

## MINUTES

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

APRIL 7, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:59 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Provancher

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Bradshaw, Mary Balkema, Sue Sayles, Amanda Woodin, Suzanne Darling, Rachel Grover, Rick Fuller, Lotta Jarnefelt, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for April 7, 2015 totaled \$2,386,745.31. She indicated there was a budget line item for the automation fund.

2. Child Care Fund Update

Ms. Suzanne Darling, Circuit Court Administrator, presented the Board with an update on the Child Care Fund. She provided the Board with a chart that included the Out of Home Placement costs. She indicated since Circuit Court took over payments were up to date. She indicated complaint calls received had decreased. She indicated there were continued discussions and collaborations. She stated on March 31, 2015 6,062 blue ribbons were placed on a tree at the Radisson Plaza Hotel representing the number of child abuse cases in Kalamazoo County that were reported in 2014. She stated on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. there would be a Blue Ribbon Ceremony.

Discussion ensued.

3. Groundwater Restricted Use Zone in Oshtemo Township for the KL Avenue Landfill

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as distributed.

Commissioner McGraw wanted to know if citizens were made aware of the zones and Mr. Canny indicated they were.

Commissioner Wordelman wanted clarification that the KL Avenue Landfill group was providing water service to those affected and Mr. Canny indicated that was correct and continued monitoring would also be done.

Commissioner Shugars wanted to know if there was new ownership of the affected property how would the new owners be notified and Mr. Canny indicated it was up to the sellers to disclose that information.

Discussion ensued.

4. Dispatch Update

Vice Chairperson Heppler stated the Dispatch Authority was asking the County for a loan to assist the Authority with funding for services the Authority may need until monies started being collected via the levy.

Mr. Canny indicated at the meeting on Thursday a discussion would be held on what finances would be needed. He also indicated the Authority needed to hire a search firm to assist with the hiring of a director.

Commissioner Shugars wanted to know if there was a budget available and Mr. Canny indicated that discussion would occur at the Dispatch meeting on Thursday.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know if the other PSAPs were contributing to the loan and Mr. Canny indicated that was not the case at this point.

Commissioner Seals stated the other PSAPs had contributed a lot of staff time and had been working together already.

Discussion ensued.

Treasurer Mary Balkema stated she did not want to call it a loan; she'd rather have it called cash advancement.

5. Responsible Bidder Policy Discussion

Chairman Taylor stated he comprised a committee of a few Commissioners to meet and discussed this topic.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he along with a few other commissioners met with Lisa Bradshaw and Thom Canny. He indicated another meeting was scheduled for this Friday.

Commissioner McGraw indicated staff was researching monies, etc.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like information ahead of time before the next discussion.

6. Legislative Agenda Items

Chairman Taylor stated a meeting with the local Legislators would be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and he was asking Commissioners for topics for the agenda.

Several Commissioners suggested agenda items. The Chair stated he along with the Vice Chairman and Administration would put together an agenda for the meeting.

7. County Administrator Search

Ms. Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director stated a special meeting would be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. with GovHR to discuss the specifics of the timeline, candidate characteristics specifics, etc.

8. Any other items

Vice Chairperson Heppler stated a number of meetings have occurred on facilities and wanted the Board to give authority to allow Administration to attend meetings concerning property the County may be interested in purchasing and/or leasing.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he emailed an update to the Board concerning a meeting he and Commissioner Shugars attended on the Business Research Technology Park, specifically PA 425.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the campaign for Transit millage was underway and distributed forms for Commissioners to sign and support.

Commissioner Moore stated she wanted to express her deep dissatisfaction by the outburst made by Commissioner Seals earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Moore stated she sent an email concerning her removal from the CATAB. She stated she would like to have a discussion at a future meeting concerning policies and procedures concerning appointments to advisory boards.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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John Taylor, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners