

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JULY 2, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:06 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, Dina Sutton, Rick Fuller, Mary Balkema, Timothy Snow, Lisa Henthorn, Lisa Bradshaw, David Rachowicz

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 2, 2013 totaled \$2,226,226.45. She stated there was one budget transfer for the jail.

2. County Audit Wrap Up

Mr. Doug Havera and Ms. Kristy Vandermolen from BDO reviewed the CAFR and the 2012 Audit Wrap Up as included in the packet.

Sheriff Rick Fuller stated he along with his staff had been working with Administration to remedy these findings; he stated training for key personnel had started. He also stated it was a work in progress and was thankful for Administration's assistance.

Vice Chairman stated he along with the Chair and Administration had met and discussed this and stated he had confidence in the Sheriff in getting this issues resolved.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if it was too much to ask for an electronic time keeping system and Sheriff Fuller stated he felt the transition to move to an electronic time clock system should be smooth. Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired about the Finance Services Administrator position and Sheriff Fuller stated he had an employee capable and qualified who would be assigned to this position.

Commissioner Zull stated it was his impression or understanding that some of these issues were ongoing for more than a year and should be remedied by now. Commissioner Zull wanted to know why an employee filled out a time sheet vs. electronic system. Sheriff Fuller stated this was the way it had been done in the past but was in the process of looking at an electronic system.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to know if any of these suggestions would involve the union negotiations and Sheriff Fuller stated no. Commissioner Taylor stated the Sheriff and Administration should move forward with BDO's suggestions.

Commissioner Seals stated he shared some of those concerns of others and it was his understanding that changes were occurring.

Commissioner Rogers suggested the Sheriff report back to the Board within three months on an update.

Commissioner Alford commended the Sheriff for his effort since he had become Sheriff and thanked him for this.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Maturen inquired of BDO if three months would be adequate time for the Sheriff to make these changes and Mr. Havera stated three months would be a great start and some of the issues would be resolved but some would take longer.

Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion of Amendment #1 to Inmate Telecommunication Location Agreement with Telmate, LLC

This item was removed from the Agenda.

4. Pension Plan Review

Ms. Moored reviewed the information in the packet as well as distributed some additional information requested by some Commissioners.

Commissioner Taylor had concerns about the general county salary band percentage and wondered about the discrepancy, and Ms. Moored stated it was based on bargaining, depending on what was bargained at the time of that contract.

Chairman Maturen inquired what employees were eligible to the lump sum option and Ms. Moored indicated any employee hired after 2009 were not eligible for lump sum payout and retiree health benefits.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Seals stated he would like a copy of the turnover report.

Commissioner Iden stated he had a suggestion for the Market Study discussion. Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator stated Administration did not have a plan as of yet, but wanted to discuss the issue with the Board.

Commissioner Alford inquired if the County provided a list to retirees of possible health care providers and Ms. Moored stated at this point it had not been an issue.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like to discuss health care exchange with the different tiers and would like to have a presentation from Nulty Insurance before the budget process began.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moored stated the Retirement Investment Committee stayed away from the discussion of the retirement multiplier and focused on asset allocations. She stated the biggest change in the multiplier came in 2008 when the M's, P's, and T's received different multipliers and made everyone the same at 2.5.

5. Kalamazoo County Road Commission Annual Report

Ms. Joanna Johnson, Managing Director introduced her Board and Ms. Bobbi Welke from MDOT. Ms. Welke and Ms. Johnson presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board concerning its Annual Report as contained in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the primary road miles and Ms. Johnson referred the Board to page 40 of the Report; she stated the rating was on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst.

Commissioner Stinchcomb inquired if the State had an extensive debt and Ms. Welke said she did not know the current debt level.

Commissioner Rogers stated some of her constituents had issues with wing plows and thanked Ms. Johnson for her assistance. Commissioner Rogers commended MDOT for putting the sidewalk on the bridge over Stadium Drive. Commissioner Rogers inquired how many roads were being returned to gravel and Ms. Johnson stated over the last five years, three miles and there weren't any planned for 2012. Ms. Johnson stated she and Mr. Maddox would be meeting with Ross Township concerning some of their roads and discuss the possibility of doing this in their township.

Commissioner Taylor thanked them for their presentation.

Commissioner Seals asked if there was anything more that can be done so people aren't picking up stones in their yards, car windshields, etc. when chip seal was being used. Ms. Johnson stated it was part of the plan and was the most cost effective way to preserve roads.

Commissioner Heppler stated the Board had met with the legislators recently and this topic was discussed with them. He inquired if during the road improvements on 40th Street and 35th Street was it possible to add three lanes and Ms. Welke stated the State did receive approval from the Federal Government to allow this.

Commissioner Zull commended MDOT for their innovation.

Commissioner Seals inquired about the 131 exchange with the business loop. Ms. Welke stated the project was owned by KATS and the City of Parchment.

Commissioner Alford thanked them for their presentation.

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 6:06 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners