

## MINUTES

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, Dave Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Dina Sutton, Sue Darling, Lisa Bradshaw, Sheriff Fuller, David Rachowicz, Undersheriff Matyas, Elizabeth Dancer, Lee Adams, Tina Keifer, Treasurer Balkema, Drain Commissioner Crowley, Prosecuting Attorney Getting, Clerk Snow, Lotta Jarnefelt, Steve Burnham

Chairman Maturen 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 February 19, 2013 totaled \$2,216,028.43. She stated there were two release of funds: Adult Drug Treatment Court Programs \$100,000 and Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services \$215,688.50.

2. Pension Recommendations/Calendar

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator stated no decision was being asked of the Board, it was for discussion only; but would be on the March 5, 2013 Board agenda for approval.

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo included in the packet.

Chairman Maturen stated this was static process and was reviewed on a relatively consistent basis.

Commissioner Seals inquired if the vesting requirements included for union employees and Ms. Moored indicated it was with the exception of the 312 unit. Commissioner Seals wanted to know how the County faired for vesting and Ms. Moored indicated it was all over the place. She stated 8 to 12 was typical.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to know what the average for the wage inflation assumption had been and Ms. Moored indicated it was 2 – 3% over the last several years. Commissioner Taylor stated he was unsure why the County needed to change this.

Commissioner Rogers stated it was difficult to make this decision without knowing what employee benefits were going to come down the road. She didn't want the County to price itself out of marketable employees.

Commissioner Stinchcomb stated he didn't agree with changing the vesting time. He stated he would prefer employees were on performance based.

Commissioner Iden stated he supported changes to the defined benefit plan. He stated the County needed to make real structural changes to ensure this plan stays around.

3. Facilities Master Plan Update

Mr. John Faul, Deputy County Administrator updated the Board on the Gull Road Court Facility Project and reviewed his memo included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

4. Team Building Retreat Agenda

Mr. Battani reviewed the draft agenda for the retreat as included in the packet.

5. Update on District Court Shaver Road Courthouse

Mr. Battani reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated discussions are ongoing and a joint conclusion had not been reached as of yet. He stated District Court had a consent agenda item on tonight's agenda to eliminate a deputy sheriff position that was housed at the facility.

6. Head Start Training

Ms. Elizabeth Dancer, Head Start Director presented a PowerPoint presentation on Head Start.

Ms. Kristi Carambula, KRESA was waiting to hear from Federal government as to who would be awarded the Head Start grant. She anticipated the decision would be made in the spring. She indicated communication was occurring between the County and KRESA.

Some discussion ensued.

7. Land Bank Authority, Riverview Project

Ms. Mary Balkema, Treasurer along with Kelly Clarke, Land Bank Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Riverview Project.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Ms. Clarke for her presentation; she stated this was a partner project with the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Commissioner Stinchcomb clarified that the Land Bank Authority was asking for reallocation of the \$100,000 and Ms. Clarke indicated that was correct.

8. Any other items

Chairman Maturen indicated that the Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board was requesting to have a two commissioners sit on the committee. Commissioners Buskirk and Seals indicated they would serve.

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 Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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David C. Maturen, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners