

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 18, 2015

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:22 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: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Kristine Cunningham, Lisa Bradshaw, Paul Matyas, Tim Snow, Mary Balkema, Pat Crowley, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Lynne Norman, Lucinda Stinson, Rachel Grover, Jeff Getting, Dina Sutton

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

1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for August 18, 2015 totaled \$2,934,527.97. She indicated there were a few budgeted release of funds and a few departmental budget adjustments.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the reserve for future use that was allocated under the 911 account and Ms. Moored indicated this was a place holder.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the alcohol tax and Ms. Moored indicated those funds were being lowered and would be discussed during the budget process.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about salaries of deputies being within the general fund and Ms. Moored explained it was an accounting procedure.

2. Health & Community Services (HCS) Annual Report

Dr. Gillian Stoltman, HCS Director presented the HCS Annual Report via a power point presentation.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about the silo affect of the department.

Dr. Stoltman stated the department was working together and integrating staff at all levels as well as on a community level.

Commissioner Wordelman inquired about access to health care, particularly in the Edison neighborhood.

Dr. Stoltman stated the Edison school based clinic for the students and siblings was a clinic that the County would be taking over and would like to expand the scope of that clinic.

Commissioner Gisler inquired if the restaurant health inspections were publicized and Dr. Stoltman indicated the information was on the website.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about the 44 HIV/Aids cases. He inquired if it was a death sentence. He inquired if those cases had increased. He also inquired about the STD cases and inquired if education was being done in the areas it was most needed, such as low-income areas.

Dr. Stoltman indicated that there were many individuals who were managing well by taking their medications, etc. Dr. Stoltman indicated there was an increase of people diagnosed with HIV/Aids. Dr. Stoltman stated STD's were not in one area of income, she stated it varied. She stated HCS was doing education throughout the entire county.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was pleased that HHW was operational on Saturday's. She challenged HCS to work with Red Cross concerning operating shelters when needed.

Chairperson Taylor stated that 70% of health was due to environment and choices, he inquired if any work was being done with the hospitals and GIS mapping and cancer diagnosis. Dr. Stoltman stated HCS would like to pursue it further, but there hadn't been any tracking due to lack of funding, as well as, it being very difficult to track.

3. Allocation of Funds to Pay for November 3, 2015 Election

Mr. Tim Snow, Clerk reviewed his memo as distributed. He stated the election could cost the County between \$105,000 and \$125,000.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moored stated the funds could either come from contingency or could utilize the 2015 Housing allocation of \$125, 000 that had not been utilized as of yet.

Chairman Taylor stated he supported Plan B; he stated the allocation of funds for 2015 had not been requested and he suggested utilizing those funds.

Commissioner McGraw stated he would recommend using contingency funds to pay for the election and disburse the allocation to the Public Housing Commission in 2015.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would be willing to support Plan B.

Commissioner Provancher stated he would support Plan B and utilizing contingency funds.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he too would support Plan B.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he was confident that the millage would pass in November and he would like the 2015 allocated funds to the Public Housing Commission carried over to 2016.

Commissioner Gisler stated he concurred with the Chair's comments.

Commissioner Seals stated the millage would not help those currently in the program and felt maybe the election could be split between contingency funds and housing funds. He stated he supported Plan B.

Commissioner McGraw suggested having Public Housing Commission meeting the Board.

Commissioner Moore stated she had not heard a plan from the Public Housing Commission.

Discussion ensued.

4. MAC Annual Conference

Chair Taylor inquired how many Commissioners would like to attend.

Ms. Moored indicated the memo provided by Ms. Sutton was accurate and if the pervue of the Board to spend more than budgeted, Administration would find the funds to accommodate.

Commission Gisler stated he felt MAC Conferences were beneficial.

Commissioners Moore, Tuinier and Rogers expressed interest in attending.

5. Welcoming Michigan

Commissioner Provancher reviewed the information included in the Packet. Commissioner Provancher stated he would like the Board to pass a resolution at their next meeting.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if there were any costs associated with this and Commissioner Provancher indicated no County funds would be spent.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he supported this request. He stated he was impressed with the work done thus far by Mr. Jonathan Romero, Program Coordinator, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

Commissioner Shugars urged the Board to use caution when it came to immigration.

Commissioner Rogers inquired when Welcoming Michigan was being held and Commissioner Provancher stated on September 15th.

Commissioner Shugars arrived at 5:42 p.m.

6. Administrator Search

Mr. Todd Surline, President introduced staff members: Alex Gardner, Senior Human Resources Consultant and Kelly Lysaght, Client Relationship Specialist. Ms. Lysaght distributed information to the Board and Mr. Surline reviewed the process.

Mr. Gardner stated it would be a team approach and Hiring Solutions would be working directly with the County's Human Resources Director. He stated they would be aggressively seeking applicants.

Discussion ensued on the Position Announcement & Application Procedure.

Commissioner McGraw inquired if there was a process to sell Kalamazoo County. Mr. Surline stated it was the goal to get a manageable number of candidates to the Board to interview; he said Kalamazoo would sell itself.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like a 30 day window to apply.

Discussion ensued.

7. Any other items

Commissioner McGraw inquired about doing a Resolution for Bell's Brewery for their 30th Anniversary.

Commissioner Rogers stated she felt this was a slippery slope to go down.

Commissioner Wordelman stated debating a resolution before it was proposed was a waste of time.

Commissioner Moore stated she supported resolutions in theory.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he supported the Welcoming resolution.

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel stated traditionally resolutions have been at the request of Commissioners and not prepared by staff.

Commissioner Shugars stated he liked the idea of doing resolutions.

Commissioner Rogers stated she provided additional information on the prescription discount programs and shared that information with the Board.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners