

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 17, 2013

PLACE: Room 207A, County Administration Building

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:41 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Zull

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Battani, John Faul, Thom Canny, Mary Balkema, Sue Darling, Paul Matyas, Linda Vail, Tim Snow, Kelly Ball, Lisa Bradshaw, Jeff Getting, Dina Sutton

Chairman Maturen convened the Committee of the Whole at 4:00 p.m.

1. Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Interviews

The Board of Commissioners introduced themselves and each candidate answered questions. Interviewees were:

- Paul Ecklund
- Jack Mekemson
- Cynthia Schauer
- Jason Meddaugh

Chairman Maturen stated there were 2 vacancies and it was the desire of the KCTA Board to reappoint Mr. Ecklund and Mr. Mekemson.

Commissioner Stinchcomb stated he felt they were all good candidates. He felt Mr. Ecklund and Mr. Meddaugh would serve the Board well.

Commissioner Taylor stated he too felt Mr. Meddaugh would be a great asset to the Board.

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he felt all the candidates were good; he stated there was a request to allow the current members to see it to the end.

Commissioner Rogers felt all four candidates were excellent but really was encouraged by Mr. Meddaugh.

Commissioner Seals stated he too felt all were good candidates, but he concurred with Vice Chairman Buskirk's comments.

Commissioner Tuinier concurred with all the comments made by fellow Commissioners.

Chairman Maturen stated his preference would be to go along with KCTA's recommendation and appoint Mr. Ecklund and Mr. Mekemson. He also stated Mr. Aardema would be reappointed as well.

Discussion ensued.

2. Review of Transfers and Disbursements

Ms. Lisa Bradshaw, Deputy Finance Director stated claims for December 17, 2013 totaled \$1,714,652.97. She indicated there were two releases of funds, one to CMH Substance Abuse Services and State of Michigan Department of Human Services.

3. Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board Appointments

Mr. Peter Battani, County Administrator reviewed his memo in the packet.

Mr. Jeff Patton, CMH Director reviewed his memo in the packet. He stated it was his recommendation to appoint Mr. George Cochran and Mr. Patrick Forseman to the Board.

Mr. Battani indicated that Commissioner Heppler was concerned that currently there were two Commissioner representatives on the Substance Abuse Board and with this new Board there would only be one.

Commissioner Seals stated he was the other Commissioner representative on the Substance Abuse Board and with this new makeup CMH would not have representation on this Board. He stated Mr. Forseman was the only consumer representative of the 8 counties.

Commissioner Rogers inquired of Mr. Patton if regular updates or reports would be given to the Board and he indicated he would think the Board would want this since these individuals would be representing Kalamazoo County not CMH.

4. Kalamazoo County Medical Examiner Services

Ms. Linda Vail, HCS Director reviewed her memo included in the packet.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know if Sparrow Hospital had agreed to let the County out of the agreement and Ms. Vail indicated yes and Mr. Canny indicated he was fine with the process.

5. Resolution Honoring Dr. Michael Liepman

Vice Chairman Buskirk stated he would like the Board to honor Dr. Michael Liepman via a resolution at a future meeting.

6. Any other items

Mr. Battani wanted to know if any Commissioner had a question of Ms. Sue Darling concerning New Business Item HH. There were no concerns.

7. 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 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:	None

The motion carried.

8. Adjournment – no later than 6 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Maturen adjourned the meeting at 5:41p.m.

David C. Maturen, Chairman
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners