

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 16, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:30 p.m. – 6:43 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Moored, John Faul, Thom Canny, Kristine Cunningham, Paul Matyas, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachel Grover, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Charlotte Smith, Lynne Norman, Mary Balkema, Dina Sutton

Chairman Taylor convened the Committee of the Whole at 3:30 p.m.

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for August 16, 2016 totaled \$1,537,706.67. She indicated there was release of funds to the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health as well as the Public Housing Commission. She also indicated there was a budget line item adjustment for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if the alcohol tax being collected was going up or down and Ms. Moored indicated it was flat from the year before.

Commissioner Shugars arrived at 3:36 p.m.

Discussion ensued on the distribution of funds to the Public Housing Commission.

Commissioner Seals stated services were still being offered to eligible adults.

2. Allocated Fund Balance

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Shugars inquired about the General County Public Improvement – HCS Project and Ms. Moored indicated this was part of the HCS building project and would be utilized for construction costs and would be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund once that occurred.

Chairman Taylor inquired how long a department had to carryover the funds and Ms. Moored indicated three years and then they had to provide a report to Finance.

3. Transit Route Update

Ms. Linda Teeter, CCTA/KCTA Chair, provided an update to the Board. She distributed a proposed budget for 2017-2018.

She indicated services to Pavilion Estates would end in September.

She indicated service to KVCC would continue and would be expanded to The Groves.

Commissioner Tuinier arrived at 3:50 p.m.

She also indicated Oshtemo Township offered \$50,000 to continue service to Meijer and Walmart in Oshtemo Township, which was not in alignment with the CCTA Policy; however, Meijer indicated they wanted to continue service and discussions were being held and she was hopeful a service agreement would be reached.

Commissioner Rogers stated she appreciated the CCTA's Policy and was hopeful agreements would be reached.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about Precinct 9 in Oshtemo Township and Ms. Teeter indicated it included Walmart and so far no agreement had been reached with Walmart.

Discussion ensued on how price was reached per precinct.

Commissioner Wordelman concurred with Commissioners to stick with the CCTA Policy.

Commissioner Gisler commended Ms. Teeter and her staff for all of their hard work on this.

Commissioner Moore arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioner Seals thanked all of those involved.

Chairman Taylor stated he too was very proud of Ms. Teeter and her Board's.

4. Infant Mortality Task Force Update

Ms. Gwen Lubwama, YWCA Director along with Ms. Cathy Kothari, WMU Homer Stryker School of Medicine and Ms. Rochelle Habeck, ISAAC presented a Power Point presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Provancher inquired about Hispanic deaths and if that information was available.

Ms. Kothari indicated the numbers were generated by the birth and death certificates.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about a timeline and trend over the last 10-15 years, Dr. Kothari stated over the last 10 years is 6.0, however, the disparities had grown.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be supportive of passing a Resolution as well as appointing a Task Force.

Vice Chairman Heppler stated he would like to see the numbers for all races, not just black and white. He stated he wanted to reduce all infant mortality.

Commissioner Seals thanked everyone for the presentation. He stated this had been an issue for a long time and would like to see a solution.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked everyone for the presentation. He stated he too would support a Resolution. He stated creating a task force was a good idea and would be a challenge.

Commissioner Gisler stated he liked the idea of a central point for individuals.

Commissioner Provancher stated he was supportive of creating a task force.

Chairman Taylor stated he was supportive of this.

5. 2017 Wellness Incentive

Ms. Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She indicated Nulty would present the plan design to the Board at a future meeting. She did indicate that due to EEOC compliance the County could not mandate a County employee's spouse participate in the Wellness Program so that change would occur.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired if there was a cost benefit to the County for having a Wellness Program and Ms. Cunningham indicated she believed there was.

Commissioner Shugars wondered if the Wellness Program had any effect on productivity or absenteeism and realized there was probably not a way to measure it.

Commissioner Rogers urged Ms. Cunningham to come up with an incentive to include spouses in the program.

6. Any other items

Chairman Taylor indicated Long Lake Board would be starting work on an issue and urged Commissioner McGraw to get into a touch with that Board.

Chairman Taylor indicated Commissioner Seals would replace Commissioner Provancher on the Community Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he along with Commissioner Shugars had met and had some ideas on the Plaza Corp. proposal.

Commissioner Wordelman proposed:

1. Facility Board Retreat with an outside consultant.
2. Not to move forward with an RFP process for the sale of the land

Chairman Taylor stated a retreat would be beneficial. He also stated he felt an RFP was necessary. He stated he would like to hold a retreat after receiving environmentalals on the HCS building.

Mr. Canny indicated by September 1st the County should have additional information on the HCS project.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Provancher stated there were a lot of concerns with the Veterans Affairs meeting that recently occurred and wondered what the outcome was.

Mr. John Faul, Interim County Administrator indicated Administration needed to work with the Committee concerning management of employees and would continue to meet to hopefully get a resolution.

Chairman Taylor indicated that if that didn't work then each Advisory Board and Authority needed to be looked at to see what type of authority each one had.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Provancher 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 Sections 8 (h) and (e) of the Open Meetings Act of to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute and to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in pending litigation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners