

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 17, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 2:30 p.m. – 6:48 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, John Taylor, and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Larry Provancher and Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, John Faul, Thom Canny, Mary Balkema, Randy Winterowd, Tom O'Brien, Eric McNamara, Lotta Jarnefelt, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Rick Fuller, Pat Crowley, Rachel Grover, Sue Darling, Dina Sutton

Chairman Taylor convened the Committee of the Whole at 2:30 p.m.

1. Retreat Review & Update

Commissioner Moore arrived at 2:37 p.m.

The Board received presentations from the following construction managers for the Alcott Street Property site:

- a. Alcott Property Construction Manager Interviews
 - i. CSM Group
 - ii. Miller Davis
 - iii. Walbridge
 - iv. Discussion

Chairman Taylor asked staff for their input.

Dr. Gillian Stoltman indicated knowledge of Lab operations was important.

Chairman Taylor asked the Board to discuss their selections.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about the number of local employees that were employed by the managers.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McGraw stated the contract that would deliver the best product would be Walbridge; however, the cost was a factor. He also stated he liked the commitment by Miller Davis.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if the County would have the authority to negotiate to allow the construction manager to match lowest bid and Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel indicated the County would be able to do so.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she appreciated everyone's hard work with obtaining this information; she stated she was very impressed with Walbridge's presentation. She too expressed a concern with pricing. She indicated her second choice would be Miller Davis.

Commissioner Seals stated his first choice was Walbridge; he indicated he was very impressed by their presentation and their work history.

Vice Chairman Heppler stated he was concerned with the cost associated with Walbridge, but stated the presentation by CSM was very enthusiastic.

Commissioner Moore stated she would support Walbridge.

Chairman Taylor stated he was very impressed with Walbridge and hoped Mr. Canny would be able to negotiate a better price, but indicated you paid for the best product.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if Eckert Wordell would be able to way in.

Mr. Canny stated Mr. Wordell stated he had worked with CSM and Miller Davis, but had not worked with Walbridge, but would not object to work with them.

Mr. Wordell stated he did not feel Walbridge was a local company, however, he did feel they were qualified.

Commissioner Shugars stated he felt the Board needed to do additional work before making a decision. He stated he would probably not support the highest bidder, but would go with the majority.

Commissioner Seals stated CSM at one point was not a local company either.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he too appreciated the comments, respectfully, if a company would move their facilities here, the County would do what it could to get them here. He stated he felt they provided a different approach and was impressed with that.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor stated by discussions, the choice would be to negotiate with Walbridge.

Chairman Taylor directed Mr. Canny to reach out to Walbridge and come back to the Board.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for May 17, 2016 totaled \$1,753,821.48. She indicated there was a release of funds to Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health.

3. Child Care Presentation

Ms. Sue Darling, Circuit Court Administrator presented a Power Point presentation on the Child Care Fund.

Ms. Darling introduced Mr. Don Nitz, Chair, of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board introduced Ms. Barb LaRue as the new Director at DHHS.

Chairman Taylor thanked Ms. Darling and the Courts for their work on this issue and for making sure the kids were being taken care of

Commissioner Rogers thanked everyone for their hard work on this.

Commissioner Wordelman encouraged the Board to tour the Lake Side Facility.

Commissioner Seals thanked the DHHS Board members.

4. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Critical Incident Review Proposal

Mr. Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney, reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated the Police Foundation was going to conduct a Critical Incident Review of the Kalamazoo shootings. He stated the cost was \$65,000 and he was respectfully requesting the County to contribute \$30,000 towards the review.

Commissioner Moore stated she shared this information with people within the community and the reality was that tragedy was being dealt with every day; she stated she felt a study for all crimes should be done and not for a specific incident.

Commissioner Gisler stated he would support this proposal as he felt some good would come out of it.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would support this and felt it was important. He agreed with Commissioner Moore that a broader conversation needed to occur.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about pricing and the reporting mechanism, and how the Board would receive the report/information.

Dr. Frank Straub, Police Foundation, stated a global report would be done and distributed to the Chief, Sheriff and Prosecutor. He indicated the community would be engaged. He also stated a written report would be published both locally and nationally. Commissioner Rogers stated she was supportive of this request.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if this study would review the events of the 911 calls and police response.

Mr. Getting stated the study would occur from the start of the incident through the end of the incident.

Commissioner McGraw inquired what the process for paying for a request like this would be and Ms. Moored indicated Administration requested the departments pay for the item and then would utilize contingency at the end of the year.

Mr. Getting stated he would not have the money in his budget. He stated if he had excess funds in his budget he would return it to the contingency fund.

Ms. Moored stated salary pools were looked at during the budget process and at the end of the year it would more than likely offset those costs. She indicated operational line items were what Administration asked departments to pay for.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if the Community Foundation had been approached about funding the study.

Mr. Getting indicated he did not know if they had been approached or not but they had been a tremendous asset to the victims and the families.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would like to look to the community for supporting this.

Commissioner Seals stated he felt it was a great opportunity to learn from the incident. He stated he would support paying for the study with contingency dollars.

Sheriff Fuller stated he hoped the Board would approve the contract and figure out the funding later.

Commissioner Shugars stated he wasn't certain this study would change anything that occurred with this incident. He stated his issue was with the 911 service. He stated he didn't feel the study would be done independently because those involved in the incident would be a part of the process; he felt funding should be done by the community, not a public entity.

Commissioner Moore stated she too felt community funding would be a better way to pay for the study.

Commissioner Gisler stated the discussion was good but felt a vote needed to be done.

Vice Chairman Heppler stated he saw a benefit to this study, but did agree with Commissioner Moore. He also suggested asking the community for assistance with funding the study.

Chairman Taylor stated he was conflicted with the proposal; he asked the Prosecutor and Sheriff to meet with Ms. Moore to work on financing.

5. Temporary Jail Nurses Contract

Sheriff Fuller reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated there was no increase of funding being requested, the funds would come from unused staffing salaries.

Discussion ensued.

6. Resolution Honoring Keven Werkman

Chairman Taylor indicated per Board Policy this resolution was being brought to the Board two weeks prior to approving. It would be on the next agenda.

7. Any other items

Chairman Taylor stated the County had been approached by Plaza Corp to purchase the County's property that currently houses the parking lot for the Administration Building.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would like to put this on the agenda at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Canny stated he would prepare an attorney client privileged memo.

8. Executive Session

Commissioner Seals 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 Sections 8 (c) and (d) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations and to consider the purchase of real property.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: Commissioners Provancher, Tuinier

The motion carried.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners