MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2016

ITEM 1  Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Taylor, at 7:00 pm in the Board of Commissioner’s Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on December 20, 2016.

ITEM 2  Invocation: Pastor Strict Strickland on behalf of Commissioner Stephanie Moore.

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


Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Tracie Moored, County Administrator; Thom Canny, Corporate Counsel; John Faul, Deputy County Administrator; Kristine Cunningham, Human Resources Director; Lynne Norman, Deputy HCS Director; Lotta Jarnefelt, Planning & Community Development Director; Sheriff Rick Fuller; Pat Crowley, Drain Commissioner; Mary Balkema, Treasurer; Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk; Dina Sutton, Office Manager.

ITEM 5  Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Board meeting be approved as distributed.

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

ITEM 6  Communications:

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

a) A Letter from Mr. Stephen Gauthier, Government Finance Officers Association, notifying the County has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
b) An Email from Mary Ellen Gondeck urging the Board to pass the Resolution for County issued ID’s.

c) An Email from Brian Leekley encouraging the Board to pass the Resolution for County issued ID’s.

d) An Email from Eva Alvarez encouraging the Board to pass the Resolution for County issued ID’s.

Commissioner Provancher read a communication in support of the County ID Program Task Force.

Commissioners Gisler, Roger Tuinier, and Seals stated they all received several communications concerning the County ID Program Task Force.

ITEM 7  Citizens’ Time

Chairperson Taylor 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.

Treasurer Mary Balkema thanked the outgoing Board members for their leadership and service to the Community.

Senator Margaret O’Brien, along with Representatives David Maturen, Jon Hoadley, Brandt Iden thanked outgoing Board members for their dedication and service.

Representative Brandt Iden presented a Proclamation to Commissioner Larry Provancher.

Representative David Maturen presented a Proclamation to Vice Chairman Jeff Heppler.

Representative Jon Hoadley presented a Proclamation to Chairman John Taylor.

Senator O’Brien urged the outgoing Board members to continue to work within the Community.

Mr. Tony Lorentz, Portage, stated he was against a County ID.

ITEM 8  For Consideration

A. Request for Approval of Resolution Honoring Thell Woods

Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:
WHEREAS, Mr. Thell M. Woods was appointed to the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (KCBRA/EDC) in September, 2005 and served until the end of his second term on October 31, 2016, serving with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thell M. Woods has shown a strong interest for brownfield redevelopment and economic development in Kalamazoo County, serving as the EDC Chair and previously as the KCBRA Chair and Vice Chair, and enriching the work of the KCBRA and EDC with his experience and insight; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thell M. Woods has been a Realtor since 1958, is a Qualified Intermediary, is a Certified Exchange Specialist (CES) and is the Managing Member/Chairman of Crowdfunding Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thell M. Woods is a loyal and faithful member of the community, serving on numerous boards and commissions, in addition to his service on the KCBRA and EDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the County of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corporation wish to acknowledge and honor Mr. Thell M. Woods for his contributions to the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corporation and to the citizens of Kalamazoo County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Woods thanked the Board for recognizing him.

B. Request for Approval of Resolution Honoring WMU Karate Club

Vice Chairman Heppler moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the WMU Karate Club, headed by Senior Instructor and faculty member Albert Doorlag went to Hamilton, Ontario and participated in the 9th World Karate Organizations {WKO} World Championships; and

WHEREAS, the event was held with the Hamilton Convention Center November 13th and 14th. The event attracted four hundred plus competitors with the following countries represented:

- Brazil
Canada (Host Country)
England
Georgia
India
New Zealand
Pakistan
Sweden
St. Kits
Trinidad
Ukraine
United States of America

WHEREAS, the club sent nine (9) members to Canada with all nine coming home with medals including ten (10) world titles:

Men’s Beginner Kata
3rd Place: Kevin Nowakowski--Parchment, MI, USA

Men’s Beginner Kumite
1st Place: Kevin Nowakowski--Parchment, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in his Division

Women's Advanced Kata
1st Place: Kelly Duncheskie--Kalamazoo, MI. USA-2016 World Champion in her division

Women's Advanced Kumite
1st Place: Kelly Duncheskie--Kalamazoo, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in her division

Men’s Advanced Kumite
1st Place: Gregory Lee-El--Byron Center, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in his division

13-14 Year Old Girls Weapons
1st Place: Tiffany Cherney--Oxford, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in her division

Junior Black Belt (13 Year Old Girls) Kata
1st Place: Tiffany Cherney--Oxford, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in her division

Junior Black Belt (13 Year Old Girls) Kumite
1st Place: Tiffany Cherney--Oxford, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in her division

Black Belt Men (23-34 Year Old) Kumite
1st Place: Nick Intgroen--Kalamazoo, MI, USA-2016 World Champion in his division

Black Belt Men (35+) Kumite
2nd Place: Chris Wilks--Grand Rapids, MI, USA
Black Belt Men (45+) Forms
3rd Place: Kyle Baker-Otsego, MI, USA
Black Belt Women's Team Sparring
1st Place: Team USA {Kelly Duncheskie, Tiffany Cherney, & Alyssa Giudici}-Kalamazoo, MI
Black Belt Men's Team Sparring
1st Place: Team USA {Kyle Baker, Greg Lee-EI, Jeremiah Smith, Nick Intgroen, & Chris Wilks}- Kalamazoo, MI

WHEREAS, the men and women's sparring teams defended their 2014 world titles in this year's competition. All the club's world champions improved from prior performances to clinch their respective titles. Congratulations to the Karate Club for participating in the World Championship and congratulations to the members who medaled and those who brought home world titles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the WMU Karate Club.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Al Doorlag, WMU Karate Club Coach thanked the Board for their recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administration
C. Request for Approval of Contract with Rick Chambers & Associates
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Rick Chambers & Associates for the purpose of strengthening the capabilities of Kalamazoo County leadership, and ultimately County Staff, to communicate effectively with key internal and external audiences in the amount of $3,100 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Circuit Court
D. Request for Approval of 2016-2017 Access & Visitation Grant with the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute 2016-2017 Access &
Visitation Grant Contract with SCAO to support and facilitate noncustodial parents’ access to and visitation with their children in the amount of $6,800 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Finance
E. Request for Approval of Elimination/Creation of Positions (2017 Budget)
That the Board of Commissioners approve the Elimination/Creation of the following Positions:

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F. Request for Approval of Equipment Maintenance Insurance with Specialty Underwriters, LLC
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Equipment Maintenance Insurance Contract with Specialty Underwriters, LLC for various County departments in the amount of $15,894 for the period of February 1, 2017 through February 1, 2018; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Health & Community Services
G. Request for Approval of Amendment #2 to Addendum Letter of Renewal for 2016-2017 Sublease with Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS)
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #2 to Addendum Letter of Renewal for 2016-2017 Sublease with KCMHSAS for office space in the amount of $6,604/monthly for the period of January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Amendment #2 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

H. Request for Approval of an Affiliation Agreement with Priority Nutrition Care LLC
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Affiliation Agreement with Priority Nutrition Care LLC to aid in successful placement and preparation of both undergraduate and graduate level student interns effective January 1, 2017 with automatic
renews; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

I. **Request for Approval of a Service Agreement with Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine for Medical Director Services**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Service Agreement with Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine for Medical Director Services to HCS in the amount of $6,360.75 per month and reimburse malpractice insurances costs in the amount of $790 annually effective January 3, 2017 with automatic renewals; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

J. **Request for Approval of a Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement with MDHHS for the Prevent Elder & Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) Initiative in the amount of $76,180 for the period of December 20, 2016 through September 29, 2017; a copy of said Grant Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

K. **Request for Approval of an Agreement with Senior Services Southwest Michigan**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Senior Services Southwest Michigan related to funding for services from the State Health Insurance Program/Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (SHIP/MMAP); a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

L. **Request for Approval of a Contract with Senior Services, Inc.**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Senior Services, Inc. for the delivery of home delivered meals and Senior Project Fresh Coupons to eligible senior citizens in need of nutritional meals in the amount of $30,800 for the period of December 20, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

M. **Request for Approval of Amendment #2 to the WAP16-39015 Contract with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) & Department of Energy (DOE)**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Amendment #2 to the WAP16-39015 Contract with MDHHS & DOE to add CFDA funding identification for LIHEAP weatherization as part of the Weatherization Assistance Program for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; a copy of said Amendment #2 to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

N. **Request for Approval of a Grant Contract with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)**
   That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Contract with MDEQ to provide services to residents in multiple environmental health programs in the amount of $46,811 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.
O. Request for Approval of Creation of Investigative Teams Coordinator Position (Grant Funds)
That the Board of Commissioners approve the Creation of the following Position:

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Michigan Works!
Q. Request for Approval of AY2016 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Statewide Activities Funding for Michigan Works! Service Center Operations, PI: 16-20
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute AY2016 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Statewide Activities Funding for Michigan Works! Service Center Operations, PI: 16-20 in the amount of $151,833 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Planning & Community Development
R. Request for Approval of a Contract with Don R. Gilchrist & Associates
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute a Contract with Don R. Gilchrist & Associates for the purpose of providing professional services relating to research and Remonumentation of two section corners by December 31, 2016; a copy of said Contract to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Sheriff
S. Request for Approval to Purchase Two (2) Laptops (2017 Budget)
That the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of two laptop computers including docking station, cables, modems, accessories for installation in vehicles in the amount of $5,507.13.

T. Request for Approval to Accept Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept FY17 Traffic Enforcement Grant (Strategic Traffic) from the Office of Highway Safety Planning in the amount of
$64,942 for the period of October 21, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a copy of said Award to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

U. Request for Approval to Purchase Varda Surveillance System
That the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of Varda Surveillance System in the amount of $5,242.

V. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Fire Protection Hazardous Material Incident Response Agreement
That the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to execute Intergovernmental Fire Protection Hazardous Material Incident Response Agreement in the annual dues amount of $1,400 effective immediately with automatic renewals; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Board of Commissioners
W. Request for Approval of Transfers and Disbursements
That the Board of Commissioners approve Transfers and Disbursements as defined and set forth in the document entitled, “Recommended Transfers and Disbursements, dated December 20, 2016”, noting claims in the total amount of $3,353,536.39 be approved and 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 20, 2016, and the Director of Finance be authorized to make budgetary transfers, as listed.

X. Request for Approval of 2017 Police Protection Agreements with Texas Township and Ross Township
That the Board of Commissioners approve 2017 Police Protection Agreements with Texas Township and Ross Township for Tier 1 Contract Deputies in the amount of $123,339 per deputy assigned; a copy of said Agreements to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Y. Request for Approval of 2017 Police Protection Agreement with Oshtemo Township
That the Board of Commissioners approve 2017 Police Protection Agreement with Oshtemo Township for Tier 1 Contract Deputies in the amount of $123,339 per deputy assigned and for Sergeant assigned in the amount of $142,190 and for Lieutenant assigned in the amount of $157,904; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Z. Request for Approval of Loan Agreement with Gourdneck Lake Governmental Lake Board
That the Board of Commissioners approve a Loan Agreement with Gourdneck Lake Governmental Lake Board in the amount up to $30,000; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

AA. Request for Approval of Appointments of Fire Representatives to the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Governing Board of Directors
That the Board of Commissioners approve the appointment of the following Fire Representatives:

Primary: Mark L. Barnes, Fire Chief, Oshtemo Township
Alternate: Edward Switalski, Fire Chief, Comstock Township
BB. **Request for Approval of Resolution Supporting Non-Motorized Plan**

That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2016, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to support the development and implementation of a Complete Streets Policy that takes into consideration the needs of non-motorized users of roads and their right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has partnered with the Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County to raise $748,000 in private funds to construct and operate the Downtown Connection of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail and in July of 2016 the Parks Foundation began a capital campaign to raise $3,572,500 to match transportation grants to construct the long-awaited Battle Creek Connection of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County recognizes that many Cities, Townships and Villages within the County either have adopted non-motorized plans of their own or are in the process of considering or actively developing and implementing non-motorized plans; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, KATS included and adopted a well thought-out non-motorized plan covering our entire metropolitan planning organization (entitled, the Non-Motorized Element, beginning on page 117 in the KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan), that was reviewed and vetted through an open and systematic public process by community stakeholders, KATS staff, and KATS Technical and Policy Committees, which Committees duly represent the Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County and the vast majority of Kalamazoo County’s Cities, Townships and Villages; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners recognizes that an important aspect of fiscal prudence is to make use of and build on resources which already exist; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that it is important and beneficial to continue to add its voice, support and encouragement to discussions surrounding non-motorized planning, taking action where feasible on Kalamazoo County’s own Complete Streets Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners:

- endorses and incorporates by reference the KATS Non-Motorized Element as the County’s own Non-Motorized Plan to the extent it is in concert with related plans of our own;
- supports its implementation through all the County’s jurisdictions and encourages the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County and all other local transportation agencies to likewise support and implement the KATS Non-Motorized Element in a balanced fashion while encouraging each other to do likewise in the highest traditions of intergovernmental collaboration.

CC. **Request for Approval of Resolution – Citizens United**

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

DD. **Request for Approval of Amendment to Board Bylaws – Section 2.1**

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.
EE. Request for Approval of Per Diem for Board Appointed Advisory Board(s)  
This Item was removed from the Agenda.

FF. Request for Approval of Appointments/Reappointments to Various Advisory Boards  
That the Board of Commissioners approve the following Appointments/Reappointments:

**Animal Services & Enforcement Advisory Board**
- Reappoint Ms. Sue Brodasky for another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

**Board of Public Works**
- Reappoint Mr. David Dosca for another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
- Appoint Mr. Gerald Myer to serve a three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

**Community Action Tripartite Advisory Board**
- Appoint Ms. Nicolette Leigh to the *Public Sector* slot to assume a term commencing April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2018.

**Environmental Health Advisory Council**
- Reappoint Mr. Andrew Nieboer for another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council**
- Reappoint Mr. Don Ryan to serve another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
- Reappoint Ms. Kelly Quardokus to serve another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
- Appoint Ms. Samantha Carlson to serve a three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
- Appoint Mr. David Eyke to serve a three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

**Parks & Recreation Committee**
- Reappoint Ms. Marion Hill for another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
- Reappoint Ms. Toni Thompson for another three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

**Veterans Affairs Committee**
- Appoint Mr. Robert Hancken for a three year term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
GG.  **Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with Plaza Corp. for Health & Community Services Location**

That the Board of Commissioners approve a Lease Agreement with Plaza Corp. for 48,525 square feet for the Health & Community Services Location in the advanced amount of $5M with final lease cost, after advance is, $6.50 per square foot for the period of 20 years; a copy of said Agreement to be attached to the official Minutes of this meeting.

Commissioner Moore moved and it was duly seconded that Items C. through GG., with the exception of Item CC., DD., and EE., 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: None

The motion carried.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

CC.  **Request for Approval of Resolution – Citizens United**

Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, with its ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations and unions are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to contribute to elections; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign is a movement comprised of citizens of the United States who reject the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United, and want to amend the Constitution to firmly establish that human beings, not corporations and unions, are persons entitled to constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign believes that the Supreme Court is misguided in principle and wrong on the law, and corporations and unions are not legal persons and should be subject to regulation by Congress and the States; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign believes that money is not a form of speech protected under the first amendment of the United States Constitution, but is property, and can be regulated by Congress and the States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the Move to Amend Campaign and communities across the country to defend democracy from the
corrupting influences of undue corporate and union power through campaign contributions by calling on State and Federal representatives to amend the United States Constitution to establish that.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests that Kalamazoo County’s State and Federal representatives enact resolutions, legislation, and Constitutional amendments advancing this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Congressman Fred Upton, Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow and the Kalamazoo County State Legislative Delegation.

Commissioner Gisler requested a friendly amendment to add labor unions. Commissioners Provancher and Wordelman accepted the changes which were reflected in the above resolution.

Mr. Seve Sennessy, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to support this resolution.

Ms. Karen Tomlinson, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to support this resolution.

Ms. Paulie Clements, Kalamazoo, urged the Board to support this resolution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All members present, except
Nays: Commissioner Shugars, Tuinier, Gisler, Heppler, McGraw
Abstains: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

DD. Request for Approval of Amendment to Board Bylaws – Section 2.1
Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve to Amend Section 2.1 of the BOC Bylaws to adopt a new paragraph “F” which provides:

F. A County Commissioner who is qualified for, and receiving, Federal Social Security Disability Income may elect to either accept the annual salary set for a Commissioner, or the maximum amount of allowable salary that will permit the Commissioner to retain his or her Federal Social Security Disability Income, whichever is less. A County Commissioner who elects to accept the annual salary set for a Commissioner, or the maximum allowable amount under Federal Disability must make the election in writing, and election cannot be revoked during the Commissioner’s Term of Office.

Commissioner Gisler stated he would support this motion.

Commissioner McGraw inquired about the wording if it reflected the Commissioner term of office or for the time period in which a Commissioner served. Mr. Canny indicated it was for the 2-year
term of office of the Board member.

Commissioner Shugars stated the Board needed to be careful with adopting such an item due to IRS Code - constructive receipt; he stated he would not be supportive of this motion tonight without a legal opinion.

Commissioner Moore indicated she would not support this motion. She indicated she was not comfortable with the motion as stated; she stated she may support such a motion if it was more inclusive and equitable.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he felt the Board needed to look at the IRS Code issue further.

Commissioner Seals asked Corporate Counsel to speak to the IRS Code.

Mr. Canny stated he has no reference of what the IRS code impact would be. He stated he was comfortable with the State law and the change to the Bylaw would be lawful.

Commissioner McGraw inquired what the County’s liability would be should the IRS not recognize the Bylaw changes.

Mr. Canny indicated the Bylaws were lawful, however, it would be up to the individual Commissioner to contact the IRS or legal counsel.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Heppler inquired about postponing the vote until the next meeting until an opinion could be obtained by that time.

Mr. Canny stated there was a State law indicating that the Board needed to make changes to Commissioner Compensation before the end of this term for the next term.

Commissioner Shugars proposed holding a special meeting next week.

Commissioner Moore stated she was very uncomfortable with the proposed motion.

Commissioner Rogers stated Corporate Counsel had not been reviewing this item for the past 6 years.

Mr. Zachary Weslor, Kalamazoo, stated he felt the Board should pass this motion. He stated there was a bigger issue than just a person being on federal disability.

Ms. Jennifer Strebs, Kalamazoo, stated she appreciated the Board’s caution on the issue.

Mr. Tom Burton, Kalamazoo, stated he felt the Board should be allowed to set their pay up to a certain amount.
Mr. Mark Ash, Kalamazoo, stated this would set a bad precedent for the future of the County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Gisler, Provancher, Seals, Taylor
Nays: Commissioners Shugars, Tuinier, Wordelman, Heppler, McGraw, Moore, Rogers
Abstains: None
Absent: None

The motion failed.

Chairman Taylor moved and it was duly seconded to rescind the motion and approval of the $2,000 salary compensation to the Board as approved by the Board at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Moore stated she felt the way this item was brought to the Board was irresponsible.

Commissioner Gisler stated that he too was also involved in bringing this proposal to the Board.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he did not know there was a ceiling on income for a person with a disability.

Commissioner Shugars urged the Board to work together.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he would support the Chair’s motion.

Discussion ensued.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Commissioner Rogers moved to strike the current Board compensation policy and make it the same as non-union employees.

Commissioner Shugars stated he would not support this motion. He suggested creating a Task Force and addressing it next year.

Commissioner Wordelman stated he concurred with the motion made by Commissioner Rogers.

Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded to call the question.
There being no discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote.

The roll call vote on the original motion was as follows:

Ayes: All members present
Nays: Commissioners Tuinier, McGraw, Shugars
Abstains: Commissioner Moore
Absent: None

The motion carried.

HH. Request for Approval of Resolution to Create a Task Force for a County ID Program
Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Obtaining a valid form of government issued identification is crucial for our citizenry to fully participate in our society; and

WHEREAS, Not having government issued identification is an impediment that affects the most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners recognizes the roadblocks in obtaining government issued identification; and

BE IT RESOLVED: The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby create a 'Kalamazoo County Identification Task Force' whose representation shall consist of but not limited to:

2 County Commissioners, 1 Representative from the County's Clerks Office, Treasurer's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office, County Finance Office, Office of County MSU Extension, ISSAC, Michigan United, The Gospel Mission, Ministry with Community, Hispanic American Council, League of Women Voters, Family Health Center, NAACP, United Way, Prisoner Reentry initiative, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Portage Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: County Staff will work with the Kalamazoo County Commission Board Chair to invite said organizations to participate and hold its first meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9th in Room 207A at the County Administration Building, 201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Kalamazoo County Identification Task Force shall be charged with a recommendation on the following questions. Who will facilitate a county issued identification card program? Will any local law enforcement agencies, medical facilities, or financial institutions accept county issued identification? How will county issued identification be promoted in the community? What criteria would be used to issue identification? What is the financial burden to the county to implement a county issued ID program? What can be done to
work in conjunction with other groups so as to prevent duplication of service? Can the County utilize other funding streams, state, federal or private to help offset costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Kalamazoo County Task Force be created and report back to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners no later than the second meeting in March with their progress and a plan to implement a County issued identification program for the County Board.

Several Citizens addressed the Board encouraging the Board to create Task Force for the County ID Program.

Commissioner Gisler stated he would support creating a Task Force.

Commissioner Wordelman stated the Board had discussed the issue for the past few meetings.

Commissioner Rogers stated the two hospitals would be included in the Task Force as well as banks.

Commissioner Tuinier stated he was a Christian and his question was what would Jesus do and he would support this.

Chairman Taylor stated he along with the majority of the Board supported this initiative.

Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded to call the question.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

ITEM 9  Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 10  New Business

II. Request for Approval to Accept a Grant Contract from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Commissioner Moore moved and it was duly seconded that the appropriate County officials be authorized and directed to accept a Grant Contract from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation
for Interfaith Community River Clean up in the amount of $1,650; a copy of said Contract 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 to Set Pay for Recount Workers
Commissioner Provancher moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve rate of pay for individuals who assisted in the Presidential Election Recount on December 6 & 7 as follows:

- Full Day – December 6, 2016: $140.00
- Partial Day (less than 6 hours) – December 6, 2016: $70.00
- Full Day (7 hours) – December 7, 2016: $85.00

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

KK. Request for Approval of Letter of Understanding with AFSCME Local No. 1677.02 – Animal Control, Parks, Buildings & Grounds
Commissioner Rogers moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a Letter of Understanding as secured by the County’s bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the AFSCME Local No. 1677.02 – Animal Control, Parks, Buildings & Grounds to reflect a 2% wage increase, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2018; 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.

LL. Request for Approval of Letter of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1677.03 Circuit Court – Juvenile Home
Commissioner Seals moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a Letter of Understanding as secured by the County’s bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the AFSCME Local No. 1677.03 – Circuit Court Juvenile Home to reflect a 2% wage increase plus an additional competitive wage adjustment for the Youth Specialist positions in the amount of $31,000, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2018; 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.

MM. Request for Approval of Letter of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1677.04 – Airport
Commissioner Shugars moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a Letter of Understanding as secured by the County’s bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the AFSCME Local No. 1677.04 – Airport to reflect a 2% wage increase, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2018; 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.

NN. Request for Approval of Letter of Understanding with Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s Supervisors’ Association
Commissioner Tuinier moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve a bargaining Agreement as secured by the County’s bargaining team between the County of Kalamazoo and the Sheriff Supervisors Association, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2018; 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.

OO. Request for Approval of Workers’ Compensation Claim
Commissioner Wordelman moved and it was duly seconded that the Board of Commissioners approve redemption of all Workers’ Compensation liability as recommended by the County’s Attorney in the matter of Dorman Wilson v. Kalamazoo County in the amount of $15,150.00.

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

ITEM 11 County Administrator’s Report
County Administrator Ms. Tracie Moored wished Commissioners Provancher, Heppler and Taylor well. She stated she looked forward to working with the new Board in 2017.

ITEM 12 Chairperson’s Report
Chairperson Taylor stated it had been an honor to serve over the last 14 years.

ITEM 13 Vice Chairperson’s Report
Vice Chairman Heppler thanked the Board as well as the past Boards for working together. He thanked military, police and fire personnel.

ITEM 14 Members’ Time
Commissioner Provancher stated it was his last Commission meeting and he thanked staff and the Board and said it was an honor for serving.

Commissioner Rogers congratulated the outgoing Board and thanked Chairman Taylor for mentoring her. She stated the Workforce Development Board was impressed with the County’s
Advisory Board process. She stated she was proud of the Brownfield Authority with the expansion of Stryker. She thanked Thell Woods for his service.

Commissioner Seals acknowledged his Mom and her support over the years and she was greatly missed. He asked everyone to keep veterans families who were serving overseas in their thoughts and encouraged them to reach out.

Commissioner Tuinier thanked Commissioners Heppler, Provancher and Taylor for their service.

Commissioner Wordelman thanked Commissioners Heppler, Provancher and Taylor for their service.

Commissioner Gisler thanked Commissioners Heppler, Provancher and Taylor for their service.

Commissioner McGraw thanked Commissioners Heppler, Provancher and Taylor for their service.

ITEM 15  Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Timothy A. Snow  Chairperson
Clerk/Register of Deeds  Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners