

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JULY 1, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, Dave Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, and John Zull

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Rick Fuller, Lisa Bradshaw, Kelly Ball, Mary Balkema, Jeff Getting, Tim Snow, Lee Adams, Lotta Jarnefelt, Lisa Henthorn, David Rachowicz, Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen 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 July 1, 2014 totaled \$2,251,863.35. She indicated there were a few departmental budget line item transfers.

2. County Audit Wrap Up

Ms. Kristy Vandermolen and Mr. Doug Harera from BDO presented the County's Audit.

Commissioner Iden arrived at 4:16 p.m.

Chairman Maturen inquired of BDO which area BDO would be assisting the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Harera indicated it was the Inmates Trust account.

Sheriff Fuller stated he and his staff had been working on rectifying the issues and he would be requesting of the Board to hire an accountant position.

Commissioner Zull stated he recalled discussing this issue during the audit process and he was disappointed that this issue had not been resolved within the last year. Sheriff Fuller stated he along with Administration and Finance were working on resolving the issue.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if a risk assessment had been done prior to hiring someone. Ms. Moored stated based on the audit findings it would affect bonding rates and viability.

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator indicated the Sheriff needed a Senior Accountant who was responsible to the Sheriff and these issues would be resolved.

Discussion ensued.

3. Urban Line Haul District Recommendations by Transportation Leadership Group & KCTA

Ms. Linda Teeter, Chair of KCTA reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Mr. Sean McBride, Executive Director of KCTA reviewed the process leading up to this point as well as going forward.

Ms. Teeter reviewed the Articles of Incorporation for new/Urban Transportation Authority along with maps as included in the packet.

Chairman Maturen stated it sounded as though a lot of discussion and meetings had occurred with local units; was it correct stating the local units would ultimately decide if they wanted to participate and Ms. Teeter indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Stinchcomb stated the City of Portage had 19 precincts.

Commissioner Alford inquired if the boundaries were drawn by properties and Ms. Teeter indicated it was by precincts.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about Alamo Township on the map and Mr. McBride indicated there was no direct ridership within Alamo Township.

Discussion ensued.

4. Complete Streets Discussion

Mr. Jon Start, Executive Director, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) distributed a map and reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

Chairman Maturen wanted clarification erroneous, which Mr. Start did so.

Chairman Maturen wanted to know how long comments would be taken and Mr. Start indicated through September.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired about the 2 inch overlay and having a 4 foot boarder and Mr. Start stated currently 3 feet was required for federal funding so it would be an additional foot.

Mr. Mark Worden, Project Superintendent, Kalamazoo County Road Commission presented a power point presentation on Complete Streets.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Iden wanted clarification on the \$300,000 construction cost per mile. Ms. Johnson stated it was with every project.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if the 20% burdensome cost was a onetime cost and Ms. Johnson stated the maintenance costs were absorbed by the Road Commission.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was confused by the presentations and the Draft Policy presented by KATS and the Road Commission's opposition.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know what the formal position of the Road Commission was and Ms. Johnson stated the Board did pass a Resolution, which was included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know about the exceptions and Mr. Start referenced those within the Draft Policy.

Commissioner Zull stated at the last KATS meeting discussion ensued on the Draft Policy and work was being continued on the Draft Policy based on comments made at that meeting.

Vice Chairman Buskirk inquired if the Policy would be on a future KATS meeting agenda and Mr. Start indicated it would be on the agenda for September. Vice Chairman Buskirk stated further discussion needed to occur.

Commissioner Seals stated he had issues with disabled persons not having access to sidewalks. He stated he felt KATS and the Road Commission should have had discussions prior to making the plan work.

Discussion ensued.

5. Discussion of Possible Intergovernmental Financing Agreement Between the County & KCMHSAS

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel stated Administration was working on a potential intergovernmental financing agreement with KCMHSAS. He stated exploration was taking place on possible funding for construction costs for a new building for KCMHSAS.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about space available to the County and Mr. Canny stated the space would be used for intergovernmental meetings; it would not actually have space in the building.

Commissioner Zull inquired where the building would be located and Commissioner Seals indicated it would be located on Vine Street by Disability Network.

Discussion ensued.

6. Any other items

There were no other items.

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 Maturen adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners