

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2014

ITEM 1 Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Maturen, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner's Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on December 16, 2014.

ITEM 2 Invocation: Commissioner Brandt Iden.

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Iden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4 Roll Call: Commissioners Carolyn Alford, Dave Buskirk, Jeff Heppler, Brandt Iden, David Maturen, Julie Rogers, Michael Seals, John Taylor, Roger Tuinier and John Zull.

Members Absent: Commissioner Phil Stinchcomb.

Administrators Present: John Faul, Interim County Administrator; Tracie Moored, Finance Director; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Mary Balkema, County Treasurer; Rick Fuller, Sheriff; Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Patricia Crowley, Drain Commissioner; Judy Sivak, Area Agency on Aging; Dave Rachowicz, Parks Director; Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Health & Community Services Director; Randy Winterowd, Building & Grounds Director; Greg Ayres, Discover Kalamazoo; Matt Hansen, Equalization Director.

Also present were Commissioners-elect John Gisler, Scott McGraw, Stephanie Moore, Larry Provancher, Dale Shugars and Kevin Wordelman; Ron Reid, Kalamazoo Township Supervisor

ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Iden moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the December 2, 2014, Board meeting be approved as distributed.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

ITEM 6 Communications:

Commissioner Iden presented the following communications, which are on file in the Administrative Services Office unless otherwise noted:

- a) A Letter from Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program notifying the County that they have submitted an offer for RRC Services for federal offenders releasing to the Benton Harbor or Kalamazoo area.
- b) A Letter from Mr. Rolfe expressing his dissatisfaction with Mr. Battani receiving a severance package from the County.
- c) An email from Mr. John Stears concerning Commissioner/Constituent Involvement in County elections.
- d) Several e-mails were received by Commissioners.

ITEM 7 Citizens' Time

Chairperson Maturen stated that Citizens' Time was when any citizen could address the Board on a non-agenda item. He said anyone wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item should come to the podium, give their name and address, and limit their remarks to four minutes. He said if anyone would like to speak about an item that was on the consent agenda, they could ask that it be removed from the consent agenda at this time or he would provide an opportunity just prior to that section of the agenda.

Rick Fuller, County Sheriff, recognized and thanked Commissioner Alford on the conclusion of her term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

Timothy Snow, County Clerk & Register of Deeds, recognized and thanked Vice Chairperson Buskirk on the conclusion of his term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

Jeff Getting, County Prosecuting Attorney, recognized and thanked Commissioner Iden on the conclusion of his term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

Rick Fuller, Sheriff, recognized and thanked Chairperson Maturen on the conclusion of his term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

Patricia Crowley, County Drain Commissioner, recognized and thanked Commissioner Stinchcomb on the conclusion of his term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

Mary Balkema, County Treasurer, recognized and thanked Commissioner Zull on the conclusion of his term of service on the Board of Commissioners.

The retiring commissioners were also presented Resolutions from the Michigan Legislature.

Julie Pioch, Interim District Coordinator for MSU Extension, introduced herself to the Commission.

ITEM 8 For Consideration

A. Public Hearing on Brownfield Redevelopment Plan – Schoolcraft Project

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move into a Public Hearing on Brownfield Redevelopment Plan on Schoolcraft Project.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Joe Agostinelli, Chair of the Brownfield Redevelopment Board reviewed the project with the Board.

Commissioner Rogers indicated her support for the project.

Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners move out of a Public Hearing on Brownfield Redevelopment Plan on Schoolcraft Project.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Iden read the Consent Agenda.

Buildings & Grounds

B. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Advance Security for Security Services at Gull Road Family Court, Administration Building, and Nazareth Complex

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Circuit Court

C. Request for Approval of a Grant Agreement with Irving S. Gilmore Foundation for the Youthful Offender Transition Program

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement with Irving S. Gilmore Foundation for the Youthful Transition Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

D. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant Application to SCAO for a Juvenile Mental Health Court in the amount of \$55,555.80 for the period of November 7, 2014 through September 30, 2015; a copy of said Grant Application to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

E. Request for Approval of Creation of Positions (Grant Funded)

That Board of Commissioners approve the Creation of the following positions:

Create:

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
TBD	Drug Testing Assistant	k03	\$11.75/hr – 15.86/hr	.4	240-140-704.08
TBD	Drug Testing Assistant	k03	\$11.75/hr – 15.86/hr	.4	242-140-704.08

Equalization

F. Request for Approval of Resolution to Amend 2014 Resolution to Apportion Ad Valorem Taxes

That Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution to Apportion Ad Valorem Taxes for 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said Resolution to correct the millage rates and estimated levies to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby amend the 2014 Resolution to Apportion Ad Valorem Taxes as follows:

Texas Township: Allocated Millage Rate - Correct the clerical error from 0.8839 mills to a cumulative 0.8060, and make all necessary changes to the Report's millage rate sheet and summary pages.

Health & Community Services

G. Request for Approval of Amendment to Provider of Service Agreements with Various Providers

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Amendment to Provider of Service Agreements with various providers to provide services to individuals 60+ with the focus being on helping seniors remain independent as possible in their homes for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016 for services provided October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; a copy of said Amendments to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Ecumenical Senior Center	Senior Center Staffing, Transportation	\$6,093
Legal Aid of Western MI	Legal Services	\$12,713
WMU Center for Disability Services	Adult Day Care, USDA	\$10,827
Counseling at Home	Caregiver Counseling	\$7,035

H. Request for Approval of Amendment to Provider of Service Agreement with Advocacy Services for Kids (ASK)

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment to Provider of Service Agreement with ASK to provide caregiver education, support and services to individuals 60+ with the focus being helping seniors remain as independent as possible in the amount not to exceed \$4,043 for the period of October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014; a copy of said Amendment to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. Request for Approval of Purchase Agreement with Adams Remco for a Software License

Upgrade & Approval of Temporary Staffing to Implement Document Management Plan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Purchase Agreement with Adams Remco for a Software License Upgrade & approval of Temporary Staffing to Implement Document Management Plan in the amount of \$34,571 for period not to exceed two years; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. Request for Approval of a Dental Provider Agreement with Dental Benefit Providers, Inc.

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Dental Provider Agreement with Dental Benefit Providers, Inc. to participate with enrolled members of this insurance network at the Dental Clinic effective December 1, 2014 with automatic annual renewals; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. Request for Approval of Amendment #2 to DOE13-39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Agreements

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #2 to DOE13-39015 Weatherization Subcontractor Agreements for the incorporation of certain training for the period of July 1, 2013 through July 1, 2015; a copy of said Amendments to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Subcontract Amendment #2 to Agreements with:

- Rogers Heating/Cooling - HVAC
- Better World Builders – Auditor/QC Inspector
- Athena Construction – Auditor/QC Inspector
- Lakeshore Construction – Weatherization Contractor
- Neville Construction - Weatherization Contractor
- Flory Construction – Weatherization Contractor

L. Request for Approval of the 2015 Environmental Health and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Services Fee Schedule

That the Board of Commissioners approve the 2015 Environmental Health and Household Hazardous Waste Service Fee Schedule as included in the packet.

M. Request for Approval of Business Associate Agreement with Various Service Vendors

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Business Associate Agreement with various service vendors due to the potential interactions and access to personal health information effective November 1, 2014; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Vendor:

Central Tile & Terrazzo Company, Inc.

Central Elevator

Dr. Hooks, Inc.

Fire Pros, Inc.

N. Request for approval of Plan of Organization for the State Accreditation Process

That the Board of Commissioners approve Plan of Organization for the State Accreditation Process; a copy of said Plan to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

O. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan to support the expansion of the Falls Prevention Program and Diabetes PATH in the amount of \$79,602 for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2016; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

P. Request for Approval of Elimination/Creation of Position in the Environmental Health Division (General Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination/Creation of the following positions:

Eliminate:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Position Title/#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Effective</u>
221-502	Environmental Health Specialist #10148-014	K8	1.0	\$40,705-\$54,953	12/16/14

Create:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Position Title/#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Effective</u>
221-503	Sr. Environmental Health Specialist #10148-014	K8	1.0	\$40,705-\$54,953	12/16/14

Q. Request for Approval of Elimination/Creation of Positions Due to Reorganization (General Funded)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination/Creation of the following positions:

Create:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
101-613	Deputy Director, Health Services (new)	1.0	K13	67,787-91,540	11/24/14
101-613	Deputy Director, Community Services (new)	1.0	K13	67,787-91,540	11/24/14

Eliminate:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
101-613	Deputy Director 10700-001	1.0	K13	67,787-91,540	11/24/14
221-218	Clinical Svcs. Division Manager 10149-001	1.0	K11	55,224-74,547	11/24/14
221-222	Division Manager, HP&DP 10881-001	1.0	K10	48,776-65,832	11/24/14

R. Request for Approval of Creation of Position in the Healthy Families America (HFA) MIECHV Program

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Creation of the following position:

Create:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Position/#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Effective</u>
303-143	MCH Supervisor-HFA #TBD	K09	0.5	\$44,470-\$60,049	12/16/2014

Human ResourcesS. Request for Approval of Various Amendments to the Personnel Policy

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

T. Request for Approval of Elimination/Creation of Positions (house keeping)

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination/Creation of positions:

Create:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
103-003	Wellness Coordinator	1.0	K8	40,705.60- 54,953.60	12/1/14

Eliminate:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
103-000	Wellness Coordinator	1.0	K8	40,705.60- 54,953.60	12/1/14

Parks & Expo CenterU. Request for Approval of 2015 Comstock Lions Club Bingo Contract

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2015 Comstock Lions Club Bingo contract with Comstock Lions Club in the amount of \$18,744 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

V. Request for Approval of 2017 National Street Rod Contract

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2017 National Street Rod Contract with National Street Rod Association in the amount of \$17,259 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

W. Request for Approval of 2016 & 2017 Home Expo Contract with the Home Builders Association of S.W. Michigan

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2016 - \$19,572.10 & 2017 - \$19,957.80 Home Expo Contract with the Home Builders Association of S.W. Michigan; a copy of said Contracts to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community DevelopmentX. Request for Approval of Resolution Approving Brownfield Plan for Schoolcraft Project

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Y. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the US-EPA for Brownfield Assessments

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant Application to

the US-EPA for Brownfield Assessments in the amount of \$400,000.

Prosecuting Attorney

Z. Request for Approval of Copier Lease with Ricoh-USA, Inc.

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Copier Lease with Ricoh-USA, Inc. in the amount of \$318.75 per month plus \$.0035 per image for the period of 48 months; a copy of said Lease to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

AA. Request for Approval of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute VOCA Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Community Health to employ a full-time Victim Advocate who specializes in working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the amount \$75,491 with a county soft match of \$15,098 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff

BB. Request for Approval of Commissary Agreement with Canteen Services, Inc.

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute commissary agreement with Canteen Services, Inc. effective January 1, 2015 and allows for two 1-year extensions for a total of five years; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners

CC. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, "Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated December 16, 2014", noting claims in the total amount of \$2,585,711.22, be approved; that the County Clerk be authorized to certify to the County Treasurer that the Board has approved on this date the disbursements in the list dated December 16, 2014, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

DD. Request for Approval of KCMHSAS Bonds

That the Board of Commissioners approve a Resolution and Reimbursement and Lease Agreement with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services to issue Bonds for construction project; a copy of said Resolution and Reimbursement and Lease Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

EE. Request for Approval of Police Protection Agreements with Charter Township of Comstock and Charter Township of Oshtemo

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Police Protection Agreements with Charter Township of Comstock and Charter Township of Oshtemo at the rate of \$118,511 for each deputy sheriff assigned and at the rate of \$136,582 per sergeant assigned for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

FF. Request for Approval of Bronson Park Lease Agreement

That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Lease Agreement with the City of Kalamazoo for Bronson Park in the amount of \$1.00 through January 1, 2016; a copy of said Lease Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

GG. Request for Approval of Various Advisory Board Appointments

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Advisory Board & Commissions reappointments for terms expiring 12/31/14:

Animal Services – 3 year terms

- Aaron Winters – served since 12/17/02
- Debra Wall – served since 05/05/09
- Kristin Goodchild – served since 05/05/09
- Danielle Gray – served 05/15/12
- Scott Thrasher – served since 2/15/11

There will be one veterinary vacancy as of 12/31/2014 due to the resignation of Dr. Chris Rohwer.

Board of Public Works - 3 year term

- Lowell Seyburn – served since 12/21/09

EHAC – 3 year terms

- David Harn – served since 02/21/12

There is currently one Citizen At Large vacancy

Transportation Authority – 3 year term

- Martin Janssen – served since 09/04/12

There will be 2 vacancies as of 12/31/14 due to the resignations of Larry Norwood and John Gisler.

Older Adult Services – 3 year terms

- Kimberly Middleton– served since 12/20/11
- Beulah Price – served since 01/01/03

Parks Commission – 3 year terms

- Tom Matteson – served since 08/16/83
- Mildred Taraszka – served since 03/06/02
- Matt Lechel – served since 02/16/2010

Veterans Affairs – 3 year terms

- Michael Jones – served since 02/18/14
- Mike Quinn – served since 02/02/11

Commissioner Iden moved and it was duly seconded that Items B. through GG., with the exception of Item B., S. and X. be voted on at one time by a roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Items are Non-Consent Agenda Items and will be voted on individually.

B. Request for Approval of an Agreement with Advance Security for Security Services at Gull Road Family Court, Administration Building, and Nazareth Complex

Commissioner Taylor moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Advance Security for security services at Gull Road Family Court - \$130,000/year, Administration Building - \$35,000/year, and Nazareth Complex - \$17,000/year; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Rogers moved to postpone Item B. Commissioner Taylor asked to postpone until January 6, 2015 meeting which was accepted by Commissioner Rogers. Vice Chair Buskirk asked if there would be a problem. Buildings & Grounds Director Winterowd indicated that the Health & Community Services Department wanted to begin security services soon, but a short delay would not be a problem

Interim Administrator Faul indicated that security is needed at the Dental Clinic area at the Nazareth complex.

Randy Winterowd indicated that actual expiration of the current contract was March 2014, and that a wage increase had not been done since 2008. Commissioner Taylor said that he had no problem with continuing with Nazareth portion, but was willing to wait until January 6.

Motion to postpone until January 6, 2015 carried by a voice vote.

X. Request for Approval of Resolution Approving Brownfield Plan for Schoolcraft Project

Commissioner Tuinier moved that the Board of Commissioners approve a Resolution approving Brownfield Plan for Schoolcraft Project; a copy of said Resolution to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Iden indicated that he would be abstaining from the vote, as his firm is involved with the project by representing the seller.

Motion carried by a voice vote, with Commissioner Iden abstaining.

ITEM 9 Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10 New Business

HH. Request for Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for the Youthful Offender Transition Program

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to submit a Grant application to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for the Youthful Transition Program in the amount of \$82,894 through December 31, 2015.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

II. Request for Approval of Police Protection Agreement with the Township of Ross

Commissioner Alford moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Police Protection Agreements with Township of Ross at the rate of \$118,511 for each deputy sheriff assigned for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

JJ. Request for Approval of Bargaining Agreement with 9th Circuit Court UAW Local No. 2290

Commissioner Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a Bargaining Agreement and Letter of Understanding as secured by the County's bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the 9th Circuit Court UAW Local No. 2290, and that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk-Register be authorized and directed to sign the aforementioned Agreement, for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

KK. Request for Approval of an Appointment to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the appointment of Larry Stehouwer to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Alford, Buskirk, Rogers, Seals, Taylor
Nays: Commissioners, Heppler, Iden, Maturen, Tuinier, Zull
Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioner Stinchcomb

The motion failed with 5 votes "Aye" and 5 votes "Nay".

Commissioner Zull moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the appointment of Deb Buchholtz to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Buskirk, Heppler, Iden, Maturen, Tuinier, Zull

Nays: Commissioners Alford, Rogers, Seals, Taylor

Abstains: None

Absent: Commissioner Stinchcomb

The motion carried with 6 votes "Aye" and 4 votes "Nay".

ITEM 11 County Administrator's Report

Interim County Administrator Mr. John Faul thanked all the commissioners for their work in the past year, and paid tribute to the six retiring commissioners.

ITEM 12 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maturen congratulated Deb Buchholtz on her appointment to the Road Commission. He stated that he liked being in the middle position at the table, so he could see all the commissioners. He added that Commissioners Zull, Taylor, Buskirk and Heppler served with him the entire time he has been on the Board. Chairman Maturen added that the mission of Kalamazoo County Government is the envy of others, particularly in the area of the pension plan. He said that he especially enjoyed his relationship with Vice Chair Buskirk, and that he hoped that working "across the aisle" would be the same in the Legislature. He noted that he is leaving the County in a better condition than he found it, noting that the County is in sound financial condition.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Buskirk reflected on his 20 years on the Board of Commissioners, noting that there were many people to thank. He reminded the Board that commissioners do not represent just a district, they represent all the citizens of the County and all the employees of the County. Buskirk added that he decided with former Commissioner Lorence Wenke to put together a system where there was a shared leadership role of the Board between the majority and minority political parties and hoped that it would continue, adding that he enjoyed working with Chair Maturen to get things done for the public. He wished Chair Maturen and Commissioner Iden the best as they move on to serve in Lansing.

ITEM 14 Members' Time

Commissioner Iden thanked the Countywide Elected Officials for putting the tributes to the retiring commissioners together, and particularly thanked Prosecuting Attorney Getting for his kind words. He noted that he had great experiences on the Board and that there was a great amount of knowledge and wisdom shared among the Commissioners. He thanked the public for the opportunity to serve as well as the Administrative Team for their steady hand.

Commissioner Rogers said that she was enamored with the Board after her first term, and thanked those Commissioners leaving the Board and welcomed those coming to the Board. She noted that Borgess Medical Center is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Rogers said that she was pleased about the appropriation of \$300,000 for the Area Agency on Aging, and that it should reduce their waiting list for services by 100. She commended Kalamazoo Township for their efforts to create non-motorized paths in the Township. She also thanks Administration and Staff, as they make all the Commissioners look good.

Commissioner Seals said that he had served on the United Way Board for many years, and it was a good Board, but this Board of Commissioners is even better, particularly in the way everyone works together. He said that he learned the business of the County due to Chair Maturen and Vice Chair Buskirk's leadership. He commented that the dynamics of the Board will change in the new term, and that he will be a senior member of the new Board. He added that he was glad that 2 Commissioners are moving on to the State and that he will be in touch with them.

Commissioner Taylor noted that he will miss Commissioner Iden's speed of reading the Consent Agenda, and that he was a very hard working Commissioner. He said that he would miss Commissioner Alford's caring nature toward others and the less fortunate. He said that while Commissioner Stinchcomb was a wild card, he had done much in the 4 years he was on the Board. Taylor said that Chair Maturen was level headed and that he had learned patience during his time as Chair. He said that Commissioner Zull and he were at different ends of the political spectrum, but that he taught him how to compromise without compromising his values. Taylor said that Vice Chair Buskirk was the best mentor a new 23 year-old commissioner could have had when he first came to the Board.

Commissioner Tuinier thanked everyone for being there for him during his first term, noting that many have been mentors and friends. He wished the best to all leaving the commission, adding that the Board worked well together. He thanked Administration and Staff for their assistance and wished all a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Commissioner Zull commented that much has been said about his years of service, noting that no one on the Board is an island – that not much is accomplished as 1 member. He said that as a Rotarian, he puts service above self, and that he does not see that all the time. There is always much service at the local level. He added that those moving on to serve at the State level will always live by that motto. Zull said that people are not always aware of their influence on others. As a public school educator for 37 years, past students he sees remind him of his influence on them. He said that he has accepted that he did what he could, and that battles are not always

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won, but he did his part. He thanked Administration and commented that he could not be more fulfilled.

Commissioner Alford thanked the Elected Officials for recognizing the service of the retiring commissioners. She wished the new Board much success, encouraging them to always do the right thing. She asked them to keep their eyes on the prize – the people we all serve. She said that it is important for commissioners to come together beyond their districts and to work for all the people, noting that the need is greater now. Alford thanked her family for allowing her to serve, noting that she is also retiring from her job as well and that she has a lot of time to make up with her family.

Commissioner Heppler thanked those commissioners that were leaving the Board, noting that those coming on the Board have big shoes to fill. He said that the Juvenile Home and Jail constructions and the 911 agreement are just a few of the accomplishments between the 17 and 11 member boards, noting that he is proud of the things the Board has accomplished. He encouraged the new State Representatives to let us know how we can help them. This County Board stepped up to solve issues with the help of Administration, Courts, Staff and others. He thanked the families of commissioners for letting them go to all the meetings that are required. Being a commissioner is a large task, it is not just two meetings per month. He encouraged all to support the men and women in service to our country and community. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Commissioner Zull asked if a copy of the tape of this meeting could be provided to commissioners.

ITEM 15 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Maturen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register of Deeds

John Taylor, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners