

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Maturen, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on September 2, 2014.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner Michael Seals.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Seals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, David Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, Phil Stinchcomb, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull.

Members Absent: Commissioner Carolyn Alford.

Administrators Present: Peter Battani, Administrator; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Kelly Ball, Human Resources Director; Jean Michaud, Benefits Administrator; Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director; Susan Sayles, Circuit Court Finance Director; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the August 19, 2014, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Seals presented the following communications which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Resolution from Huron County Supporting SR 168.
- b) A Notice of Public Hearing from Cooper Charter Township for an Industrial Development District for Sapa Extrusions North America.

- c) A Notice of Public Hearing from Township of Schoolcraft for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for EIMO Technologies, Inc.
- d) A Resolution from Cooper Charter Township Opposing Hydraulic Fracturing.
- e) Commissioner Rogers had received numerous emails both in support and in opposition of the Missile Defense Project at Ft. Custer.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Chairperson Maturen stated that Citizens' Time was when any citizen could address the Board on a non-agenda item. He said anyone wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item should come to the podium, give their name and address, and limit their remarks to four minutes. He said if anyone would like to speak about an item that was on the consent agenda, they could ask that it be removed from the consent agenda at this time or he would provide an opportunity just prior to that section of the agenda.

Mr. Alfred Sarquiz, Kalamazoo requested Item S. on the Consent Agenda be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Non-Consent Agenda.

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, stated he didn't feel the 2014 Fair was advertised very well.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Public Arts Commission Update

Mr. Neil Bremer, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission, presented the Board with a report of action taken during the current term and in the previous year.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Mr. Bremer for his presentation. She wanted to know why the governmental representatives were non-voting members and Mr. Bremer indicated it was an ethical decision to ensure there were no misunderstandings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Circuit Court

B. Request for Approval of Extension of Temporary Imaging Employee

That the Board of Commissioners approve an extension of a temporary Imaging employee position #10895-001 at the K05 band level up to 90 days.

C. Request for Approval of Extension of Temporary Family Interventionist/Mediator II Employee

That the Board of Commissioners approve an extension of a temporary Family Interventionist/Mediator II employee position #10573-013 at the J12 level up to 90 days.

D. Request for Approval to a Grant Agreement with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for Drug Court Improvement Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for Drug Court Improvement Program in the amount of \$16,000; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

District Court

E. Request for Approval of a Contract with Lauren Rosenthal for Professional Services for the Young Adult Diversion Court's (YADC) Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Lauren Rosenthal for Professional Services for the YADC Program at the rate of \$18.25.hour not to exceed 20 hours per week effective September 1, 2014; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health & Community Services

F. Request for Approval of Managed Health Plan (MHP) Agreement and MHP Amendment with McLaren Health Plan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute MHP Agreement and MHP Amendment with McLaren Health Plan to coordinate services with clients seen at HCS Clinics effective September 1, 2014 with automatic annual renewals; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

G. Request for Approval of Creation of Social Worker Position in the Area Agency on Aging Program (State Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Creation of the following Position:

Create:

Account #	Title/Position #	FTE	Grade	Salary	Effective
690-005	Social Worker 10743-TBD	0.5	K7	\$17,617- \$23,784	10/1/14

Prosecuting Attorney

H. Request for Approval of FY 2014-2015 Crime Victim Rights Grant with the Michigan Department of Community Health

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit FY 2014-2015 Crime Victim Rights Grant to the Michigan Department of Community Health in the amount of \$206,957 to fund 2.5 FTE Victim Advocates; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

I. Request for Approval of Temporary Acting Sergeant Position

That the Board of Commissioners approve a temporary acting Sergeant Position at the F22 level for the period of September 2, 2014 through November 30, 2014.

J. Request for Approval of Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Grant Application

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit ORV Grant Application

to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1,000 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. Request for Approval of Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Application Renewal

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Application Renewal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$39,184 for the period of October 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

L. Request for Approval of Salary Exception for Nurse Position (General Fund)

That the Board of Commissioners approve a salary exception for a nurse position at the F step due to the eight step conversion of the new CBA, retroactive to July 1, 2014.

M. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Vicksburg Foundation for the K9 Unit

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant Application to the Vicksburg Foundation in the amount of \$16,000 to fund the cost of a canine, training and start up supplies; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. Request for Approval to Submit Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit Secondary Road Patrol Grant to the State of Michigan in the amount of \$204,351 with a match of \$17,421 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; a copy of said Grant to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners

O. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated September 2, 2014", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,731,790.71, be approved; that the County Clerk be authorized to certify to the County Treasurer that the Board has approved on this date the disbursements in the list dated September 2, 2014, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed

P. Request for Approval of a Resolution to Urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to Select the Fort Custer Training Center (FCTC) in Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties as the Location for a New Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) Ballistic Missile Defense Mission

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Q. Request for Approval of Appointments to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group

That the Board of Commissioners move to accept and appoint professional surveyors Gary Hahn, Randy Ligman, David Gariepy, Mark Evans, Don Andrews and James Boynton to the Kalamazoo County Remonumentation Peer Review Group retroactive to June 12, 2014 and lasting until

March 1, 2015. At that time, the appointment of the Peer Review Group members will follow the County's normal application/review process for future appointments.

R. Request for Approval of All Active Employee Benefit Recommendations

That the Board of Commissioners approve All Active Employee Benefit Recommendations as presented at the August 19, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

S. Request for Approval of All Retiree Benefit Recommendations

That the Board of Commissioners approve All Retiree Benefit Recommendation as presented at the August 19, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

T. Request for Approval of Resolution to Set Annual Meeting Date and Public Hearing for Proposed 2015 Budget

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the statutes in such case made and provided require a municipal corporation to hold an Annual Meeting and a Public Hearing on its proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the statute further provides that the Annual Meeting shall be held after September 14 but before October 16 of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate the date of Tuesday, October 7, 2014 as the date of its Annual Meeting, and Tuesday, October 7, 2014 as the date for the Public Hearing on the 2014 Proposed Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk/Register is hereby authorized and directed to publish in the Kalamazoo Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Kalamazoo County, at least six days prior to the Public Hearing, a notice of such Public Hearing, which notice shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET
OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed Budget of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in the County Administration Building, second floor, Board of Commissioners' Room 204, located at 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A copy of the proposed Budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Offices of the Board of Commissioners and County Clerk/Register, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that Items B. through T., with the exception of Item P., be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Items are Non-Consent Agenda Items and will be voted on individually.

P. Request for Approval of a Resolution to Urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to Select the Fort Custer Training Center (FCTC) in Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties as the Location for a New Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) Ballistic Missile Defense Mission

Commissioner Stinchcomb moved and it was duly seconded the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The military missions based at Fort Custer Training Center and nearby Air National Guard Base are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than \$22 million in total wages and salaries and \$26 million in gross regional product; and

WHEREAS, The selection of a site in FCTC, supported by adjacent air base assets, for the GBI mission will bring a multi-billion dollar economic impact, \$700 million in new construction, 300 new jobs to the region, an estimated 1,800 new spinoff jobs, and will leverage over \$100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone to make the region’s military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The people, businesses, educational institutions and communities within southwest Michigan are prepared to continue their tradition of embracing the soldiers, citizens and their families that will support this GBI mission, which includes a quality of life necessary to support the construction and operation of the GBI system; and

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the GBI mission; which will not create a nuisance in the region but instead will protect the nation by its ability to locate and eliminate incoming warheads well outside the earth’s atmosphere using missiles that do not include explosive weapons onboard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer

Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Commissioner Rogers stated it was a difficult decision for her to make. She would like to hear comments made by citizens. She stated she had done some research beforehand and would like to see the Environmental Impact Study once it was available.

Commissioner Taylor stated he too struggled with this decision, but would support this Resolution; however, he felt the Federal Government had its priorities all wrong.

Vice Chairman Buskirk concurred with Commissioner Taylor's comments. He stated he felt the contract would be done by local Unions.

Commissioner Seals stated he would support this Resolution because of the economic impact it would have for the community.

Mr. Phillip Micklin, Kalamazoo, stated he understood the economic impact for the community, however, he had hoped the County would not play into this and would not support this project.

Mr. Steve Barber, Kalamazoo, stated he felt the project was frightening to him.

Ms. Barbara Huber, Kalamazoo, stated she was worried about the unexplained and unintended consequences there would be associated with this project.

Ms. Jen Dewaele, Kalamazoo, urged the Board not to support this project.

Mr. Alfred Sarquiz, Kalamazoo, stated he supported this project.

Mr. Barry Petrucci, Kalamazoo, stated he didn't support this project.

Mr. Frank Warren, Kalamazoo, stated he supported this project.

Mr. Derek Nofs, Southwest Michigan First, urged the County to support this project.

Mr. Harold Beu, Kalamazoo, stated he did not support this project.

Mr. Charles Harmon, Kalamazoo, stated he did not support this project.

Ms. Ireke Way, Kalamazoo, stated she did not support this project.

Mr. Wade Adams, Kalamazoo, stated he did not support this project.

Ms. Karen Chadwick, Kalamazoo, stated she did not support this project.

Mr. Bob Kildea, Kalamazoo, stated he did not support this project.

Commissioner Zull stated the Board had heard from a lot of passionate people who expressed fear and he didn't feel their fear was real and wished that the world was noble as these individuals were; he felt the world was becoming more and more dangerous. He stated he heard that we couldn't pay for protection, but he did not feel this was different than paying for police and fire protection.

Commissioner Taylor stated some of the comments made tonight by citizens were counterproductive; he stated insulting the Board was not the correct way.

Commissioner Seals stated as a Veteran he wished the world was better and that there were no wars, but that was not how other countries felt. He said what mattered was the people in America were free and had freedom. He stated he would support this Resolution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present, except
Nays: None
Abstains: Commissioners Rogers and Taylor
Absent: Commissioner Alford

The motion carried.

S. Request for Approval of All Retiree Benefit Recommendations

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve All Retiree Benefit Recommendations as presented at the August 19, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Rogers stated she sat on the subcommittee who agreed to these proposed recommendations and stated she would support these recommendations.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he too sat on the subcommittee and would support these recommendations.

Mr. Alfred Sarquiz, Kalamazoo, stated he was a Kalamazoo County Retiree, addressed the Board as to what authority the County had based on an individual choice at the time of retirement.

Mr. Thomas Canny, Corporate Counsel, advised the Board not to address any legal questions as an opinion was obtained by benefit counsel.

Ms. Nancy Woods, Kalamazoo, stated her husband was a Kalamazoo County Retiree, addressed the Board concerning the Medicare Advantage Plan; she indicated no information had been received. She stated the retirees were bound by a contract at the time of retirement.

Mr. Canny again stated he advised the Board not to address any legal questions.

Ms. Woods wanted to know when the retirees would receive something in writing.

Ms. Moored stated the County was restricted in what it would be able to release until contracts were signed with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She indicated retirees were invited to informational meetings.

Commissioner Rogers wanted clarification that the benefits were similar or same.

Ms. Moored stated the benefit plan would be the same. She indicated questions would be answered at the informational meetings.

Ms. Woods stated her concern was that the Board would pass this and the retirees would not have a say.

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he was a retired union member and his costs did not follow him, his union had the opportunity to make changes without him having a say.

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

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

There was no new business.

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Mr. Peter Battani stated Commissioner Alford was not here due to an illness in the family and would get a status update. He stated the Budget Retreat was on Tuesday, September 9 at 4 p.m. and indicated he budget notebook would mailed Friday and a pdf file would be sent tomorrow. He wanted to thank Kelly Ball for her service and wished her well.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maturen stated the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 17.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

There was no Vice Chairman's Report.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Stinchcomb stated the Road Commission was having a bus tour in October.

Chm Initial _____

Clk Initial _____

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Commissioner Tuinier thanked Kelly Ball for her service and was disappointed she was leaving. He thanked everyone for their work on the health care benefit recommendations.

Commissioner Zull stated Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) was still working on the Complete Streets Policy and the next meeting was being held this Thursday.

Commissioner Iden congratulated Commissioner Rogers on her NACo Health Policy Steering Committee appointment. He invited the Board to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony September 18 at 9 a.m. for Secant.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was a celebrity greeter and King Westwood today. She stated she was proud of the health care benefit recommendations and the County would be saving \$1.1 million dollars. She thanked Kelly Ball for her service. She welcomed Charlie Eaton home.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

David C. Maturen, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners