

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 15, 2010
UNAPPROVED

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McCullen at 2:00 PM. Roll call of Commissioners: Present-Alan McCullen, Debra Kimball, Lou Nemeth, Carroll Sexton, George Shetler and Craig Wood. Absent-Robert Crambell.

Pledge of Allegiance given by all. Invocation by Sister Augusta Stratz, Health and Healing Ministries.

Chair called for conflict. None

Chair called for approval of agenda. **Motion** by Shetler to approve agenda. Supported by Nemeth. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Shetler to approve minutes of May 11, 2010. Supported by Kimball. Discussion regarding wording of 'audit' on page 2, under 'Appointments Con't'.

Motion by Kimball to amend minutes to read "regarding a transmittal from Kalkaska County Treasure with Kaliseum deposits". Supported by Sexton. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Discussion regarding identity of absent vote in roll call votes of minutes. Chair called for vote on motion to approve May minutes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Public Input:

Net Allen-Representing American Cancer Society, upcoming cancer drive fund raiser, requested consideration of review of noise ordinance and waiver of costs for signage. Allen was advised she would need to communicate with Village of Kalkaska for noise ordinance consideration. **Motion** by Kimball to allow Cancer Society to use marquis sign at Kaliseum without cost to advertise for fund raiser. Supported by Shetler. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.

Carried.

Robert Dryden-Reserved time.

Jackie Boland-Advised Board she as initiated fund raising campaign for funds to build a new animal shelter, not to be confused with millage request.

Appointments:

Sheriff David Israel: Reviewed June report (copy filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Wood to authorize Chair of Board of Commissioners to apply for the COPS Grant, with grant paying for the first 3 years and Kalkaska County to be responsible for the 4th year. Supported by Nemeth. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Nemeth, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Nemeth to allow Sheriff to replace Unit 409. Supported by Wood. Discussion. Roll call vote: Nemeth, yes; Wood, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Wood to approve and submit the 2011 grant application from the State of Michigan for funding of the Kalkaska County Community Corrections Program. Supported by Shetler. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Motion by Shetler to allow Sheriff to replace full-time Corrections position and part-time position that have been vacated. Supported by Nemeth. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Motion by Wood to allow Chair of Board of Commissioners to enter into a new contract for the vendor company of the inmate phone service from Securus to Paytel, to include loan to Sheriff Department of \$10,000.00 to be able to purchase an inhouse camera. Discussion. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Discussion regarding county/Soil Conservation truck that burned. Sheriff Israel advised that his department interest should be allowed to transfer to Soil Conservation. Discussion regarding obtaining a replacement truck for Soil Conservation, to include consideration of DPW second vehicle and vehicle replacement fund.

Kaliseum Director-Alan James: Reviewed June report (copy filed with Clerk)

County Treasurer-Gwen Gehrcke: Advised Board borrowing for County completed, variable interest rate and projected repayment of 7 months.

Committee Appointments:

Motion by Shetler to accept Chair's appointment of Richard Otto, Sally Otto, Dave Young and Peggy Young to Kalkaska County Commission on Aging for term of June 2010 to June 2013. Supported by Kimball. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Wood to approve Post Approved Bills of \$308,021.32, General Fund Bills of \$175,784.25, Kaliseum Fund Bills of \$6,723.90, Payroll #10 of \$158,339.79, Payroll #11 of \$155,659.51 and Commissioners Per-Diem of \$1,125.00 and Salary of \$3,200.00 (\$4,325.00). Supported by Shetler. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Shetler, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas.0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding Dangerous Building Ordinance. Karen VanHorn present. Chair advised to refer ordinance back to County Affairs Committee, communicate with District Health Department.

Chair called for recess at 3:15 PM.

Chair resumed meeting at 3:30 PM.

Unfinished Business Con't:

Discussion regarding Computer contract information, Rob Franzo present. McCullen reported many issues with computer services in county departments and need for new services. **Motion** by Nemeth to approve Mitten Communications Contract of \$4,000.00 to prepare request for bids of computers and internet services. Supported by Shetler. Roll call vote: Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Sexton, no; Wood, yes; McCullen, yes. 5 yeas. 1 nay; 1 absent. **Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: Wood reported Sheriff Department and Kaliseum issues addressed previously in meeting under appointments. **Motion** by Wood to authorize Court Administrator to purchase two computers to replace two existing stations at approximately \$2,200.00.

Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes, McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Wood to allow MSU to place Kalkaska County on State of Michigan bid list. Supported by Kimball.

Discussion. Will allow County to be able to place bids with State of Michigan. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Wood to reimburse MSU \$1,000.00 from Court budget for moving costs. Supported by Shetler. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Wood to waive Civic Center fees for County Clerk to conduct Township Election Precinct Training on July 22, 2010.

Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Kimball, yes; Crambell, absent; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Motion by Wood to authorize approval of "Laredo Agreement" for Kalkaska County Register of Deeds fees for sale of on-line access to real estate records, contingent upon approval of county legal counsel. Supported by Shetler. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Shetler, yes; Crambell, absent; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Register DeGraaf to have County counsel review agreement. (Copy filed with Clerk) Discussion regarding necessity of increased space for Register of Deeds, currently utilizing Room #114 daily, and the necessity of electrical upgrade, many issues with failed power in multiple offices. **Motion** by Wood to authorize Cunningham Electric bid of \$15,558.00 (from Building Improvement Fund), to add circuits for Register of Deeds, Clerk and Equalization. (Copy of bid filed with Clerk). Supported by Shetler. Discussion. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Shetler, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Register DeGraaf advised that grants may be available and will investigate.

Personnel: Sexton reported review of retirement request for transfer of years for Don Reed, following communication with MERS, not an option. Sexton further advised of upcoming appointments of County Road Commissioners, concerns with conditions of newly paved county roads and Mr. Dryden presented concern of mileage reimbursement for Board of Commissioners.

County Affairs: Shetler reported on Housing Commission and June report. (Copy filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Shetler to foreclose on Fern Snyder property. Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Shetler, yes; Kimball, yes; Crambell, absent; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes, Wood, Yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Shetler to continue with foreclosure of Frank Higgenbotham property. Supported by Nemeth. Roll call vote: Shetler, yes; Nemeth, yes; Crambell, absent; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Wood, yes; McCullen, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. Motion** by Shetler to proceed to deed back Daniel Pearson property to Kalkaska County from Sue Vowels. Supported by Wood. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Shetler noted continued communication on Mary Leach property, Sherry Robotham, Mark Garred, Annette Campbell, and Scott Long properties. Shetler addressed request from Northwest MI Community Action Agency regarding assessment of Housing office at County

Annex, Chair to follow up. Nemeth reported on Coldsprings Township, Economic Education Program and Grand Vision status. Kimball referenced concerns with Gary Johns involvement with County on Broadband, receiving questions and concerns from constituents aware of his criminal history. Discussion. Kimball requested verification of reported letters of support from Merritt, Tino with Traverse Bay area EDC and Judge's as claimed by Mr. Johns. Nemeth indicated he would have Mr. Johns provide information.

Health and Welfare: Kimball reported upcoming retirement party for Kate Mosher, new Director to be appointed.

Public Works: No report.

Judiciary and Public Safety: No report per Nemeth.

Recycling/Solid Waste: Nemeth reported recycling trailers need repair as well as entrance to Recycle Center on Island Lake Rd. Discussion.

Computer: No report per McCullen.

Sub-Committees:

Kaliseum: Kimball reported concern with new employee position at Kaliseum/event funds, that funds should be generated for Kaliseum not the vendors, need for event and/or promotion coordinator. Kimball also advised concern of Board releasing documents that are confidential.

Parks and Recreation: Kimball reported continued progress at Log Lake, new well on County grounds, dog stations implemented for KART Trail, golf outing successful and Garden Club produced approximately 800 lbs of fresh produce for Commission on Aging.

EDC: No report.

Conservation District: No report.

Commission on Aging: Previously addressed with appointments.

North County Community Mental Health: No report.

Commissioner Wood excused from meeting at 5:00 PM.

Correspondence and Resolutions:

Chair reviewed letter of Joyce Brackenbury regarding concern of caterpillar infestation, requesting County action. Discussion regarding legislative involvement. Clerk to forward Ms. Brackenbury Representative's contact number. (Copy filed with Clerk)

Chair reviewed letter from Thomas Coon of MSU Extension, regarding template for agreements with MSUE and County Governments. (Copy filed with Clerk)

Finance addressed letter from Clerk requesting waiver of fees for Civic Center.

New Business:

Motion by Kimball to accept resignation of Robert Crambell Jr. from Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners effective August 15, 2010. Supported by Sexton. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent.

Carried. (Copy filed with Clerk)

Other Business:

Nemeth reported on status of Broadband.

Discussion regarding County Road appointments.

Public Input: None

Motion to adjourn to call of the Chair at 5:55 PM by Shetler. Supported by Kimball. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Hill
Kalkaska County Clerk and
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Alan McCullen, Chair
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

These minutes are not official until they are approved at the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting.