

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 15, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:32 p.m. – 6:23 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, John Faul, Thom Canny, Rick Fuller, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Tim Snow, Randy Winterowd, Eric McNamara, Jeff Getting, Pat Crowley, Kristine Cunningham, Dina Sutton

Chairman Taylor convened the Committee of the Whole at 3:32 p.m.

Vice Chair Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, go into a closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with its attorneys regarding material exempt from discussion or disclosure by statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: Commissioners Moore, Tuinier

The motion carried.

Commissioners Moore and Tuinier arrived during Executive Session.

Chairman Taylor reconvened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:24 p.m.

1. Retreat Review & Update

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for March 15, 2016 totaled \$2,579,605.34. She indicated there was release of funds for the PSAPs. She also indicated there were some budget adjustments for the Sheriff's Office.

3. Local Housing Assistance Fund Update Millage

Mr. David Anderson, Chair, Public Housing Commission (PHC) reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know how the PHC would communicate to the County Board as well as what County resources would be utilized. Mr. Anderson indicated the PHC would submit monthly billings to the

County's Finance Department related to any contract with entities. He stated the County would need to decide what level of detail the Board would like to see.

Commissioner Rogers stated at some point she would like the County's Finance Department to weigh in the process and Ms. Moored indicated to review each detail would be cumbersome, but would rely on the auditors opinion.

Commissioner Tuinier inquired about support services and Mr. Anderson stated those services would be contracted out to agencies to manage.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the definition of being homeless and how or who collected that information. Mr. Anderson indicated KRESA along with its Homeless Liaisons collected that data based on a questionnaire.

4. Draft Agenda for Legislators Meeting

Chairman Taylor asked the Board to pick their top two items.

It was decided that the following items would be on the agenda: DHS/Alcott, Alerts for Emergencies, expansion of the Public Housing Commission.

5. Use of Employee Personal Time to Vote

Commissioner Provancher stated employees were required to use personal or vacation time to vote on election days. He stated it was his opinion employees should not be forced to use their own time to vote.

Ms. Moored indicated it would be difficult for supervisors to allow employees time off to vote during the day.

Commissioner Moore stated she felt the Board should consider allowing employees the right to vote.

Vice Chairperson stated he encouraged employees to vote but he could not support allowing employees to take time off during the day to go vote.

Commissioner Rogers stated the Board should take a stance that the employees be allowed to vote during the day.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor asked Commissioners Provancher and Wordelman to work with Human Resources on language and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

6. Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution

Chairman Taylor indicated this resolution would be on the agenda in two weeks for a vote of the people.

Discussion ensued.

7. Any other items

Chairman Taylor asked the Board if it was ok to add to the April 5th Board agenda a Public Health Resolution.

Commissioner Seals indicated at the next meeting he would ask the Board to review a resolution for a Veteran's Affairs employee.

8. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at the start of the meeting.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners