

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 19, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:04 p.m. – 5:44 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, Dave Maturen, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Alford, Rogers and Seals

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Dina Sutton, Pat Crowley, Mary Balkema, Jason Gainsley, Lisa Bradshaw, Sheriff Fuller, Tim Snow, Tom Shull, Steve Burnham, Lee Adams, Lotta Jarnefelt

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:04 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director introduced Mr. Jason Gainsley as the new Human Resources Director. She stated claims for March 19, 2013 totaled \$2,258,684.42. Ms. Moored indicated there was one release of funds for the State of Michigan, Child Care Funds in the amount of \$212,000.

2. Allocated Fund Balance

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Heppler inquired if the \$150,000 allocation to SWMF was in addition to what we currently give them. Ms. Moored indicated this was an additional allocation of \$75,000 for the years of 2013 and 2014. He inquired about the parking ramp for the Administration Building and Ms. Moored stated the \$2.2 million was demolition only and discussion was ongoing about what to do about parking for the Administration Building.

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel indicated when the Healy Street facilities was complete, some of the tenants in the Administration Building would move to that location and lessen the urgent need.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at 4:13 p.m.

3. Creation of Five F09 Control Operator Positions

Sheriff Richard Fuller reviewed his memo in the packet. Captain Shull reviewed staffing needs for the expanded jail.

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator indicated Administration approved this request and formal action would be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if these employees were civilians or deputies and Sheriff Fuller indicated they would be part of the union.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Maturen indicated this would be under New Business at tonight's Board meeting.

4. County-wide Transportation System White Paper Feedback

Mr. Battani reviewed the White Paper as included in the packet. He stated the White Paper had been presented to various groups and he indicated a lot of feedback had been received primarily by Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Zull was concerned with the County not holding the City of Kalamazoo responsible.

Commissioner Taylor concurred with Commissioner Zull's concerns.

Commissioner Iden inquired of whom was leading the group discussions and Mr. Battani indicated Mr. Tim Fallon would lead the group and had been a part of these discussions for many years. Commission Iden stated the County needed to lead the discussions and be in charge of the direction of this project.

5. Shaver Road Facility Update

Mr. Battani stated no recommendation or proposal was available at this time but hoped one would be available at the April 2 meeting. He indicated he along with Mr. Canny had met with the City of Portage and he believed a good resolution to the situation had been reached with keeping the integrity of the court consolidated agreement.

Commissioner Taylor stated he would be critical if the County offered operating expenses to the City of Portage.

6. Settlement with County Employee

Mr. Canny indicated the reason for lack of information was because the language of the agreement had not been finalized until today. Mr. Canny indicated a claim was brought forward by an employee and her spouse concerning a matter in which Sergeant Emmert videotaped an employee breast feeding. This agreement would settle this claim.

7. Any other items

There were no other items.

8. Executive Session

Commissioner Tuinier moved that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Sections 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: Commissioners Alford, Rogers, Seals

The motion carried.

The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 5:10 p.m. and returned to regular session at 5:44 p.m.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners