

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 19, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Scott McGraw, , Larry Provancher, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Stephanie Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Lotta Jarnefelt, Pat Crowley, Paul Matyas and Tina Becker

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for May 19, 2015 totaled \$3,467,494.55.

2. Drain Commissioner 2014 Annual Report

Ms. Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Drain Commissioner's Annual Report for the calendar year 2014.

Commissioner McGraw arrived at 4:15 p.m.

Commissioner Rogers thanked the Drain Commissioner for her presentation.

Several Commissioners echoed Commissioner Rogers comments.

3. Property Transfer Agreement with AirLink, LLC

Corporate Counsel Thom Canny stated on this evening's BOC Consent Agenda was an agreement for the purchase and sale of JGM Properties, LLC aka AirLink. He recommended the Commissioners approve this agreement.

Commissioner Seals stated he supported this.

4. Resolution Honoring Jon Dixon

Mr. Canny referred to the Resolution as included the packet and stated this resolution was requested by the Building Authority.

5. Operating of Golf Carts on Designated Streets Resolution

Mr. Canny reviewed the memo as included in the packet. He stated this was a no action item at this time; just for discussion and to inquire more information about the Resolution. He stated pursuant to law, the County of Commissioners may, by Resolution, disapprove the operation of golf carts on public streets in the County if the

County Board conducts a hearing and determines that the operation of the golf carts on the streets would cause significant environmental concern and/or would cause a significant concern of public safety.

Commissioner Seals requested information on the current speed limit and traffic volume.

Commissioner Rogers questioned if research had been done to see if other municipalities had done something like this. She indicated she would like more discussion with the Sheriff at a future date.

Several Commissioners concurred to have more discussions with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he had concerns if this would set precedence; if we do for one, do we do for other communities.

Commissioners Shugars stated he supported this but would also like the Sheriff's opinion.

Vice Chairman Heppler stated he felt this was a reasonable request but also recommended having a discussion with the Sheriff for more information.

Chairman Taylor felt it was completely reasonable and recommended putting this on the agenda to discuss at the next board meeting.

6. Dump the Pump Resolution

Commissioner Wordelman read the Resolution Declaring June 18, 2015 as the Tenth Annual National Dump the Pump Day. He challenged the Commissioners to not drive personal vehicles to work on June 18.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor stated a Resolution would be on the June 2, 2015 Agenda for approval.

7. Appointment Committee Process

Commissioner Shugars had concerns with the Jon Dixon issue. He recommended the Board needed to work on a process. He had concerns about making the Board look bad. He also had concerns of changing the policy without communicating the change to the advisory board members.

Commissioner McGraw attended the last Building Authority meeting and indicated there were a lot of hurt feelings with not reappointing Jon Dixon.

Commissioner Shugars recommended hosting a reception inviting advisory board members to attend as a way to get to know them.

Commissioner Rogers had concerns with rubber stamped reappointments. She indicated the Board Appointments Committee discussed the reappointment process and felt all reappointments should be interviewed unless they were appointed within the year.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Provancher recommended the Building Authority be added to the Tier 1 interview process.

Chairman Taylor recommended reinforcing communication to be more transparent. He stated a few years back the Board used to have picnics with advisory board members.

8. Board Travel & Training Requests

Chairman Taylor reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated future cash advances for travel would not be allowed. He stated Commissioner Rogers requested to go to the NACo Conference in North

Carolina. He recommended approval because of Commissioner Rogers' participation in NACo Committee work and asked if there were any objections which there were none. He also advised the Commissioners that MAC was holding a regional conference in Kalamazoo, June 15, at a cost of \$25. He indicated who ever would like to attend to contact Administration so they can arrange registration.

Commissioner Shugars questioned if the County had all staff credit cards that for the amount used had a rebate or mileage program or some type of program that would benefit the County.

Mr. Canny stated he didn't think there was a program for that but would check with Finance.

9. 2016 Millage Renewal

Interim Administrator John Faul reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He indicated that the last year the six year millage could be assessed is 2015. The renewal would need to be placed on the ballot in 2016. He indicated an initial meeting with the Elected Officials and Court Administrators to establish a Strategic Calendar for this crucial issue which will take place June 5, 2015. He recommended a few Commissioners participate in the workgroup.

Commissioner Shugars recommended reaching out to consumers to educate them more on the issue.

10. Any other items

Vice Chairman Heppler stated a Request for Authorization to Advance Funds on Behalf of the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority. He indicated this would be under "New Business" at the Board of Commissioners meeting this evening and requested their support to approve to get the process started.

Commissioners Seals concurred with Commissioner Heppler. He stated if approved tonight, the process could start tomorrow.

Mr. Canny stated in 2013 the County entered into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the Humane Society that will expire December of this year. He indicated there had been some discussion to end the MOU agreement with Human Society but nothing had been finalized as of yet.

Mr. Winters from the Humane Society stated he would like to work with the County to combine Animal Services and the Humane Society to work together and would like the reassurance of the BOC to not terminate the MOU early.

Vice Chairman Heppler asked for periodic updates from Corporate Counsel.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated he would like to have a public hearing regarding House Bill 4052. He recommended to invite the public to speak out and voice their opinion(s) on prevailing wage.

Mr.Canny stated a public notice was not required.

Commissioner McGraw had concerns about holding a public hearing about the proposals when the Board hasn't heard anything about it or had discussed it prior to this.

Chairman Taylor indicated he would work on something and bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would like a conversation about this bill before the State takes that right away.

11. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners