



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 2, 2017

- PLACE: Room 204, County Administration Building
- TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:34 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, Lisa Henthorn, Amanda Morse, Kristine Cunningham, Jim Rutherford, Lotta Jarnefelt, Lisa Robert, Mary Balkema, Charlotte Smith, Jeff Getting, 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 August 2, 2017 totaled \$2,381,571.01.

2. Senior Millage Discussion

Mr. Jim Rutherford, HCS Director, presented a Power Point presentation on Area Agency on Aging as well as the Senior Millage.



Commissioner McGraw stated if a millage were to be passed he would like to see the administrative costs be reduced so additional monies were available for services.

Mr. Rutherford indicated the millage dollars would be mainly be pass through dollars and would be concentrated on services.

Commissioner McGraw indicated he would like a survey or a Task Force developed to gather information and receive a recommendation before moving forward with a millage.

Commissioner Quinn thanked Mr. Rutherford for the information on such a short notice. He stated he would not support placing a millage on the ballot in November as he needed additional information.

Commissioner Kendall thanked Mr. Rutherford for putting the information together so expediently. Commissioner Kendall inquired how many people were served currently with the AAA budget? Mr. Rutherford indicated he would say thousands due to direct and indirect services.

Commissioner Kendall indicated he too would need additional information before approving placing this on the November ballot.

Vice Chair Moore arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Seals stated this was an important issue, however, moving forward right now would be problematic as there were a lot of unanswered questions as well as not receiving any public input.

Commissioner Rogers stated to house a person in a nursing home annually was \$70,000-\$80,000/annually and was mainly paid for by taxpayers. She indicated Area Agency on Aging employees conducted in home assessments and provided in home services. She indicated she would like to be proactive vs. reactive.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be supportive of waiting to place the question on the ballot until a later date until additional information was received.

Commissioner Hall thanked Mr. Rutherford and his staff for gathering the information. Commissioner Hall inquired about the meal per day and Mr. Rutherford indicated it was a low cost.

Commissioner Hall stated she would be supportive of creating a Task Force to look into these issues.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked Mr. Rutherford for him and his staff on the work gathering the information. He stated the Board received a letter from the OAS Board requesting the Board to place a millage question on the ballot.

Commissioner Wordelman stated his concerns were the funds proposed sufficient.



Commissioner Gisler encouraged the Board to carefully examine and prioritize all major expenditures. He felt that we could no longer continue to provide all services to all people. By prioritizing, some services may be reduced and some eliminated altogether. The priorities should be based on citizen input, not that of county staff.

Commissioner McGraw stated the Board needed to analyze the program further.

Ms. Tracie Moored reviewed the process for Advisory Boards recommendations and with this issue it had not been followed. She stated she welcomed the time an opportunity to work on this issue.

Chair Shugars stated several Clerks had sent letters and emails to the Commissioners urging the Board not to place this question on the November ballot.

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the August 8, 2017 Special Board meeting be canceled.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Chair Shugars indicated he along with Vice Chair Moore would be attending a White House event on August 8th and asked the Board to get their issues to Ms. Moored.

3. 2016 Audit Wrap Up

Ms. Amanda Morse stated in the Fall of 2015 an RFP was done and a new auditor was hired. She introduced Mr. Paul Matts, Rehmann. Mr. Matts thanked County staff for all of their assistance with completing the Audit. Mr. Matts reviewed the Audit as distributed.

Commissioner Rogers stated it was good news that there were no findings. She inquired about the recommendation to adopt budgets for all special revenues and Ms. Moored indicated it would be incorporated in the 2018 budget workbook.

Discussion ensued.

4. We Are Kalamazoo County Government Video

Ms. Moored played the We Are Kalamazoo County Government Video that was presented to employees on July 17, 2017.

5. Any other items

Chair Shugars indicated Treasurer Balkema left information on Japanese Knotweed.

Vice Chair Moore stated the Treasurer's Office left information about back taxes and resources available to the citizens of Kalamazoo County.



6. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shugars adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Dale Shugars, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

