

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2017
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair McKinnon at 6:00 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Michael Buchanan, David Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Stuart McKinnon, James Sweet and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Invocation by Chair McKinnon.

Public Input: None

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair called for review and /or approval of Magistrate Appointment. Also present Court Administrator Teresa Hill. Discussion regarding request by Court for appointment of two new magistrates along with the Court Administrator pending residency. Board inquired as to necessity of three when only two have been appointed in the past. Discussion regarding Monday through Friday magistrate duties are separate from afterhours duties; Board noted concern with \$1.00 per hour paid each day to two people for daily duties; discussion regarding \$4,000.00per year for after hours duties. Review of letter from Judge advising that the compensation would be budget neutral. **Motion** by Buchanan to appoint employees Whiteford and Vergote as magistrates as requested by the Court as long as it does not increase the department wage, effective 11-1-2017. Supported by Crambell. Discussion. **Motion and support withdrawn.**

Motion by Fisher to approve the appointment of 3 Magistrates as recommended by Judge Buday: Malena Whiteford, Melanie Vergote and Teresa Hill; cost disbursement as follows: Employees Whiteford and Vergote receive \$1.00 per hour during regular hours (effective 11-1-2017) as magistrates; funds from new wage line item, not to exceed \$3,900.00 for fiscal year with a new separate line item. Line item 101-130-706.000 magistrate supplement for after hours remains separate and not to exceed \$8,000.00 for fiscal year, effective 10-31-2017. Supported by Crambell. Discussion, noted Court Administrator anticipated to perform daily Magistrate duties as part of regular salary; two magistrate employees will receive after hours compensation pro-rated due to retirements with review at the end of the year; Fisher noted concern reported budget neutral will diminish as years of service progress. Roll call vote: Fisher, yes; Crambell, yes; Buchanan, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Chair called for recess at 7:21 PM. Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

Chair called for instruction to accountant. **Motion** by Buchanan to direct accountant Hervey to adjust the budget line items and move the \$3,900.00 from the wage line item to a new line item, as approved by the Board, for magistrate daily duties. Supported by Sweet. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Chair McKinnon called for discussion of strategy for union negotiations at 7:36 PM. **Motion** by Fisher to enter into Closed Session to discuss strategy of union negotiations. Supported by

Buchanan. Roll call vote: Fisher, yes; Buchanan, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Crambell, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Meeting entered into Closed Session at 7:36 PM.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 9:10 PM. **Motion** by Crambell to return to Open Session at 9:10 PM. Supported by Cox. Roll call vote: Crambell, yes; Cox, yes; Buchanan, yes; Comai, yes; Fisher, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Fisher to charge the Negotiating Committee to continue union negotiations with MAPE according to discussion and consensus in Closed Session. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote: Fisher, yes; Comai, yes; Buchanan, yes; Cox, yes; Crambell, yes; Sweet, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Public Input: None

Motion by Fisher to adjourn at 9:12 PM. Supported by Buchanan. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Respectfully,

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Stuart McKinnon, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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