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Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Leadership on the future of the downtown event center

“The Board of Commissioners is looking forward to finalizing the purchase agreement with Catalyst Development Co. for the County’s parcels of land downtown, ultimately making way for the construction of an event center. Economic development is important to the County, but so are our residents – particularly our Northside residents who would be most directly affected by the event center. We wanted to ensure a community benefits element would be in place if we were to sell our property and enable this project to move forward. We are very pleased with how Catalyst has risen to the challenge. It’s rare to find a developer willing to make not only a significant financial commitment but also one who understands the importance of investing in our community. We’re very pleased with all the work that has gone into this proposal. We are excited to see this project come together and watch our community reap the benefits.”

John Taylor, Tami Rey, and Jeff Heppler

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Chair, Vice Chair, and Vice Chair Pro Tempore