

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:32 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Carolyn Alford and Phil Stinchcomb

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Rick Fuller, Jean Michaud, Sue Darling, Sue Sayles, Tim Snow, Mary Balkema, 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 17, 2014 totaled \$2,591,787.28. She indicated there were budget adjustments for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount of \$3,000.

2. Child Care Grant

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator stated there were two issues, one immediate and one long-term. He stated on the Board agenda there was a request to approve the 2014-2015 Child Care Grant, which needed to occur. He stated that a meeting was held earlier today concerning the on-going issue with the Child Care Fund.

Ms. Sue Darling, Circuit Court Administrator indicated Circuit Court had concerns with DHS, the Courts budget, and if the Court had any authority to manage the issue. She indicated further meetings were going to be had and another update would be given to the Board at its next meeting.

Commissioner Taylor wanted clarification about what monies were distributed and what was necessary for 2015.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Heppler stated maybe the way the program was managed needed to be changed. He suggested looking at how other counties ran their program.

Commissioner Rogers stated she thought the issue was under control and obviously the management of the program wasn't working. She mentioned a foster care parent who reported she had not received a check from DHS since May 2014. She asked Mr. Peck if any of these checks had been cut and Mr. Peck replied they were in the process.

Mr. Rob Peck, Department of Human Services (DHS) stated DHS was working on this issue. He stated residential placements were still high and the cost was very expensive.

Discussion ensued.

3. Dispatch Update

Mr. Peter Battani, indicated this item was for discussion only and action would be taken at the next meeting. He reviewed the memo from the Dispatch Steering Committee administrative group as well as the agreements as included in the packet.

Commissioner Heppler stated he was very pleased that everyone worked together on this project. He stated it was a very important issue.

Commissioner Seals inquired how much revenue the 42 cents would generate and Mr. Battani indicated it was \$1.4 million. Commissioner Seals stated having consolidated dispatch would be beneficial to the entire community.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know how WMU had 2 voting members and Mr. Battani indicated the Committee agreed to allow them 2 voting members to be fair.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about loaning money to the Authority to allow for the hiring of a Director.

Commissioner Zull stated he had concerns that the 42 cents would not support the system long-term and at some point a millage question would need to be on the ballot for the people. Mr. Battani indicated it wasn't a foregone conclusion that a millage question would be necessary or if it were necessary what amount would be needed.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for their hard work on this. He stated this was going to be a huge benefit to the community.

Discussion ensued.

4. Workforce Development Board

Mr. Ben Damerow, Michigan Works! stated in June he presented the makeup of the Workforce Development Board and after many meetings and discussions the three documents included in the packet were generated. Mr. Damerow reviewed those documents.

Discussion ensued.

5. Oshtemo SoDA Request

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed the memo as included in the packet. He stated based on the Board's TIF Policy approved last month, Oshtemo Township and the SoDA submitted a Corridor Improvement Authority TIF request to the County.

Commissioner Rogers thanked everyone who worked on this request.

Commissioner Zull stated the Board had the discretion to approve or not approve this request.

Commissioner Taylor stated he would encourage Commissioners to support this request.

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he would support this and encouraged the rest of the Board to do so as well.

Mr. Lee Adams, Resource Director stated Oshtemo Township did agree to the terms of Section 5 of the Policy.

Mr. Greg Miliken, Planning Director, Oshtemo Township thanked the County for reviewing this request. He stated the request was scaled back from the original request. He stated one major item that would be accomplished would be adding sidewalks for pedestrians in areas that were needed.

Discussion ensued.

6. Holtyn Presentation

Mr. Ken Holtyn, Ms. Mary Werme, Holtyn & Associates reviewed the information as included in the packet.

Chairman Maturen stated with the plan in place with Nulty Agency and Blue Cross Blue Shield that Holtyn & Associates would not be able to provide those same services.

Mr. Holtyn indicated that wasn't correct. He stated wellness providers were all required to be HIPPA compliant.

Ms. Moored stated the issue was that Holtyn & Associates and Blue Cross Blue Shield were not able to process the claims data because it could not be transferred with Holtyn & Associates.

Discussion ensued.

7. County Administrator/Corporate Counsel Evaluations

Chairman Maturen stated the blank evaluations included in the packet were not going to be utilized. He stated new forms had been created and sent to the Board and he would like the Board to use the new forms.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Maturen requested the evaluations be turned in no later than October 13 and would be reviewed at the October 21 meeting.

8. Any other items

Commissioner Zull stated KATS would be voting on the Complete Streets Policy in the near future. He stated he asked the Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) Chair to update the Board.

Mr. Daniel Moyle, Chair stated the KCRC did agree with the Complete Streets Non Motorized Policy; however the KCRC had two major concerns with the Policy. He stated the KCRC cannot support any Policy that would reduce revenue for roads and bridges and the KCRC would also like a plan incorporated in the Policy.

Discussion ensued.

9. Executive Session

Commissioner Taylor 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 Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of consulting with the County's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in the matter of Westfield vs. Kalamazoo County, 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 Stinchcomb

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 6:32 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners