

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JUNE 6, 2017

PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, Thom Canny, Amanda Morse, Lisa Henthorn, Jim Rutherford, David Rachowicz, Steve Lawrence, Lisa Robert, Matt Hansen, Lotta Jarnefelt, Ann Filkins, Mary Balkema, Megan Buwalda, Eric McNamara, Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Amanda Morse, Deputy County Administrator stated claims for June 6, 2017 totaled \$1,704,323.18. She also indicated there were release of funds for Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission, and Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority. She also indicated there was a budget realignment for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Hall thanked Ms. Morse for meeting with members of the Public Housing Commission, she stated it was appreciated and very beneficial.

2. Land Swap County Building Update

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator presented PowerPoint presentation on the land swap county building update.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about a welcoming facility and what that meant.

Ms. Moored indicated it would be welcoming to the citizens when they walked into the facility.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the elected officials in the Administration Building had a citizen count available and Ms. Moored indicated she did not know but would work with them during the designing of the facility.

Commissioner Wordelman stated in the new facility it would be nice to have an information center in the lobby.

Vice Chair Moore stated it would be nice to have a person in the lobby to navigate citizens.

Ms. Moored stated she would be working with Welcoming Michigan on this issue.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about the \$20 million obligation of the County.

Ms. Moored indicated the County's liability would more likely occur within the next 2-3 years.

Commissioner Rogers stated as a member of the BRA she was pleased the County was doing a phase 2 and due diligence on the environmental. She indicated depending on the reports she may not support the project.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if Administration had thought about including citizens in the process of the design of the welcoming center.

Ms. Moored indicated that would occur.

3. Health & Community Services/Alcott Update

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator introduced Mr. Jim Rutherford, HCS Director who presented PowerPoint presentation on the land swap county building update.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about what was being done about the transfer of services, would there be a gap.

Mr. Rutherford indicated he was unsure at this time, however, if there was a gap in services it would be minimal.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if there had been any thought about storage space.

Mr. Rutherford indicated there would be a lot of storage available.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about meeting space, were there smaller spaces available.

Mr. Rutherford indicated there was a variety of conference and meeting rooms available.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about who was doing the design and Mr. Rutherford indicated Intersect.

Commissioner Rogers inquired if anyone was familiar with the HVAC requirements for biologics and Mr. Rutherford indicated there was.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he felt positive about this project thus far. He stated he was pleased to hear the building was going to meet the needs of staff and citizens.

Vice Chair Moore inquired about the PCB's in the pond and Mr. Wenzel, Plaza Corp. indicated due diligence had been done environmental and had been reassured there were no issues.

4. Animal Services Building Update

Ms. Tracie Moored, County Administrator introduced Mr. Steve Lawrence AS&E Director and David Rachowicz, Parks Director. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Rachowicz presented PowerPoint presentation on the Animal Services Building update.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was supportive of the project and would like to be kept in the loop on the details of the project. She also mentioned having a sloped floor in the cages.

Commissioner Hall thanked them for the presentation. She indicated she was excited about the project and was excited about some of the operational changes being suggested.

Commissioner Tuinier thanked them for their hard work on this project. He stated he was impressed by how they worked with all the various partners.

Vice Chair Moore stated she was supportive of this project. She commended them for their hard work and dedication to the animals.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked them for the presentation. He inquired about the animal population and it was growing as well as the number of strays.

Mr. Lawrence indicated the numbers were going down as part of the work being done not only with Animals Services but its partners. He indicated he would like the number of licenses being sold to increase but that was part of education.

Commissioner Wordelman indicated the Board needed to investigate whether the county should be in the adoption business or focus more on enforcement.

Chair Shugars thanked them for the presentation.

Ms. Moored indicated Administration would bring updates as they became available.

5. Any other items

Commissioner McGraw distributed a resolution in which he would like the Board to adopt at its next meeting.

Vice Chair Moore provided an update on the Board Appointment Committee meeting earlier today. She indicated she wanted to reach out to the staff liaison of the Jury Board and gain additional information.

Vice Chair Moore indicated they decided to actively search for applicants for CCTA/KCTA Boards.

Commissioner McGraw indicated he would like to discuss at the next Committee of the Whole meeting and invite Mr. McBride to the meeting.

Commissioner Rogers indicated she felt the Board needed to have the dialogue.

Vice Chair Moore thanked Administrator Moored for her staff for all of their hard work on the advisory board and the Committees and would do their best to work with the staff and was needed and necessary. Vice Chair Moore apologized to staff for feeling neglected at today's meeting.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he too had concerns about the diversity of the advisory boards. He stated he would like a group to come together to come up with a plan for all of the advisory boards.

6. Executive Session

I move that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Sections 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Dale Shugars, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners