

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2014

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Maturen, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on March 18, 2014

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner Michael Seals.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Seals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, David Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull.

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Linda Vail, HCS Director; Mary Balkema, Treasurer; Kelly Clarke, Land Bank Executive Director; Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the March 4, 2014, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Seals presented the following communication, which is on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Resolution from Ottawa County calling upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and fully fund county revenue sharing payments for FY 2015.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Chairperson Maturen stated that Citizens' Time was when any citizen could address the Board on a non-agenda item. He said anyone wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item should come to the podium, give their name and address, and limit their remarks to four minutes. He said if anyone would like to speak about an item that was on the consent agenda, they could ask that it be removed from the consent agenda at this time or he would provide an opportunity just prior to that section of the agenda.

Mr. Frank Thompson, Kalamazoo stated he was very disappointed with former Kalamazoo City Manager, Ken Collard. He urged the Board not to sell Bronson Park to the City of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Ted Vliek, Kalamazoo stated the work the Land Bank Authority had done was transformational. He stated many of the houses, buildings, etc. the Land Bank Authority had acquired have turned into wonderful properties.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Resolution Honoring Bill Wright

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Bill Wright will always be remembered for his charismatic personality and his business slogan, "Yes We Can!" But to many, Bill will be remembered for his generosity and advocacy for vulnerable people, especially children. Bill was kind and giving to a fault, and his love for his wife, Ann, his sons, Kyle and Logan, his step-son Corey Cook, and his family and friends, will continue to have an impact in our community. His wholehearted commitment and modeling that gave hope to kids and inspired adults to advocate for them as well as his random acts of kindness will be his legacy; and

WHEREAS, William G. Wright was born in Saginaw Michigan where he learned firsthand the hardships and burdens thrust upon many children. He developed a determination that his destiny was going to be in his hands and began taking care of himself at age 14. Although not gifted in formal education, he was bright and mentally quick. He excelled and enjoyed sports and oftentimes credited sports as being a safe haven for many youth. After settling in Kalamazoo, MI as a young man, Bill became a successful businessman because of his drive, instincts and dynamic leadership. He employed and mentored many people through his car dealerships and parlayed his financial standing into community initiatives. In both realms, he became known as the "Yes, We Can!" man; and

WHEREAS, Bill's love for baseball, this community and children, inspired him to become a co-owner and President of the Kalamazoo Kings Professional Baseball Team. His "Yes, We Can!" slogan and his generosity both excited and inspired staff, players and fans. Bill spent much of his time sharing his life story, lessons learned and lessons he was hoping to learn, with youth and adults who may benefit from his message; and

WHEREAS, Bill's most visible community related achievement was becoming the founder and President of Wright for Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children.

Many will remember Rock for Kids, an annual rock concert fundraiser, but more importantly, others will remember his tireless and daily efforts to make life better for those most in need, especially our children. Bill quietly supported and participated in numerous acts of giving and service; and

WHEREAS, Although Bill was looking forward to future retirement and spending time in Florida, his heart and philanthropy remained steadfast in this community. With his passing, the Christmas Wish families, The City of Kalamazoo Police Department's Youth Leadership Academy participants, numerous other non-profit agencies and especially his loved ones, friends, and neighbors will miss our "Yes, We Can!" man, but his "Yes We Can" spirit is his gift and legacy to us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners honors the life of William G. "Bill" Wright and thanks him for his legacy of advocacy in our community.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

Ms. Ann Wright thanked the Board for honoring Mr. Wright and it was her honor to accept the resolution in honor of her husband, Bill Wright.

B. Land Bank Authority Annual Report

Ms. Mary Balkema, Treasurer; Kelly Clarke, Land Bank Executive Director did a PowerPoint presentation on the 2013 Land Bank Annual Report.

Commissioner Taylor complimented Treasurer Balkema for putting properties back on the tax roll.

Commissioner Zull thanked Ms. Balkema and her staff.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if less staff was needed since the NSP2 Grant was no longer and Ms. Balkema indicated that was not necessarily true as there were still many projects to be done.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring Gloria Dennis

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Gloria Dennis has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of March 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Dennis has faithfully served as a Senior Account Specialist; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kalamazoo wishes to acknowledge and honor employees who have longevity under the umbrella of County Government, since it is through longevity that expertise in the employee's particular field is achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge with gratitude the many years of dedication and service Gloria Dennis has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

Circuit Court

D. Request for Approval of Creation of Position (General Fund)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the creation of the following position:

CREATE:

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
10088-XXX	Referee	k12	\$61,048 - \$82,430	1.0	101-135-704.00

Community Corrections

E. Request for Approval of Appointment to Community Correction Advisory Board

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Appointments:

Position	Nominee	Term Expiring
Local Law Enforcement	Tim Bourgeois	09-30-2014
Circuit Court	Judge Alexander Lipsey	09-30-2014
District Court	Judge Paul Bridenstine	09-30-2014
Service Area Representative	Robert Butkiewicz	09-30-2014
Prosecuting Attorney	Jeffrey Getting	09-30-2014
Business Community	Antonio Mitchell	09-30-2014
Sheriff	Richard Fuller, III	09-30-2015
Probate Court	Steven Burnham	09-30-2015
County Commissioner	M. Jeff Heppler	09-30-2015
Defense Attorney	Keith Turpel	09-30-2015
Probation	Lara Neuman	09-30-2015
Media	John McNeill	09-30-2015

F. Request for Approval of a Contract with Community Mental Health

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Community Mental Health for clinician to perform on-site screening of Community Corrections clients for 20 hours a month in the amount of \$6,000 for the period of October 1, 2013 through

September 30, 2014; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Drain Commissioner

G. Request for Approval of Temporary Fund Request for Revolving Drain Fund

That the Board of Commissioners authorize a temporary, one-time increase of funds until May 31, 2015 in the amount of \$100,000 to the Revolving Drain Fund to be used for the Lexington Green Drain.

Health & Community Services

H. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement & Business Associate Agreement with Community Aids Resource and Education Services (CARES)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement & Business Associate Agreement with CARES to refer HIV positive clients for medical case management effective January 1, 2014; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of Amendment #4 to LCA 13-39015 with the Michigan Department of Human Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #4 to LCA 13-39015 with the Michigan Department of Human Services to provide heating fuel assistance as part of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the increased funding award of \$53,550 for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014; a copy of said Amendment #4 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. Request for Approval of a Partnership Agreement with Northside Association for Community Development

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Partnership Agreement with Northside Association for Community Development to support the Skills to Build Program designed to train and certify individuals in the field of construction, weatherization and home repair at a cost of \$100 per participant with a maximum participation of 25 for the period of March 1, 2014 through March 30, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. Request for Approval of Place-Based Targeting Strategy with MSHDA as Part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

That the Board of Commissioners approve Place-Based Targeting Strategy with MSHDA as required by the Community Development Block Grant; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

L. Request for Approval of Creation of a Position (Grant Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the creation of the following position:

Create:

Account #	Title/Position #	FTE	Grade	Salary	Effective
280-131	Program Coordinator # TBD	1.0	K9	\$44,470-\$60,049	3/19/14

Michigan Works!M. Request for Approval of Fidelity Bonding Program 14-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Fidelity Bonding Program 14-00, insurance coverage to employers through the appropriation of Wagner-Peyser Employment Service funds; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. Request for Approval of Michigan Works! System Plan 14-00

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Michigan Works! System Plan 14-00, a non-financial administrative document that incorporates a range of forms, certifications, stipulations and procedures required for programs funded through the Office of Workforce Development for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community DevelopmentO. Request for Approval of 2014 Remonumentation Grant from the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2014 Remonumentation Grant from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs in the amount of \$104,349 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

P. Request for Approval of Amendments with Surveyors

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment with Surveyors for the Remonumentation Program based on the 2013 Fee Schedule as approved by the Board; a copy of said Amendments to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Prosecuting AttorneyQ. Request for Approval to Accept Grant Award from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) for the 2014 Crime Victim Rights Week

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept a Grant Award of \$500 from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan for the 2014 Crime Victim Rights Week.

SheriffR. Request for Approval of 2013-2014 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement (HMEP)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2013-2014 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement in the amount of \$5,790 for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

S. Request for Approval of Amendment to Agreement with EZ Payment Systems, LLC

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment with EZ Payment Systems, LLC to reflect fee changes; a copy of said Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

TreasurerT. Request for Approval to Deed Properties to Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority

That the Board of Commissioners deed 1318 Humphrey and 1616 Humphrey to the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority.

Board of CommissionersU. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated March 18, 2014", noting claims in the total amount of \$1,827,517.04, be approved; that the County Clerk be authorized to certify to the County Treasurer that the Board has approved on this date the disbursements in the list dated March 18, 2014, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

V. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services for space at the Gull Road Court Facility to operate Wraparound and Juvenile Mental Health Screening Services Program; a copy of said Memorandum of Understanding to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

W. Request for Approval of Bronson Park Lease with the City of Kalamazoo

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Bronson Park Lease with the City of Kalamazoo for a one year period in the amount of \$1.00; a copy of said Lease to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

X. Request for Approval of Appointments/Reappointments to the Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board and Building Authority

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following appointments/reappointments:

Appointments to the Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board

- Johnnie Berry (Consumer) to serve a 3 year term commencing 04/01/2014 and ending on 03/31/2017
- Elizabeth Dancer (Private) to serve a 3 year term commencing 04/01/2014 and ending on 03/31/2017
- Lori Mercedes (Private) to serve a 3 year term commencing 04/01/2014 and ending on 03/31/2017

Reappointments to the Building Authority

- Fred Einspahr to serve another 3 year term commencing 05/01/2014 and ending on 04/30/2017 (originally appointed in 2006)

- Jerry Blaisdell to serve another 3 year term commencing 05/01/2014 and ending on 04/30/2017 (originally appointed in 2008)

Y. Request for Approval of Reappointments to the Community Mental Health Board

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following reappointments:

- Sharon Spears – originally appointed in 2007 to the Family Sector
- Patricia Guenther – originally appointed in 2006 to the Family Sector
- Erik Krogh – originally appointed in 2006 to the General Public Sector

Reappoint all three for another 3 year term commencing April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2017.

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that Items C. through Y., be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
 Nays: None
 Abstains: None
 Absent: None

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Items are Non-Consent Agenda Items and will be voted on individually.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

There was no new business.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Mr. Peter Battani stated he didn't have anything to add to his written report.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maturen thanked Mr. Battani on his work on HB 5097. He congratulated Brad Boss for being appointed to Civil Rights Committee. He congratulated Clerk Tim Snow for joining with the Secretary of State on a pilot project electronic reporting for campaign finances.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

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Vice Chairman Buskirk stated the new tower at the Airport was now up and running. He stated he participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade last Saturday.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Seals asked everyone to thank the veterans for serving.

Commissioner Stinchcomb stated the State awarded the KCRC \$1.4 million additional dollars for roads. He congratulated WMU for making it to the NCAA tournament.

Commissioner Taylor invited everyone to the ISAAC Banquet on March 29.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he would be seeking re-election to the Board for the next term.

Commissioner Zull stated Ms. Vail was leaving the County and was sad to see her go.

Commissioner Heppler stated he was pleased the State awarded some additional funds for roads as he was very concerned with the County's infrastructure. He announced he was seeking re-election to the Board for the next term.

Commissioner Rogers invited everyone to join her in a Walk for the Homeless on Saturday, March 22 at 9 a.m.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners