

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 1, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:27 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrence Neuzil, Lisa Bradshaw, John Faul, Thom Canny, Pat Crowley, Lotta Jarnefelt, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Mary Balkema, Jeff Getting, Tim Snow, Eric McNamara, Randy Winterowd, Dina Sutton

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

1. Community Mental Health Interviews

Commissioner introduced themselves and interviewed Denise Martineau and Moses Walker for reappointment to the Community Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Moore arrived at 4:12 p.m.

Discussion ensued on allowing individuals to serve as mentors or apprentices on advisory boards.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director stated claims for March 1, 2016 totaled \$2,034,614.58. She also indicated there were release of funds to Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services and Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health. She also indicated there were a few departmental budgetary transfers.

3. Alcott Property Update

Mr. Terrence Neuzil, County Administrator indicated the Administration Team was in the process of reviewing the environmental issues at the Alcott Property. He indicated the goal was to seek permission from the Board to look at other sites or direction from the Board to look at property

Commissioner Wordelman stated he wasn't happy that the site had environmental issues nor with Administration's recommendation not to proceed with building on the site, but he felt it was important to rebuild that part of the community. He stated he would like to move forward.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the cross training mentioned by Mr. Neuzil.

Commissioner Tuinier inquired about the other testing that would need to be done at Alcott Street. Mr. Neuzil indicated Mr. Steve Kimm from Fleis and VandenBrink was only able to do minimal testing due to the equipment not being able to go through the soil on the piece of property the County was looking at was the worst section on that property.

Commissioner Tuinier indicated he would support Administration's recommendation.

Commissioner McGraw indicated not all the contaminated material needed to be removed.

Commissioner McGraw stated the County had gone back and forth on the relocation of Health & Community Services and felt it was good for the community to build there.

Mr. Neuzil stated Administration would be aggressive with the relocation of Health & Community Services.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Provancher stated he supported the campus concept, but the way Family Health Center was being built and where Community Mental Health was located it was not a campus concept.

Commissioner Rogers stated the piece of property was the worst part of the land and was worse than originally thought. She stated the City Administration needed to be more willing to work with the County as this was benefiting them as well.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about water runoff issues.

Mr. Kimm addressed some of the contamination concerns.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated the County needed to look at the long-term impact and how building on this site would be beneficial to the community.

Commissioner Seals stated additional concessions from the City needed to occur.

Discussion ensued.

It was the will of the Board to do the geotechnical probing and continue discussions with the City of Kalamazoo.

4. The Use of Employee Personal Time to Vote

This Item was moved to the next meeting.

5. Schedule Meeting with Legislators

Vice Chairman Heppler inquired of the Board topics for the meeting. He indicated the topics would be disseminated at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. NACo Conference Presentation

Commissioner Rogers presented a power point presentation regarding her experience at the NACo Conference.

7. Any other items

Mr. Neuzil stated the RFP's for the HCS Building had been received and a process needed to be set up.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Heppler adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners