

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 3, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:46 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners John Gisler, Jeff Heppler, Scott McGraw, Larry Provancher, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Dale Shugars, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and Kevin Wordelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Stephanie Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Charlotte Smith, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Pat Crowley, Jeff Getting, Ryan Post, Lynne Norman, Courtney Davis, Lotta Jarnefelt, Mary Balkema, Rick Fuller, Amanda Morse, Dina Sutton

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

1. Aeronautics Board Interviews

The Board introduced themselves and interviewed the following candidates:

- James Woodruff
- Greg Hamelink

Commissioner Gisler stated he was concerned with Mr. Woodruff's attendance. A few other Commissioners also concurred.

Commissioner Shugars stated he felt the Aeronautics Board was running smoothly and felt reappointing the three individuals was in the best interest of the community.

Commissioner Seals stated as the Board liaison he didn't feel Mr. Woodruff's attendance was an issue however; he would like to see some new people and fresh ideas, although he didn't feel Mr. Woodruff needed to be off the Board. He did state two of the recent appointed members were contributing a lot.

Commissioner Rogers stated she felt all candidates interviewed well. She did have concerns with Mr. Woodruff's attendance.

Commissioner Provancher stated he too had concerns with Mr. Woodruff's attendance.

Commissioner Gisler stated he agreed the Board should look at expanding the membership of the Aeronautics Board.

Chairman Taylor stated he would be supportive of expanding the Board to nine members and appoint all four applicants that interviewed and advertise for the vacant slot and emphasize on a candidate with leisure background.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel recommended the Board adopt a Resolution at the next meeting to expand the membership from seven to nine and appoint all four applicants and the Aeronautics Board would need to amend their Bylaws.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Amanda Morse, Financial Operations Manager, stated claims for August 3, 2016 totaled \$2,200,609.23.

3. Drain Commissioner Annual Report

Ms. Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner presented a Power Point presentation.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Drain Commissioner Crowley for her hard work and her staff's hard work. Commissioner Rogers stated she would like to invite the Drain Commissioner to work on Sustainability Committee with other County officials.

Commissioner Shugars asked for clarification on the County's grant process.

Mr. John Faul, Interim County Administrator stated Administration was aware of the grant submission process and was having conversations about this currently.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be supportive of changing the grant review process utilized by the County.

Commissioner Seals thanked Drain Commissioner Crowley for her report.

4. School Resources Deputy Agreement with Gull Lake Schools

Sheriff Rick Fuller reviewed his memo as included in the packet. Sheriff Fuller introduced Gull Lake Superintendent Chris Rundle.

Mr. Rundle stated the Gull Lake School Board was very supportive of this request and would ask the County to agree to this agreement.

Commissioner Provancher inquired of the duties of the School Resource Deputy.

Sheriff Fuller stated the officer would go through a special training as well as the school. They would be there for the safety and welfare for the school and students.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would support this request.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if this contract was a better deal than what the Townships were receiving for their deputies. Commissioner Shugars warned of unintended consequences.

Commissioner Gisler stated this was a form of community policing.

Commissioner Gisler inquired where the funds would be coming from and the Sheriff indicated it would come from general funds.

Mr. Faul stated the funds would come from contingency or out of the Sheriff's operating budget for the remaining 2016 year.

Commissioner Rogers stated she applauded the school district and Sheriff for forward thinking, but there would not be further funding available for other school districts.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he concurred with Commissioner Rogers' comments.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if any benchmarks would be set to see if the program was successful. Sheriff Fuller stated he felt the school would let the Sheriff know what was successful.

Commissioner Provancher stated he did not think this would be beneficial.

Commissioner Seals stated he would support this request and was pleased that Gull Lake Schools was helping pay for this, however, other school districts may want this but would not be able to afford to do this.

Chairman Taylor concurred with most of the comments made and would be supportive of the request.

5. Health & Community Services Annual Report

Dr. Gillian Stoltman presented a Power Point presentation.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Dr. Stoltman and her staff for all of their hard work. Commissioner Rogers inquired about the Infant Mortality Task Force and Chairman Taylor indicated a presentation would be done at the next meeting.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the County's health ranking and would like additional work to be done as the County rated 39th out of 83 counties.

Chairman Taylor thanked Dr. Stoltman for her presentation.

6. Any other items

There were no other items.

7. Executive Session

Vice Chairman Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law, specifically to discuss a written opinion from the Corporate Counsel dated June 1, 2016.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Chairman Taylor inquired of the Board who would support selling the surface parking lot at the Administration Building to Plaza Corp. for \$300,000 and there was no support. Chairman Taylor directed Mr. Faul to send Plaza Corp. a letter notifying them of this decision.

Chairman Taylor suggested Commissioners Shugars and Wordelman work on an RFP concerning the sale of the property and bring it back to the full Board, which was supported by the majority of the Board.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners