

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair McKinnon at 5:00 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Truman Bicum, David Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Stuart McKinnon, James Sweet and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Chair McKinnon noted purpose of meeting to review the Kaliseum renovation, noted a number of citizens are present and additional seating at the Kaliseum; McKinnon requested the meeting to relocate to the Kaliseum Conference room. **Motion** by Sweet to move the meeting to the Kaliseum Conference Room at 5:03 PM. Supported by Cox. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**. Chair called for recess, to reconvene at the Kaliseum.

Meeting reconvened at the Kaliseum at 5:23 PM.

Chair noted meeting opened at posted location at 5:00 PM with recess to continue at the Kaliseum; noted Public Input, presentation from Ameresco, Board discussion and then Public Input.

Public Input: None

Purpose of Meeting: Review and/or Approve Kaliseum Renovation. Chair McKinnon summarized ongoing Kaliseum deteriorating structural and mechanical issues; requested the Ameresco representatives to give an overview of the audit of the building, Kristen Nesbit and James Horton; noted the mixed environments of the structure that has led to the determination, along with the incomplete structure, mechanical, insulation and ventilation; Power Point presented; noted the energy services is intended to assist with the additional needs of the structural repairs.

Discussion regarding previously held meetings: researching options for Kaliseum renovations including multiple phases with multiple considerations; eliminate the pool; make the pool larger, approximately \$1 million still owed on the building, monies owed to the General Fund; approximately \$1 million to demolish the structure; review of what the General Fund can and cannot support; County SEV, current operational millage and failure of funds to support, options for bonds and millage to renovate; communicate with public survey for feedback.

Several public noted:

Pool size increase needed;

Do a Community Survey

How does the Board keep this from happening again (the lack of funding?); Concern that Kaliseum has had issues for years with complaints and no action taken.

Noted need for the resources the Kaliseum offers in the community

Request for tax payers to use without fees

Concern operational mileage is not sufficient.

Equalization projection the counties SEV will be at what it was 10 years ago, but the concern it will be followed with another housing decline.

Discussion regarding various tax amounts depending on the millage language.

Noted need for a Kaliseum Support Group and interest of attendees to be involved.

Noted concerns of misconceptions when the Kaliseum was built.

Request to stop the Notice of Intent for Bond of \$1 million.

Noted limited funds available in the Tax funds.

Noted other similar facilities have failed as they were not properly funded.

Discussion regarding grant options.

Request for presentation to be on the website for public viewing.

Motion by Sweet to prepare a flyer and mail as soon as possible to prepare for the May 2019 Election. Supported by Bicum. Roll call vote: Sweet, yes; Bicum, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Crambell, yes; Fisher, yes; McKinnon, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Fisher for full Board, Financial Advisor and Bond Attorney for preparation of questionnaire for voters for millage language. Supported by Cox. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Public Input:

Request for contact information when the survey is circulated.

Inquiry as to format of survey with options for comments.

Inquiry as to process for selection of company selected.

Motion to adjourn by Crambell at 7:25 PM. Supported by Fisher. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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

Stuart McKinnon, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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