated he attended the City of Kalamazoo Commission meeting last night. He stated he would be attending the MAC Legislative Conference in March. He stated the Governor's attempt to put 3% back in public education was not enough.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Alford expressed her appreciation of kind words by Rico White. She stated there was going to be a musical at Mt. Zion Church on February 23.

Commissioner Iden stated on February 22 at 3 p.m. at Kalamazoo College he would be participating in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was very pleased that the Board adopted the two Groundwater Restricted Use Zones as these had been in the works for many years. She stated Michigan Works! stated the 21 day requirement by the State was proving to be difficult for the PATH Program participants. She stated she would be running for re-election for her 2nd term.

Commissioner Seals thanked Mr. Battani for his written report.

Commissioner Stinchcomb wished current City of Portage Manager Maurice Evans well.

Commissioner Taylor stated he too was seeking re-election to the County Board.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he was pleased Comstock Township and Enbridge had come to an agreement.

Commissioner Zull stated he would like to take a tour of the Airport tower. He stated he too was appreciative of the work Portage City Manager Maurice Evans had done. He stated the

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Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and the Public Housing Commission had been meeting and he stated a request would be forthcoming.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners