

## Minutes

Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority

May 21, 2009

### SPECIAL MEETING

Place: Room 207A, County Administration Building  
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 5:56 p.m.  
Others Present: Rachel Foster, Dale Hein, Jack Urban, and Lori Pyatt

Chairperson Teeter called the meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul Ecklund, Diane Kempen, Terry Kuseske, Jack Mekemson, Char Sumney, Linda Teeter, and Jan VanStratt

Members Absent: Greg Rosine and David Worthams

A quorum was present. Motions to excuse Mr. Rosine and Mr. Worthams were made, supported and approved.

2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Ecklund, supported by Ms. VanStratt, and approved.

3. REVISION TO MAY 11 2009, RESOLUTION (PASSED TO LEVY MAILLAGE OF 5/5/09)

Chairperson Teeter gave a brief history of how the townships notified the KCTA that they would lose their reimbursement of \$2.50 per parcel as provided for in the State Education Tax Act (the cities were not affected by this issue). She stated that there was a provision in P.A. 196 that allowed the KCTA to reimburse the townships for the lost amounts, but only after negotiations with the townships.

Mr. Hein listed the several options that were considered and stated that levying in July was not a good scenario for the townships; levying in July for the cities and levying in December for the townships was better. Ms. Foster added that during their investigation it was discovered that, because the townships collected for the villages, the villages were not affected by the situation. She also stated that while certain rights given to the Authority under P.A. 196, the State Education Tax Act allowed the township reimbursements, and these two competing laws created the issue at hand.

Chairperson Teeter summarized the meeting with the Township Supervisors held the previous morning. She said it was a very positive meeting with good, open dialogue. During that meeting it was noted that KVCC's millage was split into two collections in one year.

Ms. Foster confirmed that the individual cities and townships were specifically named on the revised L-4029. Chairperson Teeter stated the first priority was to coordinate with the area taxing authorities. Mr. Hein read the resolution into the record (a copy of the resolution will be on file with the official copy of the minutes.)

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Ecklund and supported by Mr. Kuseske. It was agreed that detailing the problem in the resolution was in line with the KCTA's goal of being transparent. Ms. Foster added that the resolution to place the millage on the ballot had been given to all townships and cities in February '09.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: All Present                      Nays: None                      Absent: Rosine, Worthams

The motion carried.

4. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report.

5. CITIZENS' TIME

There were no comments made.

6. MEMBERS' TIME

-Ms. Kempen stated she was encouraged by the townships' support the previous morning.

-Mr. Mekemson suggested how a press release could be drafted, and he agreed with Ms. Kempen regarding the successful meeting.

-Ms. Sumney stated she agreed with Ms. Foster in that if there had been a problem the townships would have notified the KCTA.

-Mr. Hein stated that the townships would be notified to remove the levy from the July bills and that the revised L-4029 would be sent to all tax assessing authorities. He also stated that, in order to thank the area jurisdictions, a list of their meetings would be forwarded to the Board Members.

-Chairperson Teeter thanked the Mr. Hein, Ms. Pyatt, and Ms. Foster for their work on the issue.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.

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KCTA Chairperson

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KCTA Secretary