

## MINUTES

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

APRIL 18, 2017

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:28 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Thom Canny, Dina Sutton, Tim Snow, Matt Hansen, Lisa Robert, Kristine Cunningham, Jim Rutherford, Ann Filkins, Lotta Jarnefelt, Paul Matyas, Jeff Getting

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

#### 1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Robert, Finance Director stated claims for April 18, 2017 totaled \$1,178,186.79. She indicated there was a budget adjustment for Human Resources due to the creation of the Human Resources Specialist position.

#### 2. Strategic Planning Presentation

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board where she unveiled the new County Mission statement and the three year strategic plan for 2017-2010.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the Board would be able to get the details of the Plan and Ms. Moored indicated she would share with the Board.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about a community presentation. Ms. Moored indicated internally discussions were being held and an event would be presented end of May, beginning of June.

Commissioner Rogers thanked the Board and leadership for the work on this.

Chair Shugars stated he like the new banner.

Chair Shugars indicated Commissioner Tuinier would not be at the Committee of the Whole meeting and Commissioner Kendall was stuck in traffic.

#### 3. County Building Financing

Ms. Moored reviewed the one page summary included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers inquired why Administration was focusing on \$80 million because that \$80 million was only for a Courthouse and now there were discussions of moving Administration, Elected Officials, etc. into that building as well.

Ms. Moored indicated the Board along with Administration discussed this at the Board Retreat last year and until the designing, etc. occurs the cost of building was unknown.

Commissioner Rogers stated she had concerns the project would stay at \$80 million.

Commissioner McGraw stated he felt the \$80 million was inflated from the original discussions.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about revenue sharing being dedicated for the project and the possibility of losing revenue sharing.

Commissioner Kendall arrived at 4:18 p.m.

Ms. Moored indicated the County was in a position where it did not rely on state revenue sharing for operational expenses, however, it was something the County needed to keep an eye on.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about deferred maintenance savings for the Michigan Avenue Courthouse and the Administration Building.

Ms. Moored indicated during the FMP process MAC would be \$11-\$12 million dollars and did have to spend \$1 million that was necessary. She indicated for Administration Building it would be \$8-\$10 million and this was just for deferred maintenance and not any cosmetic changes.

Chair Shugars stated when doing a capital project it was difficult to look forward 20-25 years. He too did have concerns with revenue sharing.

Commissioner Seals stated the County was fortunate it did not lose state revenue sharing a few years ago like some other counties did.

4. Vicksburg Mill

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

5. Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline Resolution

Commissioner Quinn stated in the packet was a resolution for Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline and he would like the Board to consider adopting.

Commissioner Kendall inquired how the natural gas/oil would be transported if the pipeline was removed.

Commissioner Quinn indicated rails, ships, etc.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated could go through Wisconsin.

Commissioner McGraw stated he did a little research on the pipeline. He indicated Enbridge was a responsible, corporate sponsor. He stated he would not support this resolution.

Commissioner Hall thanked Commissioner Quinn for bringing the resolution forward, particularly protecting the waterways.

Commissioner Rogers stated she felt it was very relevant to the County and affected the County and its departments. She stated Kalamazoo River fed into Lake Michigan. She indicated the pipe was over 60 years old and would like to hear a plan for relaxing the pipeline. She stated she received a call from Larry Bell and he was supportive of the resolution.

Commissioner Quinn stated he felt this was relevant to Kalamazoo County.

Commissioner Wordelman stated leadership in Lansing would need to take action on this within the next year. He stated it was reasonable to adopt a resolution asking the Legislators to make a decision.

Commissioner Seals stated as a former employee of Consumers Energy he felt there were protective measures in place and felt the pipeline was safe. He stated he would like a plan in place to replace the pipe before shutting it down.

Vice Chair Moored stated she was conflicted. She stated on the agenda for tonight the Sheriff was seeking a Grant from Enbridge which would allow them to continue the work on the river and by passing the resolution there was potential for losing the funds.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he did not feel the two items were related.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Quinn indicated the intent was to bring awareness, educate and ask the state to take action.

Chair Shugars indicated the unintended consequences could be worse than the pipeline itself. He indicated it was his belief that this resolution was something the County should not adopt as it did not meet the County's guidelines.

Commissioner Quinn respectfully requested to remove the resolution for consideration.

#### 6. Any other items

Commissioner Wordelman stated he wanted to discuss Item N. on the Board agenda, he indicated he did not want to pull the item from the agenda, however, he did have some questions.

Ms. Moored indicated this was an outline where there was a potential to lose funding, she did state the grant was for a specific period. She indicated throughout the year the Board and Departments would be faced with discussions concerning programs and funding.

Commissioner Seals stated he would like to know how much federal dollars was received by HCS.

Ms. Moored indicated only about \$5 million came from general fund the remaining \$10 million came from state and federal dollars.

Commissioner Rogers stated by reading the memo it indicated there was going to be cuts in funding.

Ms. Moored indicated the memo was confusing, but the reality was there was a potential to lose money and another grant award notice would be sent to the County this summer.

Vice Chair Moore stated there was a lobby day on May 9<sup>th</sup> and Community Action Agency would be there representing the County.

Ms. Moored indicated there was a revised resolution for the Gourdneck Lake Project. The resolution took out the percentage and specified a flat dollar amount.

Commissioner Kendall inquired if the project would fail should the county not adopt this.

Ms. Moored indicated the project would move forward, however the property owners would have to pay more.

Commissioner Rogers stated it was an odd precedent the county was setting, she said she would support this since the county did have a stake in this. She stated she felt the county was picking and choosing.

Commissioner McGraw stated the county had significant land on the lake and the county Park was a source of many of the weeds. He indicated the lake property owners would be paying a share.

Commissioner Rogers indicated she would like to see some public educational outreach on the use of chemicals on the lawns.

7. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

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Dale Shugars, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners