



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

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KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 17, 2018

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:18 p.m. – 5:23 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: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Lisa Henthorn, Amanda Morse, Kristine Cunningham, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton, Jim VanDyken, Lotta Jarnefelt, Jim Rutherford, Mary Balkema, Pat Crowley, Thom Canny, Matt Hansen, Vern Johnson, Jeff Getting

Chair Moore convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:00 p.m.

1. Review of Disbursements - Ms. Amanda Morse

Ms. Amanda Morse, Deputy County Administrator indicated there were disbursements in the amount of \$1,644,072.40.0

2. Non-Potable Water Well Permitting - Mr. Jim Rutherford

Mr. Jim Rutherford, HCS Director presented a Power Point presentation on Non-Potable Water Well Permitting.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked Mr. Rutherford for his presentation and his work on this issue. He stated he supported this proposal.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if there was a solution in search of a problem. Mr. Rutherford indicated it would be remise to ignore it.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about the heat exchange systems and Mr. Rutherford indicated a well accessed the groundwater and then fed into the house for heat.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was overall supportive of the plan. She indicated it supported public health to have safe drinking water. She indicated Oshtemo Township residents were very supportive of this.

Commissioner Hall thanked Mr. Rutherford for his presentation. She wanted to know why this hadn't been done in the past. Mr. Vern Johnson indicated the County looked at the issue about 10 years ago and there wasn't much support for it at the time.

Vice Chair Shugars indicated the Farm Bureau should be involved to get their input, as well as other organizations. He warned of unintentional consequences.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the cutoff of 70 gallons per minute threshold.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the City of Kalamazoo had a permit and testing system. He indicated the plan had been worked on for over three years.

Mr. Rutherford indicated a public hearing would be held.

Commissioner Tuinier indicated it appeared there were concerns with the process not necessarily the location of where the well was located.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Moore stated she was supportive of this plan.

3. Opioid Update - Ms. Tracie Moored

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator indicated Administration had assembled a group and a meeting was in the process of scheduling a meeting. She indicated Administration had developed and RFP for the potential lawsuit.

Commissioner McGraw indicated he was not supportive with moving forward with a potential lawsuit.

4. Partnership with LISC - Ms. Tracie Moored

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator indicated there was information in the packet concerning Kalamazoo Affordable Housing Fund Initiative. She indicated there were several partnerships within the community. She indicated the County would like to partner by having a MOU for space within the County Administration Building.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about providing space now and would that mean LISC would move to the new County Services Building.

Ms. Moored indicated it would be a three year lease for space in the County Administration Building at this time.

Commissioner Wordelman stated utilizing vacant space within the building was a good idea and partnering with LISC was great for the community.

Commissioner Seals stated he was supportive of this initiative and partnership.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was also supportive of this initiative and was an addition to what was being done by the Public Housing Commission.

Commissioner Hall stated she also wanted to make sure Public Housing Commission was financially supported.

Chair Moore stated she was supportive of this collaborative initiative. She indicated in the past she had done some consulting with LISC but no longer does.

5. Bronson Park Lease Extension - Discussion Only - Ms. Beth White

Ms. Beth White, Corporate Counsel stated the lease of the park to the City had expired. Administration was proposing a three year lease with the City allowing both parties to look closer at

Commissioner Gisler inquired about the cost of the lease and Ms. White indicated there was no cost associated.

Commissioner Rogers stated moving forward she requested updates from the City on any changes to the park.

Commissioner Seals stated he would like language to allow military ceremonies to the County at no charge.

Vice Chair Shugars stated the County could ask for certain items not cautioned the County not to draw lines in the sand.

Commissioner Seals stated he had a conversation with Mr. Ritsema concerning ceremonies and he indicated Mr. Ritsema would support not charging for those ceremonies.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would be supportive of transferring ownership to the City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Rogers stated the park was deeded to the County and was restrictive.

6. 2019 Budget Discussion - Ms. Tracie Moored

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator indicated the County was about to embark on the 2019 budget process. She indicated a resident survey would be offered this year as well as implementing performance measurements for departments. She indicated the budget kickoff meetings will be held in August.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was supportive of a resident survey. She suggested sending the survey

to advisory board solicitation list.

She inquired about the performance measurements for the departments. Ms. Moored indicated it was a way for Administration and the Board to compare information.

Vice Chair Shugars stated he looked at the survey and applauded Administration for offering this to citizens.

Commissioner Gisler stated he was excited about the two new items.

7. Any other items

There were no other items.

8. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Stephanie Moore, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners