

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2017  
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting Called to order by Chair McKinnon at 5:09 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Dave Comai, Patty Cox, Kohn Fisher, James Sweet, Stuart McKinnon and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Commissioners absent Michael Buchanan and Craig Crambell.

**Public Input:**

Court Administrator, Mark Holston: Noted his presence for the Indigent Counsel Compliance Plan discussion.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

Michigan IDC representative Jana Mathieu: Mathieu addressed Board noting recent changes of jurisdiction regarding the Indigent Counsel Compliance Plan, the legislature moving the jurisdiction from the Judiciary Branch to the Legislative Branch of local government due to a deemed conflict. Holston noted the court had already met with Otsego and Crawford County to address the Compliance Plan; noted a pending law suit in Oakland County. Discussion.

Mathieu noted Compliance Plan to include requirements of continued legal education for indigent counsel; attorney/client (incarcerated) space approved for confidentiality and security; local share of funding and funding for witness requests. Mathieu noted separation of powers; court involvement to be advisory in nature; the county to appoint a Peer Group of which the court may be part of, the peer group being the 'stake holder' group. Mathieu noted an example of another county peer group consists of county counsel, accountant, court administrator, defense bar and prosecutor. Discussion regarding a Board member to be included along with the Sheriff.

Mathieu noted the deadline for appointment of Peer Group as 11-20-2017; noted not expected until the county is aware of the state funding and there is a 60 day deny/approve period for the Plan; following there is 180 day period to become compliant. Discussion, Board noted a request from the Court Administrator for recommended Peer Group appointment. Discussion, Board will provide the Compliance Plan following review and approval by the Board.

**Public Input:** None

**Motion** by Fisher to adjourn at 5:59 PM. Supported by Cox. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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

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Stuart McKinnon, Chair of  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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