

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 2013

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 April 16, 2013.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner Roger Tuinier.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Tuinier 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; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow. Tina Becker, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the April 2, 2013, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Tuinier presented the following communications which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Notice of Public Hearing from Township of Schoolcraft on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Outerwears, Inc.
- b) A Notice of Public Hearing from Charter Township of Comstock on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Hark Orchids, LP.

- c) A Resolution from Oceana County urging the Governor and Michigan Legislature to save taxpayer dollars, save lives, and improve the economy by making the necessary investments to repair the roads and bridges.

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.

Ms. Linda Teeter of Kalamazoo stated she served as Chair of the Transportation Authority. She wanted to remind everyone to vote May 7 for the Countywide Public Transit Millage Renewal and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Ms. Monica Westover of Kalamazoo voiced her concerns about fireworks and mortar balls being lit off in her neighborhood and over her home.

Mr. Lindsey Bell, Pastor at First United Baptist Church of Kalamazoo was disturbed by comments from citizens about individuals losing property to foreclosure. He felt these people were being levied with certain rules and statues. He had concerns the process of homes being taken and felt people should acquire assistance to bring homes up to code.

Ms. Cynthia Owens-White voiced her concerns about several properties foreclosed upon.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Request for Approval of Resolution Honoring Donald Jarzambek

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

WHEREAS, Donald Jarzambek retired from Kalamazoo County, effective March 9, 2013;
and

WHEREAS, Donald served at the helm of the Kalamazoo County Veterans Service Office since November, 2000 and will continue to serve Veterans of Kalamazoo County in retirement through work at Western Michigan University and as a committed volunteer; and

WHEREAS, serving as the Veterans Service Director, Donald oversaw all organizational and personnel matters related to the Veterans Office to assure that Kalamazoo County Veterans were served with honor and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Donald was extensively involved in the Kalamazoo Community as an advocate for Veterans and issues important to Veterans through his work on numerous community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Donald worked tirelessly with great commitment to assure that Veterans were honored throughout the year including Memorial Day, September 11th, Veterans Stand Down, and Veterans Day events and ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Donald has time and time again demonstrated unwavering commitment to his Country and to his fellow Veterans by going above and beyond the call of duty in his service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Donald on his retirement and thank him for his leadership and dedication to serving the Veterans of Kalamazoo County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

B. Request for Approval of Resolution Honoring M. Sue Weir

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

WHEREAS, Marjorie Sue Weir retired from Kalamazoo County, effective March 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sue served as the Veterans Service Specialist within the Kalamazoo County Veterans Service Office since February, 2001 and served Veterans of Kalamazoo County prior to that in her role with the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, serving as the Veterans Service Specialist, Sue provided quality service to countless Veterans to assure that Kalamazoo County Veterans were served with honor and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Sue's work with Veterans has lead to direct improvement of the quality of life for many Veterans in Kalamazoo County; and

WHEREAS, Sue has worked tirelessly with great commitment to assist in navigating the Veterans Affairs systems in order to assure that Veterans were honored by receiving benefits due to them for their service to this country; and

WHEREAS, Sue has time and time again demonstrated unwavering commitment to her work and to the men and women who have served this Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Sue on her retirement and thank her for her passion and dedication to serving the Veterans of Kalamazoo County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Equalization Report

Ms. Bonnie Payton and Matt Hansen presented the Equalization Report for 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

D. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring Glenn Andrew Olson

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Glenn Andrew Olson has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of April 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Andrew Olson has faithfully served as a Deputy/CO II; 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 Glenn Andrew Olson has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

Equalization

E. Request for Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2013 Equalization Report

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 211.34, as amended, of the Compiled Property Tax Laws of Michigan requires that the County Board of Commissioners shall examine the assessment rolls of each township and city within the County and shall equitably and uniformly equalize the Real and

Personal Property separately by adding to or deducting from the valuation of taxable property in any township or city such an amount as in its judgment will produce an equitable County total equalized valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has received a copy of the 2013 Equalized Valuation Report prepared by the Equalization Department; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2013 equalized valuations of Kalamazoo County as presented in the Equalization Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the 2013 County equalized valuation for the County of Kalamazoo as

\$8,425,663,793 (eight billion, four hundred twenty-five million, six hundred sixty-three thousand, seven hundred ninety three dollars) equalized by class pursuant to MCL 211.34 as follows:

Agricultural - \$ 246,429,582	Timber Cutover - \$ -0-
Commercial - \$1,494,605,525	Developmental - \$ -0-
Industrial - \$ 363,764,345	Personal - \$901,028,023
Residential - \$5,419,836,318	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total County equalized valuation is apportioned to the various townships and cities as they are on the detached Equalized Valuation Report.

F. Request for Approval of Contract with M.A. Bail Appraisal Service to Complete 2013 Commercial and Industrial Equalization Study

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with M.A. Bail Appraisal Service to Complete 2013 Commercial and Industrial Equalization Study in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health & Community Services

G. Request for Approval to Seek and Accept a Grant Award from Western Michigan University (WMU) School of Medicine for the July Health Equity Summit

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to seek and accept a Grant Award from Western Michigan University (WMU) School of Medicine for the July Health Equity Summit in the amount of \$1,000; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of a Catering and Sales Agreement with the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Catering and Sales Agreement with the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites for the Health Equity Summit in the amount of \$700/room and \$3,000 for catering services; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health Agency (CMH)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with CMH to provide case management services to pregnant residents who may already be receiving mental health and/or substance abuse services in the amount of \$54,500 for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. Request for Approval of an Agreement for Advertising with MLive Media Group

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for Advertising for the Household Hazardous Waste Program with MLive Media Group in the amount of \$5,000 for the period of April 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Human Resources

K. Request for Approval of Amendment to Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Michigan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Amendment to Administrative Services Contract with BCBS to be compliant with federal regulations; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

L. Request for Approval of a Contract with HayGroup

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with HayGroup to perform job evaluations on an appeal basis, for any new jobs created, or positions that change in scope; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Vice Chair Buskirk left at 7:20 p.m.

Information Systems

M. Request for Approval of IBM Customer Agreement and IBM Master Services Attachment for ServiceElite

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute IBM Customer Agreement and IBM Master Services Attachment for ServiceElite to govern future transactions by which the County purchases equipment, licenses ICA Programs, obtains program licenses, acquires services, etc from either IBM or an IBM reseller; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

N. Request for Approval of Temporary Employee

That the Board of Commissioners approve the extension of a temporary employee for Airport Security Detail.

Board of Commissioners

O. 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 April 16,

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2013", noting claims in the total amount of \$1,499,505.94, 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 April 16, 2013, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

P. Request for Approval of Amendment to Personnel Policies

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Amendment to Personnel Policies as included in the Packet.

Q. Request for Approval of Agreement for Improvements to Lamont Street

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for improvements to Lamont Street; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Tuinier moved and it was duly seconded that Items D. through Q., 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:	Commissioner Buskirk

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

Mr. Battani stated he had a flyer he would share with the Board of the Earth Day Activity Scheduled for April 22, 2013.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

He stated he felt the Bender Retreat went well. He thanked the media for keeping on top of information of county issues and events and sharing with the public.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

There was no Vice Chair report.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Tuinier felt the retreat was beneficial. He encouraged everyone to keep the people in Boston MA in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Rogers encouraged everyone to vote May 7. She stated she attended the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Day at the Capital with Linda Vail. She encouraged Commissioners to look into the Medicare Expansion issue and talk to legislators about it. She echoed Commissioner Tuinier's comment on the Boston tragedy. She encouraged participating in the Marathon Borgess Run for Health Of It on May 5.

Commissioner Taylor stated to be prepared for Oshtemo Township to be in attendance on the Fireworks issue.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners