

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
DPW Committee Special Meeting and Indigent Defense Counsel Peer
Group Committee Minutes
May 1, 2018
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Bicum at 5:30 PM, Room #114, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Truman Bicum, Stuart McKinnon, Craig Crambell and Indigent Defense Peer Group members Court Administrator Teresa Hill, Sheriff Patrick Whiteford, Prosecutor Michael Perrault, County Clerk Deborah Hill and DPW Supervisor Mayor Bole. Absent Indigent Defense Peer Group members Commissioner Fisher and County Counsel.

Public Input: None

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair Bicum called for Court Administrator to address status of the Defense Counsel Compliance Plan. Court Administrator Hill noted following a review of the plan rejection and discussion with Marla McCowan, Plan contact, that she recommended removal of the Westlaw provision, noting this would eliminate the cost analysis issue. Further discussion noted that in-custody attorney services was not of issue, only the area being provided for the out-of-custody services.

Discussion regarding options, attendees elected to do a walk-through of possible locations. Meeting recessed at 5:39 PM. Meeting reconvened at 5:58 PM.

Discussion regarding four possible locations for dense counsel to meet with out-of-custody defendants.

Consensus to Motion by Perreault to remove the Westlaw provision from the proposed Plan. Supported by Whiteford. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. Carried.

Consensus to Motion by Perreault to provide Defense Counsel space with four options: #1, the office off from the Law Library in the Administration Building; #2, the small office off from the Bailiff office area in the Court Building; #3, office space available at the Annex; and #4, the current space provided to the Women's Resource Center in the Administration Building. Supported by Whiteford. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. Carried.

Discussion. Court Administrator to meet with McCowan on Thursday; Bole to provide projected costs of each option; Administrator Hill to provide recommendations to DPW Committee on 5-9-2018.

Public Input: None

Motion to adjourn by McKinnon at 6:12 PM. Supported by Crambell. 3 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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