

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 6, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:03 p.m. – 5:42 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Mary Balkema, Cliff Moshoginis, Lisa Henthorn, Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:03 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for August 6, 2013 totaled \$3,081,468.30. She stated there were two release of funds for Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services. She also indicated there were two budget transfers.

2. Airport Purchase of Property (Federal Funds)

Mr. Cliff Moshoginis, Airport Director stated in 2011 the Airport began the process of purchasing property from Pfizer. He stated the purchase price was \$1,290,000 and the Aeronautics Board would approve a Purchase Agreement at their next meeting and would bring to the County Board of Commissioners following that. He indicated the property would be purchased using Federal Funds.

Commissioner Rogers inquired what the breakdown of funds were being used. Mr. Moshoginis stated it was as follows:

- 90% FAA funds
- 5% State funds
- 5% Airport funds

Commissioner Alford inquired what the property would be used for and Mr. Moshoginis indicated it could be used for hangar space, etc.

Commissioner Heppler inquired if there were environmental issues would the Airport be responsible and Mr. Moshoginis indicated it would not.

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

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He indicated Securus Technologies questioned the agreement being awarded to Telmate, LLC. The Sheriff, Administration, Purchasing did a thorough review and felt comfortable with awarding the agreement to Telmate, LLC.

Sheriff Rick Fuller indicated after further review he was comfortable in awarding the agreement to Telmate, LLC.

Commissioner Taylor inquired how much revenue was earned from the inmate calls and Mr. Canny indicated it varied, but was anywhere from \$120,000 to \$200,000. Commissioner Taylor indicated he didn't feel it was right to charge inmate families for calling the inmates.

Commissioner Heppler wanted to clarify that Securus' Technologies contract ran through March 2014.

Commissioner Tuinier inquired if the County would have Securus Technologies at the Healy Street location and Mr. Canny indicated the County would not.

Commissioner Alford inquired about video visitation in the future. Mr. Canny indicated it was possible to have multiple sites but there would be a cost associated with it.

Commissioner Iden wanted to know why the Sheriff didn't want to award the contract to the vendor who would provide more revenue than the other. Sheriff Fuller stated he took into account the revenue piece as well as the cost to the families.

Commissioner Rogers stated she supported this Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

4. Reinstatement of Officer

Sheriff Rick Fuller stated an employee had filed a grievance after being terminated. He indicated the Union and Sheriff's Office came to an agreement to allow the employee to come back under a 1 year probation period with no back pay.

5. Options for Possible Pension Changes

Ms. Moored reviewed options as included in the Packet. She indicated further discussion would occur at future meetings.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Heppler stated the Board had made promises to employees and the County needed to keep those promises.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was confused as to why Administration continued to discuss a Defined Contribution Plan when Gabrielle Roeder recommended keeping a Defined Benefit Plan.

6. Diversity & Appointment Process to Citizen Advisory Boards

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

7. 2014 Budget Schedule

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

8. Any other items

There were no other items.

9. Executive Session

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, goes 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 and Armstead Estate vs. Kalamazoo County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

10. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners