

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 3, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:34 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Stephanie Moore and Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Lisa Bradshaw, Mary Balkema, Jeff Getting, Pat Wright, Pat Crowley, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Lynne Norman, Vern Johnson, Randy Winterowd, Rick Fuller, Tim Snow, Paul Matyas, Dina Sutton

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

1. Community Mental Health (CMH) Board Interviews

Commissioners introduced themselves and interviewed the following candidates:

- Carol Black
- Carolyn Alford

Ms. Elizabeth Veenhuis and Ms. Vickie Carr were unable to interview due to the weather.

Chairman Taylor inquired of the Board if they'd be willing to appointment Ms. Black and Ms. Alford to the Community Mental Health Board at tonight's Board meeting under New Business and the Board agreed.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she felt the Board should interview the remaining two candidates at a future meeting to be consistent.

Commissioner Provancher indicated he didn't have a problem with just reappointing Ms. Veenhuis and Ms. Carr.

Chairman Taylor stated he had no issues with reappointing Ms. Veenhuis.

Mr. Patton stated Ms. Veenhuis was a real asset to the CMH Board.

Commissioner Seals concurred with Mr. Patton's comments.

Discussion ensued on the reappointment of Ms. Carr.

Chairman Taylor stated there was consensus to reappoint Ms. Veenhuis and Ms. Carr.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for March 3, 2015 totaled \$1,581,937.61. She indicated there was a release of funds to the Kalamazoo Community Mental health & Substance Abuse Services for their

quarterly distribution in the amount of \$387,600. She also indicated there was a budget increase to the Health & Community Services Department due to grant funds. Ms. Moored also indicated Finance would now process Circuit Court's Expert Witness fees as a weekly payment.

3. Elected Officials Responsibilities During a Disaster

Lt. Ken High, Michigan State Police, presented to the Board the responsibilities of an elected official during a disaster.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Lt. High for his presentation and was pleased to hear that communication was emphasized. She inquired about the process the State Police had for towing companies. Lt. High stated typically the State utilized the local jurisdictions contracts.

Commissioner Seals stated the responsibilities placed upon the Emergency Management Director was significant and the lack of staffing and funding was an issue.

Discussion ensued.

4. KL Landfill Informational Briefing

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

Commissioner Rogers stated Oshtemo Township had held meetings with the citizens within the Township and the surrounding areas.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if the property taxes would be affected and Mr. Canny stated he didn't think so, but that would be up to Oshtemo Township.

Commissioner Rogers stated additional information would be available after the environmental assessment.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired what the County's role would be if it didn't establish a Groundwater Restricted Use Zone. Mr. Canny indicated the EPA and the Courts would require the KL Landfill Group to obtain individual contracts.

Discussion ensued.

5. Parking Ramp Demolition Schedule

Mr. Randy Winterowd, Buildings and Grounds Director, presented to the Board and reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

6. Any other items

Chairman Taylor reminded Commissioners to get their questions for the Executive Search Firm to Human Resources.

Commissioner Rogers presented a PowerPoint presentation on the NACo conference she attended.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Sections 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioners Moore and Tuinier

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners