

## MINUTES

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

APRIL 4, 2017

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:59 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Ron Kendall, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Mike Quinn, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Thom Canny, Dina Sutton, Kristine Cunningham, Amanda Morse, Lotta Jarnefelt, Tim Snow, Judge Santoni, Ann Filkins, Amber Beebe,

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

#### 1. Community Mental Health Interviews

Commissioner's introduced themselves and interviewed the following candidates:

-  Erik Krogh
-  Lisa White
-  Sharon Spears
-  Pat Guenther

Commissioner Tuinier arrived at 4:06 p.m.

Commissioner Gisler arrived at 4:14 p.m.

Vice Chair Moore indicated she thought both Mr. Krogh and Ms. White would be beneficial to the Board, however, Mr. Krogh was the Chair and had done a wonderful job.

Commissioner Hall concurred with Vice Chair Moore.

Commissioner Seals indicated Mr. Krogh had been a strong back bone for the Board and provided a level of expertise that was beneficial.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated Mr. Krogh was a very qualified individual for the Board, he would like the Board to consider term limits for Board members to allow others to serve.

Commissioner Rogers stated she supported Mr. Krogh and would not be supportive of term limits.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Board to reappointment Erik Krogh, Pat Guenther and Sharon Spears.

#### 2. Public Housing Commission Appointment Discussion

Chairman Shugars indicated it was the consensus of the Board to appoint David Anderson to the Public Housing Commission.

3. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Amanda Morse, Finance Operations Manager stated claims for April 4, 2017 totaled \$2,640,682.48.

4. Indigent Defense Update

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as included in the Packet. He indicated a Plan would be brought before the Board in June as the minimum standards being expected by the State were forthcoming.

Commissioner Kendall inquired if the State was paying their fair share of the bill of current indigent defense and inquired how the two proposed models funding would be affected.

Commissioner Seals stated it was very important and he was supportive of creating a Public Defender Office.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired if there was an estimated FTE compared to the current system and in addition to the new standards.

Mr. Canny indicated initial work had been done however, he was not ready to disclose the information at this time as it was in its infant stage.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was supportive of establishing a Public Defender Office.

Vice Chair Moore stated she too was supportive of establishing a Public Defender Office. She inquired if it would be a non-profit organization and be able to raise funds or County Office.

Mr. Canny indicated the County would need to look into that further.

Vice Chair Moore indicated it would be beneficial for the Board Leadership to be engaged in this process.

5. Resolution Standards

Vice Chair Moore stated it would be beneficial for the Board to have a conversation concerning resolutions. She indicated it was becoming overwhelming to staff and Commissioners. She stated Resolutions that do not address vision or connected to the work the County already did shouldn't be done.

Commissioner Quinn stated he respectfully disagreed with Vice Chair Moore. He did not agree with a vetting process. He indicated residents often brought resolutions to the Board and it was their right to have their opinions conveyed.

Commissioner Rogers stated it was her understanding there was a process in place. She stated Commissioners should be allowed to bring a Resolution forward.

Chair Shugars stated Administration had provided Board Leadership with the number of Resolutions being done and he felt it important to set guidelines. He stated it was important for the Board to avoid conflict.

Commissioner Kendall stated at the State level there was a limit in how many Resolutions Commissioners would be able to bring forward and inquired if that would that be a possibility for the County.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he agreed with the Chair's comments. He stated the Board had an overwhelming number of Resolutions as well as the content of Resolutions had changed.

Commissioner Hall stated she agreed with Commissioner Quinn.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the unintended consequence of the conversation taking place. He stated Resolutions served several purposes, one being, priorities of the Board.

Vice Chair Moore stated Resolutions should connect to the County.

Commissioner Seals stated he was the one that stated that past Board Leadership were the Gate Keepers and it was difficult to get an item on the agenda. He stated any Commissioner had the right to bring a Resolution forward and he felt the full Board should review each Resolution.

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator stated she understood the discussion on process was important.

Commissioner Gisler stated the discussion was beneficial.

6. Resolution Supporting the Formation of the Kalamazoo Prisoner ReEntry Coalition

Commissioner Rogers stated it was her wish that the Board adopt this Resolution.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he supported the Resolution; he inquired if a Resolution was the proper format to get the message across.

Commissioner Rogers stated some of the partners had approached the State with no avail and this would put some pressure on the State.

Commissioner Quinn stated he would support this Resolution.

Commissioner Seals stated he too would support this Resolution. He stated this was vital to the community.

Commissioner Gisler concurred with other Commissioners;

Vice Chair Moore stated based on Commissioner Rogers comments this would nudge the State, but she did not feel a Resolution would be effective. She stated the Board needed to take it a step further. She indicated the County may already have programs that already did this.

Commissioner Tuinier concurred with Vice Chair Moore's comments.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he felt this conversation was beneficial.

Chair Shugars indicated it would be on a future agenda and was asking Commissioners to step up and serve on the Coalition.

Commissioner Rogers indicated she would like this on the next agenda for a vote.

7. Any other items

8. Executive Session

Commissioner Seals 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 Section 8 MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained and Section 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: None

The motion carried.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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Dale Shugars, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners