



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## MINUTES

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

MARCH 6, 2018

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 4:57 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Ron Kendall, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Mike Quinn, Dale Shugars, and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Julie Rogers, Michael Seals

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Lisa Henthorn, Amanda Morse, James VanDyken, Kristine Cunningham, Megan Buwalda, Amber Beebe, Mary Balkema, Jeff Getting, Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachael Grover, Deb Lenz, Tim Meeker, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton

Chair Moore convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:00 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Amanda Morse, Deputy County Administrator stated claims for March 6, 2018 totaled \$2,057,899.00. She indicated there were also release of funds to KCMH&SAS and Kalamazoo Public Housing Commission.



2. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Loan for the Economic Development Corporation of Kalamazoo County

This Item was removed from the agenda.

3. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Loan & Grant – Vicksburg Paper Mill Project

Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director, introduced Ms. Rachael Grover, Resource Coordinator, presented a Power Point presentation concerning the MDEQ Loan & Grant for the Vicksburg Paper Mill Project.

Chair Moore indicated Commissioner Rogers supported this project.

Commissioner Kendall thanked Ms. Grover for her presentation. He inquired when the property was last in use and Ms. Grover indicated it was 2001.

Commissioner Gisler stated this was probably the biggest project in South County in quite some time. He stated he felt it would be beneficial to the community.

Commissioner McGraw stated it was an enormous project and stated it wouldn't be possible without the Land Bank Authority.

Chair Moore stated Ms. Connie Ferguson supported the project.

Commissioner Hall read a statement on behalf of Commissioner Rogers.

Ms. Moored stated the complexity of the project was enormous. She indicated there were a lot of internal partners. She thanked the Brownfield Development Authority. She acknowledge Lotta, Rachael, Tim, Amanda and Lisa for all of their hard work on this project.

Commissioner Kendall inquired about the convention use and Ms. Jackie Koney, Paper City Development indicated it would be a mix use space including concerts, weddings, meetings space, etc.

Mr. Ken Peregon, Chair, BRA stated they appreciated working with County Administration and was very excited about the project.

Mr. Joe Agostinelli, SWMF, stated the vision Paper City, LLC had was remarkable and the project was exciting.

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4. Resolution to Support 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Residential Opportunities Inc.

Commissioner McGraw stated it was his wish for the Board to support this resolution, however, he would like to amend the language some and have the Board approve at their April 17, 2018 meeting.

5. Resolution to Support Autism Month

Commissioner McGraw stated he would like the Board to approve the Resolution at its meeting on April 3, 2018. He stated he wished to have Community Mental Health review the resolution.

6. Any other items

There were no other items.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present  
Nays: None  
Abstains: None  
Absent: Commissioner Rogers, Seals, Tuinier

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

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Stephanie Moore, Chair  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

