

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 16, 2014

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 5:09 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Phil Stinchcomb

OTHERS PRESENT: John Faul, Thom Canny, Tracie Moored, Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Lisa Bradshaw, Tammy Lahman, Kristine Cunningham, Judy Sivak, Jeff Getting, Randy Winterowd, Tim Snow, Pat Crowley, Paul Matyas, and Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 3:00 p.m.

1. Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) Interviews

Commissioners introduced themselves and interviewed the following candidates:

- Larry Stehouwer
- Michael Boersma
- Shawn Kloha
- Deb Buchholtz

Commissioner Iden arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Maturen inquired of the Board who they wished to have appointed to the Road Commission.

Commissioner Rogers stated she was impressed with Mr. Stehouwer.

Commissioner Zull indicated he felt Mr. Stehouwer and Ms. Buchholtz impressed him the most, however, he stated there were currently engineers serving on the KCRC and felt Ms. Buchholtz would be a great fit.

Commissioner Taylor concurred with Commissioner Zull's recommendations.

Commissioners Alford and Tuinier arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioner Heppler concurred with his colleagues; he stated he was leaning towards Ms. Buchholtz.

Commissioner Iden concurred with the other comments and he too felt Ms. Buchholtz was a better fit.

Commissioner Seals stated he felt Mr. Stehouwer would be a great candidate with a fresh background.

Chairman Maturen felt Ms. Buchholtz would be a great fit.

Vice Chairman Buskirk indicated he was favoring Mr. Stehouwer.

Commissioner Rogers stated she too supported diversity however she felt having the best more qualified person for the position was best.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Ann Nieuwenhuis, Comstock Township Supervisor stated the Township Board had a serious concerns with which candidate was chosen. She felt Mr. Stehouwer would be the best fit.

Discussion ensued.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Tracie Moored, Finance Director stated claims for December 16, 2014 totaled \$2,585,711.22. She stated there were various year-end departmental line item budget adjustments.

Commissioner Heppler had questions concerning the \$1,250,000 allocation for the Jail Addition appropriation and Ms. Moored indicated this allocation was approved by the Board and was now making the transfer to make the budget whole for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Rogers inquired about the \$300,000 earmarked to the Area Agency on Aging and Ms. Sivak indicated the plan was to hire some additional staff and to be able to take 180 seniors off the waiting list for services.

3. 2014 Year End Summary

Ms. Moored reviewed her memo as included in the packet.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if there was going to be any operational carryover and Ms. Moored indicated that it would be approximately \$300,000.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if there were fund balances in the other funds and Ms. Moored indicated the funds had pretty much remained consistent.

4. KCMHSAS Bond Approval

Mr. Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel reviewed the materials included in the packet. He stated the Board was being asked to approve a Resolution and Reimbursement and Lease Agreement with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services to issue Bonds for a construction project in the amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Discussion ensued.

5. HCS Reorganization

Dr. Gillian Stoltman, HCS Director reviewed her memo included in the packet.

Commissioner Zull inquired if the position held by Karika Phillips was eliminated. Dr. Stoltman indicated in the old Organizational Chart was a Manager and there were no staff to manage, this position was housed under the Community Action Agency.

Commissioner Rogers stated she appreciated the conversation Dr. Stoltman had with her and was pleased the Health Equity was still vital.

Commissioner Rogers did have concerns with having so many Deputy Directors. Dr. Stoltman indicated positions were being eliminated to help fund the Deputy Directors positions.

Mr. Faul indicated the number of bodies did decrease.

Commissioner Taylor stated it was his understanding that the Board had the authority to appoint various positions, such as Corporate Counsel and County Administrator. Mr. Canny indicated the Public Health Officer was appointed by the Board but was supervised by someone else on a day-to-day basis.

Discussion ensued.

6. January 6, 2015 Meeting Structure

Mr. Canny reviewed his memo as included in the packet.

7. Any other items

Commissioner Rogers had questions for Item B. on the Board Agenda.

Mr. Winterowd reviewed his memo in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

8. Executive Session

Commissioner Alford 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 Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing issues related to the County's labor negotiations.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

9. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

John Taylor, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners