

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 3, 2017

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:02 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Stephanie Moore, Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Thom Canny, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Robert, Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachael Grover, Tim Snow, Dina Sutton

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 May 3, 2017 totaled \$1,388,257.79. She indicated there was a budget adjustment for Finance for the At Large Drains Appropriations.

2. Election Results Dispatch Update

Clerk Tim Snow reviewed the election results from the May 2nd election as distributed to the Board.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired what type of training was provided by the County to the Townships and Clerk Snow stated he did some training but the law stated an individual must be 100 feet of the entrance.

Commissioner Rogers stated she too received calls concerning the same issue and agreed additional training was necessary by those involved.

3. Vicksburg Mill

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel stated work was still being done to achieve a Settlement Agreement on the Vicksburg Mill, however, it was not ready at this time.

4. 2018 Budget Expectations

Ms. Tracie Moored, Administrator indicated internally departments were working on their budget process. She indicated she would be reaching out to the Commissioners to get their three priorities to be included in the budget discussions. She also indicated new funding requests from 2017 would be discussed this year.

Commissioner Rogers stated she liked that the Commissioners were being included for their priorities.

5. Aeronautics Board Appointment

Commissioner McGraw indicated the Board previously interviewed Erik Rankin and Dan Farrell last fall for an opening on the Aeronautics Board. The Board Appointment Committee is recommending to appoint one of them vs. interviewing them again.

Commissioner McGraw indicated it was his preference to appoint Mr. Rankin.

Commissioner Seals stated he was the liaison on the Aeronautics Board and felt both candidates were qualified. He stated he had concerns with Mr. Rankin due to him being a pilot with United Airlines. He stated he would support Mr. Farrell.

Commissioner Rogers stated she too had similar concerns with Mr. Rankin. She felt having representation from Western Michigan University would be beneficial, such as Mr. Farrell.

Commissioner Hall stated she too had those same concerns.

Commissioner McGraw inquired of Mr. Canny if it was a conflict of interest with Mr. Rankin serving. Mr. Canny indicated there was no conflict.

Commissioner Gisler inquired how many vacancies there was and Commissioner McGraw indicated there was only one vacancy.

Commissioner Rogers stated there were perceived conceptions of a potential conflict with appointing Mr. Rankin.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated Mr. Rankin was impressive, however, he shared similar concerns as fellow Commissioners.

Discussion ensued.

6. Any other items

Commissioner Quinn indicated he would like to reintroduce the Enbridge Pipeline 5 Resolution.

Chair Shugars asked the purview of the Board.

Chair Shugars indicated he would place it on the next agenda.

Commissioner Rogers asked for clarification.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would like the Board Bylaws revised to put a time limit on member's time as well.

Commissioner Wordelman stated part of the issue with resolutions was that there was one for every issue. He indicated the Board needed to be careful and cautious.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would like an amendment to the Bylaws to not allow a meeting to go past midnight.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about resolution definition and would suggest calling it a proclamation. He stated he would like the Board to arrive at a consensus vs. making a decision half hazard. He indicated he would rather work on County business than pass resolutions.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be supportive of member's time being limited to 4 minutes.

Commissioner Rogers stated she didn't feel amending the Bylaws to adjourn by midnight was necessary.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the debate on resolutions was successful when discussions occurred. He stated he would be interested in hosting community town hall meetings.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Hall stated she would not be supportive with reducing citizen's time to three minutes.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would not support that as well.

Commissioner Gisler agreed with limiting member's time at the end of the meeting to 4 minutes.

Commissioner Seals stated he concurred with changing member's time to 4 minutes, however, if a Commissioner was reporting on Advisory Boards that should not interfere with being allowed to report.

Commissioner Seals indicated he would not support reducing citizen's time to 3 minutes.

Commissioner Wordelman agreed with the comments made concerning citizen's time. He suggested Commissioners provide a written report vs. verbal.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Kendall moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of consulting with the County's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in the matter of Bedford vs. Kalamazoo County, et al because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Dale Shugars, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners