

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Lisa Bradshaw, Kristine Cunningham, Rick Fuller, Pat Crowley, Tim Snow, Jeff Getting, Lotta Jarnefelt, Kelly Clarke, Carol Babcock, Dina Sutton

Vice Chairman Buskirk 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 November 5, 2014 totaled \$1,980,948.13. She indicated there was a release of fund to the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission in the amount of \$150,000.

She also indicated there were two budget line item transfers.

2. Brownfield Plan for Site in Oshtemo Township

Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director reviewed her memo as included in the packet. She indicated Board approval would occur at the November 18th Board meeting.

Mr. Joe Agostinelli, Chair, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board reviewed the project plan as distributed.

Chairman Maturen arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioner Rogers stated she supported this project. She stated she felt this was a win-win project.

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he too supported this plan and felt it was a good way to utilize funds down the road.

Commissioners Heppler and Seals stated they too supported this project.

3. Vicksburg Downtown Development Authority Restated Development Plan & TIF Plan

Ms. Jarnefelt reviewed here memo as included in the packet. She stated the Planning Department Staff had reviewed the plan and supported the request. She indicated Board approval would occur at the November 18th Board meeting.

Mr. Bill Adams, President of Village of Vicksburg thanked the Board for its consideration of the plan.

Ms. Kathleen Hoyle, Vicksburg DDA reviewed the plan as distributed.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know if there were projection tables and Ms. Hoyle indicated the tables were on pages 24-28. She wanted to know the opinion of Administration as well as Board Leadership's position.

Chairman Maturen stated he felt comfortable with this project and felt it was within policy.

Vice Chairman Buskirk indicated it did meet the County's policy.

Commissioner Seals stated it was a well put plan and appreciated that the Village of Vicksburg was attempting to develop its economic development.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rogers stated she appreciated that Vicksburg worked with the Brownfield Authority as well as the County Planning Department.

4. Tuition Reimbursement Policy, 5.12

Ms. Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Heppler wanted to know how it would affect the budget and Ms. Cunningham indicated it would be a minimal impact on the employee benefit fund.

5. Any other items

There were no other items.

6. 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 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

7. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

