

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:41 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford and Brandt Iden

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Kelly Ball, Jean Michaud, Paul Matyas, Lynne Norman, Lucinda Stinson, Lotta Jarnefelt, Tim Snow, Mary Balkema, Jeff Getting, Sue Sayles, Lee Adams, Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen 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 September 2, 2014 totaled \$2,731,790.71. She indicated there was one release of funds to Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health – Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency in the amount of \$228,478.50.

Commissioner Zull inquired about the payments under the Fair line item and Mr. John Faul indicated it was the 4-H awards.

2. Transit Interview Process

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator stated the Board would need to interview six (6) candidates for the transit interviews and was suggesting holding a special meeting on September 10th at 5 p.m.

3. September 16 Meeting Discussion

Mr. Battani indicated that four Commissioners were going to the MAC Conference and should move the meeting to September 17th.

4. Wellness Program Update

Ms. Susan Culhane, Nulty Agency reviewed the memo as included in the packet concerning the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Ms. Kelly Ball, Human Resources Director, reviewed the memo as included in the packet. She stated Administration was requesting the Board to terminate its contract with Holtyn & Associates and partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She indicated Administration was also requesting to hire a Wellness Coordinator and to continue the grant program.

Commissioner Taylor inquired how the anticipated savings was going to be captured. Ms. Jean Michaud, Benefits Coordinator stated the budget breakdown was included in the packet and claims had not been included but Ms. Culhane indicated stated claims would look at but would take 2-3 years to get those numbers.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was proud to have been a part of the subcommittee and was pleased with the recommendations.

Commissioner Zull inquired about the Urgent Care Centers and wanted to know if that was essentially an emergency room and Ms. Culhane stated they weren't one in the same and cost less than an emergency room.

Commissioner Tuinier wanted the County to send a letter to employees explaining the process and Ms. Culhane stated employee meetings were going to be held.

Discussion ensued.

5. Agreement between the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council and the Upjohn Institute

Mr. Lee Adams, Resource Director, presented a power point presentation and reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

6. PA 2 Budget for FY 2015

Ms. Mindie Smith, Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health reviewed the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget request as included in the packet.

Commissioner Seals asked Ms. Smith to explain the transition that occurred and Ms. Smith indicated there were different budgets because of the transition and some payouts were done through Community Mental Health and some were done through the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health.

Commissioner Seals thanked Ms. Smith for her presentation.

7. Early Education Update

Ms. Kristi Carambula, Director, KRESA Early Childhood Programs, distributed a handout and provided the Board with an update on Early Education.

Commissioner Taylor inquired about the Great Start Readiness Program being funded by private and grant funds. Ms. Carambula indicated 39% was privately funded. Commissioner Taylor wanted to know if there was a strategic plan that would put the programs under one umbrella and Ms. Carambula indicated they were working towards that goal.

Commissioner Seals stated most of the sights were moved, particularly on the East Side and he was very disappointed by this. He stated there were other moves as well. Ms. Crambula stated the children from the East Side were moved to Northeastern.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like to have an annual report and appreciated receiving this report today. Commissioner Rogers wanted to know how the collaboration/integration was going, particularly with hearing & vision. Ms. Stephanie Thomas stated it was going very well and KRESA met regularly with HCS Programs.

Commissioner Zull stated he was really pleased with the transition.

8. Any other items

There were no other items.

9. Executive Session

Commissioner Seals 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(e) and 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute and for the purpose of consulting with the County's attorney pending legal action in the matter of Kalamazoo County vs. Hotels.com, et al because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioners Alford and Iden

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 5:41 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners