

## MINUTES

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 15, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:52 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Dane Turner, Deb Cardiff, Linda Vail, Jeff Getting, Mary Balkema, Pat Crowley, Lotta Jarnefelt, Kelly Ball, Tim Snow, 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 introduced new Human Resources Director Dane Turner.

Ms. Moored stated claims for October 15, 2013 totaled \$1,730,213.90.

2. KCTA Articles of Incorporation

Ms. Linda Teeter, KCTA Chair along with Mr. Sean McBride, Executive Director presented the proposed KCTA Articles of Incorporation as included in the packet.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if compensation would be the same for Mr. McBride and Ms. Teeter stated he would continue to be an employee of KCTA.

Commissioner Alford inquired when Mr. McBride would be taking over and she indicated no later than January 2014.

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated the two cities and county were working with KCTA and was pleased with the direction they were heading.

3. Presentation by Public Housing Commission

Mr. David Anderson, Chair, stated he recently met with the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission to discuss their concern with influx of people and where do the people go from there. He reviewed what the Public Housing Commission did. He also reviewed handouts concerning their 2013 budget as well as their 2014 budget.

Commissioner Zull stated he initially wasn't in favor of allocating the additional funds, however, after hearing Mr. Anderson's presentation and being aware of the needs of the Gospel Mission, he was inclined to support the request.

Commissioner Seals thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation. He stated he was very pleased with the stop gap piece of their program. He stated he would support this request.

Commissioner Taylor apologized for the way the issue was brought up; however, the need was there.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation. She stated by spending more up front it would save money in the long run.

Commissioner Tuinier inquired when the \$250,000 would be spent and Mr. Anderson said in 2014.

Commissioner Alford thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation and work.

Commissioner Iden thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation. He stated he felt it was fiscally irresponsible of the Board in the manner in which it handled this issue. He stated he would not support this request, not because he didn't recognize the need.

Commissioner Stinchcomb thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation and was impressed by the dollars being spent administratively. He was hopeful the mortgage foreclosure prevention piece would work.

Chairman Maturen inquired what the 1:2 match ratio meant, and Mr. Anderson stated he hoped to have a budget of \$375,000 and those funds would come from other entities.

4. Hark Orchids Economic Development Funds Request Update

Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Mr. David Gordon, General Manager from Hark Orchids updated the Board on the status of the operation of their company.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Ms. Jarnefelt and Mr. Gordon for their work on this project.

5. Request to Set a Public Hearing on the Creation of a Groundwater Restricted Use Zone for Meijer Corporation

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers stated she would like to have this done by the end of the year.

6. Request to Resume the Public Hearing on the Creation of a Groundwater Restricted Use Zone for Parker Hannifin

Mr. Canny reviewed his memo as included in the packet. He stated this would be on the November 5 agenda.

7. County Administrator's Contract Renewal

Chairman Maturen stated he along with Vice Chairman Buskirk stated they reviewed Mr. Battani's contract and was seeking a three contract extension.

Commissioner Taylor stated he felt Mr. Battani worked best when he was rested and suggested to allow another week of leave time.

Commissioner Alford inquired if Mr. Battani was ok with the recommendation and Mr. Battani indicated he was.

8. 2014 HCS Laboratory Fee Schedule

Ms. Linda Vail, HCS Director reviewed the fee schedule as included in the packet. She stated the fee schedule was reviewed by a consultant, Maximus, Inc. She indicated the last changes were done in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

9. 2014 HCS Environmental Health Services Fee Schedule

Ms. Vail reviewed the fee schedule as included in the packet. She stated Maximus, Inc. reviewed the fees and recommended these changes.

Commissioner Taylor inquired what the total revenue to the department would be and Ms. Vail indicated the revenue would be mostly flat. She indicated losses were being seen in the Dental Clinic, the Clinic, particularly with immunization, as well as some State funding reductions.

Discussion ensued.

10. Any other items

There were no other items.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Zull moved that the Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Committee of the Whole, go into a closed session pursuant to Sections 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 4:04 p.m. and returned to regular session at 4:33 p.m.

12. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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David C. Maturen, Chairman  
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners