

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 4, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:09 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, Charlotte Smith, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Ryan Post, Lynne Norman, Tim Snow, Lotta Jarnefelt, Lisa Robert, Rachael Grover, Jeff Getting, Eric McNamara, David Rachowicz, 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 October 4, 2016 totaled \$2,041,312.72. She indicated there was budget line item adjustment for Adult Probation.

2. Transfer of Dental Clinic to Family Health Center

Dr. Gillian Stoltman, HCS Director, reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She indicated part of the reason for the move was that the Family Health Center was able to take advantage of federal reimbursements that the County was not able to do so. She indicated part of the transfer of the Dental Clinic to the Family Health Center would also mean HCS would take over the Family Health Center's WIC Program.

She indicated the County's Dental Clinic would close on December 2, 2016 and would be up and running on December 5, 2016 by the Family Health Center at the County's HCS facility until their new building was completed. She indicated the transfer of the WIC Program would occur in October of 2017.

Dr. Stoltman indicated the Family Health Center would also take over the County's mobile dental clinic in coordination with Community In Schools to provide dental services at schools and the KRESA Head Start.

Commissioner Moore arrived at 4:16 p.m.

Commissioner Seals thanked Dr. Stoltman and everyone for their work on this. He stated he had concerns with the mobile dental clinic and was pleased to hear that the Family Health Center was taking this function over as well.

Commissioner Gisler also thanked Dr. Stoltman and everyone for their work on this. He inquired what the depreciated value of the mobile unit was and Ms. Moored indicated it was approximately \$200,000 and the County would require the Family Health Center to provide those services until the unit was fully depreciated.

Commissioner Heppler stated he too was pleased the mobile clinic was going to continue. He wanted assurances that this would continue in the future.

Commissioner Provancher stated he too had concerns with the mobile dental clinic and continued service.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about Family Health Center leasing space at HCS and Dr. Stoltman indicated it was a short term lease until the new facility for the Family Health Center was completed.

Commissioner Rogers stated the FQHCs were reimbursed approximately \$30-40 per \$100 vs. non FQHCs \$8 per \$100. She stated a Task Force had started working on this approximately 2 years ago and felt this was in the best interest in the community allowing continued service to those most vulnerable. She stated she would like a report after one year.

Commissioner Shugars inquired if HCS or Family Health Center worked with KVCC or Detroit Mercy and Dr. Stoltman indicated both entities utilized various schools. He also indicated early intervention/prevention was an area that should be focused on.

Commissioner Wordelman stated Dr. Stoltman indicated the Family Health Center did not want to purchase the mobile dental unit, but they would continue the program and Dr. Stoltman indicated that was correct.

Discussion ensued.

3. Southwest Michigan First Presentation

Mr. Ron Kitchens, CEO, provided an update to the Board.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he liked that SWMF was reaching out to the Jr. High and High School students and exposing them to what jobs/careers were available.

Commissioner Moore stated she would like some of the money the City of Kalamazoo received to be focused on employment training opportunities.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor thanked Mr. Kitchens and his staff for all of their hard work.

4. Bronson Park Presentation/Resolution Request

Mr. Jeff Chamberlain, City of Kalamazoo, presented a Power Point presentation to the Board. He stated the City of Kalamazoo had approved the Plan and work would begin in 2018.

Commissioner Gisler inquired about a statue of Lincoln and Mr. Chamberlain indicated a separate group was working on this piece.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his presentation. She indicated she would like an annual report and further discussions needed to be had concerning the lease of the Park to the City.

5. WMU College of Education & Human Development Resolution

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would like the Board to approve the resolution which was included in the Packet.

Commissioner Seals indicated he was supportive of this resolution.

Commissioner Rogers inquired why the Board was not apprised of this before now. She indicated she was not in support of breaking policy, however, she would not hold up the process.

Commissioner McGraw stated he too would support this resolution.

Commissioner Shugars stated he concurred with Commissioner Rogers' comments. He stated he didn't have an issue with the resolution itself; however, he wanted the Board to follow process and policy.

Chairman Taylor stated he concurred with Commissioners Rogers and Shugars.

Discussion ensued.

6. Any other items

Chairman Taylor indicated he had requests to postpone the evaluation of the Administrator until October 18th meeting.

Commissioner Rogers stated she had received communication from constituents concerning the Road Commission Policy on sign changes and urged the Board to review the proposed policy and get their feedback to the Road Commission. She indicated she had concerns with a portion of the policy concerning Neighborhood Watch signage within Oshtemo Township. She stated she had issues with disability and biking signage as well.

Commissioner McGraw stated the Road Commission was trying to make things more uniform with the other local municipalities.

Commissioner Gisler stated he was under the impression it was not mandated and only affected new signage.

Commissioner Shugars stated the Board needed to represent the constituents and the Board needed to be aware of issues with the Road Commission.

Commissioner Rogers stated the constituents were upset with the Road Commission.

Mr. John Faul, Interim County Administrator indicated according to the Board's Strategic Calendar a Joint Meeting with the Road Commission was to be scheduled in November.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he along with Commissioner Provancher had been working on a resolution on House Bills 5940 & 5941 concerning driver's license for undocumented immigrants; copies were distributed to the Board.

Commissioner Provancher stated he was obviously supportive of the resolution and House Bills.

Commissioner Gisler stated he had concerns with Item W. and was still deciding whether he wanted it pulled off the Consent Agenda or not.

7. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners