

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRL 18, 2017

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Shugars, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on April 18, 2017.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Joe Schmitt, Deacon at St. Thomas More on behalf of Commissioner Tracy Hall.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: 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.

Administrators Present: Tracie Moored, County Administrator/Controller; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Paul Matyas, Undersheriff; David Rachowicz, Parks Director; Matt Hansen, Equalization Director; Steve Burnham, Probate Court Administrator; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the April 4, 2017 Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

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

- a) An Email from Ms. Melanie Simpson asking the Board to support the Enbridge Resolution.
- b) An Email from Ms. Sharyl Weber concerning the reference to systemic racism at the last meeting.

Commissioner Rogers stated she received emails to support Enbridge resolution and the prisoner reentry resolution.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Chairperson Shugars 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.

Several citizen's addressed the Board concerning the Enbridge resolution.

Commissioner McGraw moved and it was duly seconded to move into recess.

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

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Dennis Schrantz, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning the support of the Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Resolution on the non-consent agenda.

Mr. Ben Damerow, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning the support of the Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Resolution on the non-consent agenda.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring Mary Haskamp

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

WHEREAS, Mary Haskamp has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of April 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mary Haskamp has faithfully served as Deputy Probate Administrator/Register; 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 Mary Haskamp has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Mary Haskamp read a prepared statement and thanked the Board for honoring her.

Mr. Steve Burnham, Probate Court thanked the Board for honoring Ms. Haskamp and stated she was a great asset to the County.

B. Transit Authority Annual Report

Ms. Linda Teeter, Chair introduced members and staff of the Transportation Authority.

Mr. Sean McBride, Executive Director gave a presentation on the Annual Report, which was distributed to the Board.

Ms. Teeter stated 2016 was a pivotal year for the Transportation Authorities.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked Mr. McBride and Ms. Teeter for their presentation. He stated the creation of the Central County Transportation Authority was a remarkable feat and he thanked the Board for their work.

Commissioner Rogers thanked the Authority for expanding the ridership to Sunday service. She indicated she would like the County Board to discuss the CCTA/KCTA appointment overlap.

Commissioner Hall also thanked the Authority for all the accomplishments over the last year.

Commissioner Seals also thanked the Authority for all the accomplishments.

Commissioner Gisler thanked Ms. Teeter for all of her hard work and dedication over the years.

Chair Shugars inquired if veterans were charged for rides to the Veterans Service Office and Mr. McBride indicated there were two options available: fee for ride or ride from non-profit organizations who partnered with Transit.

Chair Shugars asked Ms. Teeter to explain the appointment overlap of the two Authorities in which Ms. Teeter did.

Chair Shugars inquired if it was legal to do so and Mr. Canny indicated it was legal.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA**C. Request for Approval of 25 Year Resolution Honoring Tim Niceswander**

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Tim Niceswander has served the citizens of Kalamazoo County for twenty-five (25) years as of April 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Tim Niceswander has faithfully served as a Deputy; 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 Tim Niceswander has imparted to the citizens of the County and offers its best wishes for many more years of mutual association.

District Court**D. Request for Approval of Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program (MMHCGP) Contract with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS)**

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute MMHCGP Contract with KCMHSAS in the amount of \$172,257 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

E. Request for Approval of a Contract for Professional Services with Ronald Teesdale

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract for Professional Services with Ronald Teesdale for courier service of daily deposits in the amount of \$75 per day/twice a week for the period of March 3, 2017 through March 2, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Equalization**F. Request for Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2017 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 2017 Equalized Valuation Report prepared by the Equalization Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2017 equalized valuations of Kalamazoo County as presented in the Equalization Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the 2017 County equalized valuation for the County of Kalamazoo as

\$9,649,990,823 (nine billion, six hundred forty-nine million, nine hundred ninety thousand, eight hundred twenty-three dollars) equalized by class pursuant to MCL 211.34 as follows:

Agricultural - \$ 314,205,704	Timber Cutover - \$ -0-
Commercial - \$ 1,791,444,752	Developmental - \$ -0-
Industrial - \$ 441,009,523	Personal - \$656,559,953
Residential - \$ 6,446,770,891	

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.

G. Request for Approval of a Contract with CSZ Services for Commercial and Industrial Appraisals

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with CSZ Services for commercial and industrial appraisals in the amount of \$17,500 for the period of April 19, 2017 through August 31, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Finance

H. Request for Approval of Renewal of Letter of Engagement with Korn Ferry Hay Group for Job Evaluation Process

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Renewal of Letter of Engagement with Korn Ferry Hay Group for job evaluation process with a \$10,000 retainer for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health & Community Services

I. Request for Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #2 to the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Agreement with MDHHS for the delivery of public health services in the additional funding amount of \$76,768 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Amendment #2 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. Request for Approval of Accounts Payable Special Check Handling Payment Request for Purchase of Mail Vehicle

That the Board of Commissioners approve of an accounts payable special check handling payment request for the purchase of mail vehicle in the amount of \$19,755.

K. Request for Approval to Accept Statement of Grant Award from the MI Aging & Adult Services Agency

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept a Grant Award from the MI Aging & Adult Services Agency in the amount of \$1,276,174 to support older adult service programs for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Grant Award to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

L. Request for Approval of Grant Contract with Susan G. Komen Michigan for Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Grant Contract with Susan G. Komen Michigan for BCCCNP Wrap-Around Program in the amount of \$22,301 for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

M. Request for Approval to Apply and Accept Grant Award from the Kalamazoo County Health Plan (KCHP) for the Creation of an Online Community Health Data Hub

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to apply and accept Grant Award from KCHP for the creation of an online community health data hub in the amount of \$70,000.

N. Request for Approval to Accept Grant Award from the Federal Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Service Agency (HRSA) for the Healthy Babies Healthy Start (HBHS) Project

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept grant award from Federal Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA to continue the collaborative effort toward reduction of the infant mortality rate in the amount of \$446,378 for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; a copy of said Grant Award to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

O. Request for Approval of Creation of Community Health Worker Position FTE Increase in the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP) (Grant Funds)

That the Board of Commissioners approve of the Creation of the following Position:

Increase:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Position#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Effective</u>
317-160	Community Health Worker #10923	K05	.3	\$10,196.16-\$12,517.44	5/1/2017

P. Request for Approval of Paid Internship Position(s) to Support MCH Health Assessment & Community Engagement Activities (Grant Funds)

That the Board of Commissioners approve of a paid internship position in the amount of \$14/per hour for a maximum of 30 hours per week for the period of May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

Human Resources

Q. Request for Approval of Amendment to Personnel Policy 4.07 (C.) – Reclassification

Appeal

That the Board of Commissioners approve Amendment to Personnel Policy 4.07 (C) –
Reclassification Appeal as included in the Packet.

Michigan Works!

R. Request for Approval of Statewide Rapid Response Allocations for Customer Relationship Management (CRM) for Program Year 2016

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Statewide Rapid Response Allocations for Customer Relationship Management for Program Year 2016 in the amount of \$4,173 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Parks & Expo Center

S. Request for Approval of Funds from the Park Endowment Fund for the Maintenance, Operation, and Programming of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (KRVT)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Kalamazoo County Park Endowment Fund for maintenance, operation, and programming of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail in the amount of \$4,000.

T. Request for Approval of Funds from the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (KRVT) Endowment Fund for the Maintenance, Operation, and Programming of the KRVT

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (KRVT) Endowment Fund for maintaining, operating and programming expenses for the KRVT in the amount of \$54,048.41.

U. Request for Approval of Funds from the Markin Glen Endowment Fund for the 2016 Operating Expenses

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to request funds from the Markin Glen Endowment Fund for operating expenses for Markin Glen Park in the amount of \$27,735.95.

Sheriff

V. Request for Approval to Submit Grant to Enbridge to Purchase an Airboat and Trailer for the Sheriff's Office Marine Division

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Board of Commissioners

W. 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 18, 2017", noting claims in the total amount of \$1,178,186.79 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 18, 2017, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

X. Request for Approval of Resolution to Approve Contribution Toward the Cost of An Inland Lake Improvement Project for Gourdneck Lake

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Y. Request for Approval of a Temporary Access Agreement with Western Michigan University (WMU)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Temporary Access Agreement with WMU to conduct environmental testing on the property the County will receive under the Transfer Agreement; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Z. Request for Approval of Sale of Vicksburg Mill

This Item was removed from the Agenda

Commissioner Hall moved and it was duly seconded that Items C. through Y., with the exception of Items V. and X., 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:	None

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Items are Non-Consent Agenda Items and will be voted on individually.

V. Request for Approval to Submit Grant to Enbridge to Purchase an Airboat and Trailer for the Sheriff's Office Marine Division

Commissioner Kendall moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant to Enbridge to purchase an airboat and trailer for the Marine Division in the amount of \$45,000; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner McGraw stated he was the one who asked to have this item removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Zachary Lassister, Kalamazoo, stated he had concerns with this item.

Ms. Jennifer Strepp, Kalamazoo, stated she too had concerns with this item.

Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded to call the question.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Commissioners Wordelman, Gisler
Nays:	All members present, except

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion failed.

Commissioner Hall stated she was supportive of the Enbridge resolution.

Vice Chair Moore stated she was supportive of this grant application. She reiterated that the Board and Departments needed to do due diligence.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if the County had applied for this grant before.

Ms. Moored indicated this was the first time the County had applied for the grant.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be supportive of the grant, as well as, the Enbridge resolution.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he too supported both.

Commissioner Quinn stated he would support this grant request.

Chair Shugars stated he would not support this grant as well if the resolution should come back before the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present, except

Nays: Commissioners Shugars, Tuinier

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

X. Request for Approval of Resolution to Approve Contribution Toward the Cost of An Inland Lake Improvement Project for Gourdneck Lake

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

WHEREAS, the Gourdneck Lake Governmental Lake Board has approved of an Improvement project for Gourdneck Lake in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act-Inland Lake Improvements, being MCL 324.30901; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the discretion under Section 911 of the Inland Lakes Improvement Act (MCL 324.30911) to provide up to 25% of the cost of a lake improvement project on any public inland lake; and

WHEREAS, Gourneck Lake is a public inland lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners determines that it will provide Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) per year towards the annual cost of the Gourneck Lake Improvement Project for the years 2017 through 2021, inclusive.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

AA. Request for Approval of Resolution Supporting the Formation of the Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Coalition

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

WHEREAS, mass incarceration takes a significant toll on the families of those who are confined to prison or jail; and,

WHEREAS, mass incarceration disproportionately affects people of color; and,

WHEREAS, the criminalization of youth behavior and the school-to-prison pipeline continue to feed juveniles into the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, the rate of mental illness is disproportionately high among the incarcerated; and,

WHEREAS, the average length of stay in both prisons and jails has increased markedly over time and resulted in significant costs; and,

WHEREAS, an objective and transparent parole process will ensure that prisoners eligible for release receive a fair opportunity to reenter the community; and,

WHEREAS, substance abuse is prevalent among the incarcerated and prison-based drug treatment has shown success in reducing the drug use and criminal activity, especially when coupled with aftercare treatment in the community; and,

WHEREAS, employers report that job applicants who have been arrested, jailed, imprisoned or paroled have the lowest chances of being hired; and,

WHEREAS, access to education programming and productive activities will improve reentry outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, reentry outcomes will be improved if returning individuals have access to adequate housing; and,

WHEREAS, while in prison, visitation and communication with family and friends helps to build a network of support to the incarcerated; and,

WHEREAS, recidivism rates can be reduced by investing in research-driven, evidence-based programs, as well as implementing effective community engagement and supervision policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the creation of the Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Coalition, which has as its overall goal a 50% reduction in the return-to-prison rate for persons released from State prison, through a rededication to the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative Model which includes full community engagement and community funding control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to correct prevailing misconceptions about incarceration and its detrimental effect on children, families and communities, while promoting a theory of justice founded in restoration, rehabilitation and redemption, and an understanding that the child welfare and juvenile systems contribute greatly to adult incarceration, the Coalition is dedicated to public education that promotes a safe, fair and cost effective justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to spur investment in neighborhoods most affected by crime and imprisonment, increase the capacity for children and families in those neighborhoods to thrive, and to provide enhanced and expanded services that have a proven impact on crime and recidivism, the Coalition will promote fiscal policies that reinvest savings resulting from improvements in the justice system into those communities and neighborhoods most effected by crime and imprisonment, particularly low-income and communities of color.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order for the County, in partnership with Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Coalition and the Workforce Development Board to develop annual comprehensive prisoner plans, the state is asked to provide annual demographic and prisoner population characteristics data beginning in 2017 to the Kalamazoo Prisoner Reentry Coalition as previously provided under the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (See Attached).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to develop highly specific, Individualized Transition Accountability Plans for Kalamazoo's returning citizens, the state is asked to provide detailed information on each prisoner returning to Kalamazoo six months prior to release and to provide access to the prisoner so that he/she is engaged in the development of their reentry plan as was previously the case under the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

Commissioner Gisler stated he would not support this resolution due to the racial tone included in the resolution.

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded to remove the second whereas within the resolution as well as ending paragraph 15 at imprisonment.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he would support the resolution with the amendments.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would not support the amended resolution.

Mr. Zachary Lassister, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning the racial disproportionment.

Mr. Dennis Schrantz, Kalamazoo, addressed the Board concerning the racial disparity.

Ms. Diana McMunn, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to keep the wording as in the resolution.

Ms. Cheryl Webber, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to keep the wording as in the resolution.

Ms. Nelly Feuntes, Kalamazoo, stated she did not support the amendment to the resolution.

Commissioner Tuinier respectively removed his support for the amendment.

Commissioner Gisler withdrew is motion.

Commissioner Gisler moved and it was duly seconded to amend the resolution to add the language all in the last paragraph.

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

Commissioner McGraw inquired if there was any cost associated with the resolution and Commissioner Rogers indicated she did not believe so.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Zachary Lassister, Kalamazoo, stated he supported this resolution.

Commissioner Seals stated he was supportive of this resolution.

Chair Shugars urged everyone to volunteer and mentor ex-offenders.

The roll call vote on the amended resolution was as follows:

Ayes: All members present, except

Nays: Commissioner Kendall

Abstains: None

Absent: None

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

There was no new business.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Ms. Tracie Moored thanked everyone for their patience with the heat. She indicated the County received word it was Double AA+ Bond rating.

ITEM 12 Members' Time

Commissioner Hall stated she and Commissioner Kendall had a friendly wager.

Commissioner Seals stated he did receive a pension from Consumers Energy, however, his knowledge of pipeline safety should not interfere with his position. He stated he had planned on abstaining on the vote.

Commissioner Tuinier stated there was a meeting of the Animal Services Board and a site was picked for the new building.

Commissioner Quinn stated he felt pipeline 5 needed to be replaced.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was attending the Area Agency on Aging luncheon on Friday.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chair Moore thanked the citizens who attended the meeting and who addressed the Board. She stated she was encouraged by the Goodwin family.

ITEM 14 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Shugars stated Administration was putting together a team for the new County Building and would like a few Commissioners to be involved. Chair Shugars stated he would like Commissioners Seals and McGraw to sit on that team.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Shugars adjourned the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

Dale Shugars, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners