

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING

October 26, 2015

ITEM 1 - Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority was called to order by Chairperson Beam, at 3:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, Michigan, on October 26, 2015.

ITEM 2 - Roll Call

Introductions were made.

Members Present: Bob Beam, Rick Fuller, Don Martin, Jim Ritsema, Dale Hinz, Mark Barnes, Jim Pearson, George Cochran, Claudette Reid, Janice VanDerKley, Dena Smith, Thom Canny, Jeff Heppler arrived at 3:48 p.m.

Others Present: Ed Switalski, Mike Seals, Tori Rose, Dan Mills, Julia Jankowiak, Rick White, Larry Shaffer, Jeff Troyer

ITEM 3 - For Consideration

A. Report from Search Committee:

Mr. Pearson reiterated that the Search Committee had interviewed five candidates. From those five they came away with two top contenders – one from Indiana and one from Michigan. The Michigan candidate “outscored”.

It was decided to do a more extensive background check of the two finalists. When the Indiana candidate was approached he was unwilling to go through the process unless he was offered the job. They had SGR representative Bill Peterson let him know that this may hurt him in the process.

There were no flags raised on the Michigan candidate.

The vote from the Search Committee was 9-0 to recommend Jeff Troyer to the Authority Board as their candidate for the position.

A motion was made by Mr. Pearson to recommend to the Board that we enter into negotiations with Mr. Troyer to offer the position of Executive Director; Mr. Cochran seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barnes asked if the results of the negotiations would come back to the Board.

Mr. Beam suggested the people involved in the search process along with Mr. Peterson of SGR be in charge of the contract negotiations. He would go as far as to have those individuals be given authority to execute a contract.

Mr. Canny stated this would be different than what he is used to.

Mr. Fuller suggested a Roll Call Vote allowing the Board to enter into negotiations with Mr. Troyer for the position of Executive Director:

Mr. Fuller:	Yes
Mr. Canny:	Yes
Mr. Barnes:	Yes
Mr. Ritsema:	Yes
Mr. Pearson:	Yes
Ms. Reid:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Cochran:	Yes
Mr. Beam:	Yes
Ms. VanDerKley:	Yes
Mr. Hinz:	Yes
Ms. Smith:	Yes

Mr. Beam offered Mr. Troyer the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Troyer stated he is honored to have this opportunity. He is looking forward to negotiations. He realizes this is a huge effort but is up to the challenge.

Mr. Beam suggested Mr. Pearson and Mr. Shaffer be the individuals to continue with the search process and lead the negotiations along with Mr. Peterson of SGR.

Ms. Reid asked if legal counsel would be involved.

Mr. Beam said Attorney McGlenn could be contacted as needed.

Mr. Cochran has spoken with Mr. McGlenn in the past. Mr. McGlenn indicated their firm has an attorney who specializes in these sorts of things that could assist.

Mr. Shaffer said the process would be to hammer out the details and put them into an agreement and then have the attorney approve the agreement.

A Motion was made to have Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Pearson along with Mr. Peterson team together to negotiate a contract with Mr. Troyer. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Canny did state that the contract does need to come back to the Board for final approval. The best deal will be negotiated and be presented to the Board.

Mr. Pearson reiterated that the Search Committee fully intended to present two candidates to the Board and it just didn't work out that way.

Mr. Seals inquired if there was any expectation of a start date.

Mr. Pearson said there will be talk with Mr. Troyer to see his expectations.

ITEM 4- Citizen's Time
No citizens shared at this time.

ITEM 5 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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