

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JULY 16, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 6:16 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Roger Tuinier

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Tina Becker, David Artley, Lotta Jarnefelt, Dina Sutton, Tim Snow, Steve Lawrence, Sue Darling, Lisa Henthorn, Mary Balkema

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 3:00 p.m.

1. Aeronautic Board Interviews

The Board introduced themselves and asked questions of the following individuals:

- Ken Hazelrigg
- Tim Rogowski
- Greg Hamelink

Commissioner Iden arrived at 3:15 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she wanted someone appointed that represented the citizens, not just business. She also had concerns with reappointing the other two members and Chairman Maturen the Board Appointment Committee had sent information to the entire Board with its recommendation of reappointing these two gentlemen and nobody had responded. Vice Chairman Buskirk stated Mr. Woodruff did represent the citizens.

Commissioner Zull indicated all the candidates were qualified and stated he felt a representative from Stryker should be on the Board.

Commissioner Taylor stated he too thought there should be representation from the tourism industry.

Commissioner Seals stated he too had concerns with the make up of the Board. It was his suggestion the Board review the make up of the Board and maybe expand the membership.

Discussion ensued.

On a show of hands, it was the Board's recommendation to reappoint Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Weiss and appoint Mr. Hamelink to the Aeronautic Board and they would make that appointment at their meeting tonight.

Commissioner Stinchcomb arrived 4:10 p.m.

Commissioner Iden left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for July 16, 2013 totaled \$1,427,625.13. She indicated there was a release of funds as well as a few budget transfers.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to know the balance of the contingency fund and Ms. Moored indicated the balance was approximately \$330,000.

Commissioner Seals inquired about the purchase of properties on Humphrey Street and Ms. Moored indicated the Board approved the purchases in June. Mr. Thomas Canny, Corporate Counsel indicated properties were going into tax foreclosure; one was being demolished and the other property could be beneficial for the County to have due to the construction of the Gull Road Court Facility Project.

Discussion ensued on the use of Contingency Funds.

3. Report of Annual System Valuation/ Retirement System

Ms. Judy Kermans and Mr. Jim Anderson from Gabriel Roeder Smith reviewed the 2012 Actuarial Valuation Report as included in the Packet.

Discussion ensued.

4. 2012 Financial Year End Summary

Ms. Moored reviewed the 2012 Financial Year End Summary as included in the Packet.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if at the end of the year if there were unspent funds did those funds become part of carry over and contingency and Ms. Moored indicated that was correct, however, in February those funds were put into Allocated Fund Balance.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was pleased with the Report. She stated she was pleased to see the Sheriff's budget was lower than projected.

5. Facilities Master Plan Update (Animal Services, Gull Road Court Facility, Healy Street Center)

Mr. John Faul, Deputy County Administrator reviewed his memo as included in the Packet.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was pleased with the update and it was important to continue discussions. She inquired if the Humane Society had a timeline for their capital campaign and Mr. Faul indicated he did not know.

Commissioner Heppler stated he's heard from some of his constituents and was hopeful the County would continue to look at options concerning the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Seals stated he too had heard from his constituents and he agreed with the direction in which the County was headed.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know more about the additional soil borings for the Gull Road Court Project. Mr. Faul indicated the original borings were not deep enough and we wanted to be certain the ground was stable for building the foundation without having to bring in additional soil.

Commissioner Heppler inquired if the County was working with the Storm water, Soil Erosion and Drain Commissioner on the project and Mr. Canny indicated they were involved.

6. Bronson Park Art

Mr. Peter Battani County Administrator reviewed his memo as included in the Packet.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she supported the cooperative nature of this request. She thanked Mr. Artley for his work on this project as well as others

Commissioner Taylor stated he was ok with this request.

7. Any other items

Commissioner Seals stated he had concerns with the Board having a meeting on National Night and Chairman Maturen stated the Board approved the 2013 meeting schedule earlier in the year. He indicated a lot of Board members missed meetings due to Board meetings.

8. Executive Session

Commissioner Taylor 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 Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing pending litigation: Lockhart vs. Kalamazoo County, et al.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Ayes: | All members present |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstains: | None |
| Absent: | Commissioners Alford, Iden, Tuinier |

The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 5:49 p.m. and returned to regular session at 6:16 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners