

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 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: Interim County Administrator John Faul, Corporation Counsel Thom Canny, Finance Director Tracie Moored, Dep. Finance Director Lisa Robert, Building & Grounds Director Eric McNarma, Sheriff Richard Fuller, Human Resources Director Kristine Cunningham, Equalization Director Matt Hansen, Planning Director Lotta Jarnefelt, Treasurer Mary Balkema, Deputy Treasurer Megan Buwalda, Tina Harden, Clerk/Register Timothy Snow

Chair Taylor convened the special Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All except Commissioner Moore

Citizen's Time:

Five citizens asked questions about the selection process.

Ms. Moored presented a Power Point presentation about her background and vision for the County.

Commissioner Moore arrived 3:09 p.m.

Commissioners asked several clarification questions regarding Ms. Moored's presentation.

Comments & Discussion:

Commissioner Gisler commented that the Board does not have to fill the Administrator position quickly, that more input should be received.

Commissioner Moore said that she was concerned that the Board did not communicate well with the community, noting that Ms. Moored's interest in the Administrator position just came up at the previous meeting and that she is not the only option. There is a consultant in place. The Board should use them and have Ms. Moored return for another interview process along with other qualified candidates.

Commissioner Wordelman stated Tracie deserves respect for standing up and doing what she did. The Board moved too quickly on the last Administrator and does not want to make the same mistake.

Wordelman then moved, and it was duly seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioners then discussed adjourning the meeting

After discussion, Gisler moved to call the question.

On a voice vote, motion carried with one “Nay” vote.

Chair asked for a Roll Call vote on the motion to adjourn.

On a roll call vote the following voted “Aye”: Moore, Wordelman

The following voted “Nay”: Gisler, Heppler, McGraw, Rogers, Seals, Shugars, Taylor, Tuinier

The following abstained: Provancher

Motion failed.

Discussion continued.

After additional discussion, McGraw moved, seconded by Shugars to appoint Tracie Moored as County Administrator/Controller effective immediately and to authorize Labor Counsel, the Chair and Vice Chair to negotiate a one-year agreement, subject to final approval by this Board.

The Board discussed the motion extensively.

On a roll call vote, the following voted “Aye”: Heppler, McGraw, Rogers, Seals, Shugars, Taylor, Tuinier, Gisler

The following voted “Nay”: Moore, Provancher, Wordelman

Motion carried 8 – 3.

Heppler then moved, seconded by Seals to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners