

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2010
UNAPPROVED

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

Pledge of Allegiance given by all. Invocation by Brian McInerney, Church of The Nazarene. Chair call for conflict. None.

Chair call for approval of agenda. **Motion** by Sexton to approve agenda with addition of Rob Franzo to appointments at 2:10 PM. Supported by Kimball. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Kimball to approve minutes of July 13, 2010 meeting. Supported by Nemeth. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Public Input:

Robert Dryden-advised he met with personnel regarding his concerns with Commissioners receiving mileage; also addressed concern that \$25.00 Per-Diems for regular meeting should be part of regular salary.

Appointments:

Rob Franzo: Reported on bid status for County IT services, bid deadline 8-23-10. Chair advised bids to be opened at committee following deadline.

NWMCOG (Northwest Michigan Council of Governments) Elaine Wood: Presented 2009 Annual Report (copy filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Nemeth to approve NWMCOG letter of support for application to Sustainable Communities Grant. Supported by Kimball. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Kaliseum Director-Alan James: Reviewed August 2010 report (copy filed with Clerk). Chair called for other appointments present, hearing none and as ahead of schedule, moved to committee appointments.

Committee Appointments:

Motion by Kimball to accept resignation of Lou Nemeth (copy of letter filed with Clerk) from Planning Commission. Supported by Sexton. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Sexton to advertise in newspaper for vacant position for Planning Commission board. Supported by Kimball. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Chair appointed Anthony Martini to vacancy from Robert Crambell resignation of 8-15-2010, District #1 Board of Commissioner effective 8-16-2010. **Motion** by Kimball to accept Chair's appointment of Anthony Martini to Board of Commissioner District #1 vacancy effective 08-16-2010. Supported by Nemeth. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Appointments Con't:

Area Agency on Aging-Bob Schlueter (in absence of Greg Piaskowski): Reviewed 2009 Agency on Aging Annual Report (copy filed with Clerk). Schlueter complimented Board, the asset of Kimball as representative of Kalkaska on Area Agency Board.

Ron Harris-County Auditor: Reviewed 2009 Audit (copy filed with Clerk), identified 2 letters from Harris Group with recommendations for Kalkaska County and reviewed summary audit findings.

Sheriff Department-Undersheriff Abe Devol: Reviewed August report (copy filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Sexton to allow Sheriff Department to replace part-time corrections officer vacated by Officer Grzybowski. Supported by Nemeth. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Kimball to allow Chair to sign application for Secondary Road Patrol Grant. Supported by Sexton. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Public inquiry regarding status of county gun range. Devol advised recent discussions and inquires of Camp Grayling equipment to assist.

Chair called for break at 3:40 PM.

Chair resumed meeting at 3:50 PM.

Appointments Con't:

Andy Knott-Watershed Council: Reviewed 2009 Annual Report (copy filed with Clerk). Signage discussed to educate public as to watershed locations and value of preservation.
(Return to appointments when arrive)

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Kimball to approve Post Approved bills of \$308,247.66, General Fund bills of \$293,538.92, Kaliseum Fund bills of \$2,212.49, Payroll #14 of \$162,264.17, Payroll #15 of \$168,665.38 and Commissioners Per-Diem of \$1,275.00 and Salary of \$3,200.00 (\$4,475.00). Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Unfinished Business:

Chair called for unfinished business, none.

Committee Reports:

Budget/Finance: Kimball reported. Reviewed Controller's August report (copy filed with Clerk). Discussion regarding rejected Register of Deeds travel vouchers. Discussion regarding funds in Department budget, consensus that ROD to be reimbursed as long as funds available in that Departments budget. **Motion** by Kimball to transfer \$2,200.00 from contingency fund to Veterans Affairs Burial line item. Supported by Nemeth. Discussion. (Letter requesting funds filed with Clerk). Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Kimball reported on status of MSUE services, County Treasurer and Equalization working jointly on collection of homestead property taxes, local office supply business concerned county is not utilizing local businesses, review of specific budget items with

Controller's office and Sheriff Department experiencing excessive costs with medical and/or medications. Sexton addressed concern with expense of MSU and Soil Conservation to county. **Motion** by Sexton to re-examine MSU and Soil Conservation funding at Finance Committee. Supported by Kimball. Discussion. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Nemeth advised of error /correction on voucher submitted of \$25.00 (pg 51 of packet) and requested review of reimbursement for travel to MACC fall Conference. **Motion** by Kimball to approve Nemeth reimbursement for lodging for MACC fall Conference up to amount allowed by county policy. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Appointments Con't:

Merritt Network Inc-Broadband Update: Not available for scheduled telephone conference.

Boardman Area Communications: Mel Stieve, Chris Zanke and John McGowan, indicated they were 3 of the 5 board members of Boardman Area Communications. Rob Franzo reported on grant status and diminished returns. Lengthy discussion regarding relationship with Gary John, board member of Boardman Area Communications, concern with public perception, John's criminal history and recent court issues. Franzo reminded Board of endorsement of Johns by TBAEDC, that these issues were brought to this Board's attention in November of 2009 and concern unfair judgment of Johns. Nemeth reminded Board of benefits of continued support of broadband and offered circumstances of John's court experiences.

Committee Reports Con't:

Personnel/Interview: Kimball reported Sheriff Department requests addressed previously in meeting, County Clerk requests temporary part-time position be moved to temporary full-time due to continued and extended absence of regular staff on medical. **Motion** by Kimball to extend temporary part-time position in County Clerk's office to temporary full-time without benefits, to remain with 90 day evaluation as previously approved. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Sexton to promote Joyce Owens, Deputy Treasurer, to Class 5 from a Class 4 pay rate. Supported by Kimball. Discussion. Roll call vote: Sexton, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Concerns discussed of negotiations with rental fees at Kaliseum and conflict of interest with reduced rates, opinion from county attorney discussed. Kimball advised need for policy if fees waived, need for consistency. Noted discussion at Personnel with possibility of contract with Kaliseum Director. **Motion** by Kimball to have Personnel Policy address Kaliseum promotions and policy. Supported by Sexton. Discussion. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Chair addressed clarity of Mr. Dryden's concern regarding mileage to be reviewed at committee.

County Affairs: Kimball reported Zoning Administrator Vanhorn inquired as to action regarding enforcement of Hagerman sign issue. (Copy of letter from Chair of County Planning Commission filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Kimball to use most recent (June 16, 2010) opinion regarding Hagerman sign enforcement from county attorney, to be adopted, and Zoning Ordinance be amended to follow this opinion. Supported by Nemeth. Discussion. 4 yeas. 0

nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Continued discussion regarding costs to county for both opinions. **Motion** by Kimball to have Chair communicate with county attorney to request credit refund for expense of first opinion that was submitted with insufficient research. Supported by Sexton. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Kimball advised GIS updates continue and MSU working on new platt books. Nemeth reported on Rugg Pond inspection from DNR determined compliance and recommended that proposed bi-laws dated February 2010 be adopted. (Copy filed with Clerk). Discussion. Chair advised proposed Rugg Pond Bi-Laws be revisited by committee at County Affairs. **Motion** by Kimball to approve Resolution 2010-17, for support for Day of Caring. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR "DAY OF CARING" AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2010-17
KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 10TH, 2010**

At a regular meeting of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners for Kalkaska County, Kalkaska, Michigan, held in the County Governmental Building located at 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, Michigan on the 10TH day of August 2010.

Present: Louis Nemeth, Carroll Sexton, Debra Kimball, Alan McCullen
Absent: George Shetler, Craig Wood, Robert Crambell Jr.

The following resolution was offered by Debra Kimball and supported by Carroll Sexton.

WHEREAS, "Day of Caring" is the United Way of North West Michigan Volunteer Center community celebration of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, over one thousand volunteers from business, corporate, service and civic organizations, schools, faith-based organizations and agencies will mobilize on or about September 9th, 2010 to do a day of service in our community; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers have a range of projects such as trail clean-up, beach clean-up, food drives for area pantries, diapers, painting projects, school clean up and more; and

WHEREAS, that the County of Kalkaska declares that September 9TH, 2010, as the "Day of Caring" and supports all the wonderful work these many, many volunteers have done for this great community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we Kalkaska County Commissioners do hereby proclaim **September 9TH, 2010 as the Day of Caring**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

Yeas: Kimball, Sexton, Nemeth, McCullen
Nays: None
Absent: Wood, Shetler, Crambell Jr.
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Alan G. McCullen, Chairperson
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KALKASKA)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and Clerk of the County of Kalkaska, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at it's regular meeting held on the 10th day of August, 2010, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. **I** further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

August 10th, 2010

Deborah Hill, County Clerk

Motion by Sexton to publish Resolution 2010-17 in newspaper and send copy to Northwest Michigan United Way. Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Nemeth, yes; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.**

Health/Welfare: No report.

Public Works: Sexton reported bids received for plow truck. **Motion** by Sexton to accept bid from Voice Motors for plow truck for \$24,648.56. Supported by Kimball. Discussion regarding Soil Conservation received current 2nd plow truck, review of savings to county doing own plowing. Roll call vote: Sexton, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; McCullen, yes. 4 yeas. 0 nays. 3 absent. **Carried.** Sexton mentioned possible removal of oak tree behind county building and reminder of needed storage cages at DHS basement.

Judiciary/Public Safety: No report.

Recycling/Solid Waste: Discussion regarding status of Solid Waste plan, 6 month report to be provided, recycle trailers repainted, skid-steer repair needed, renewal millage success, need for another compactor. Donation container discussed but determined cannot do without accounting in place and approved.

Computer: McCullen reported did not meet but will be this month to review bids for County IT, tentative meeting date of 08-24-2010, 8:00 AM.

Sub-Committees:

Kaliseum: Kimball reported on Advisory Committee, new rental policy to be reviewed.

Parks/Recreation: Kimball reported new supervisor at Log Lake, Joel Wiggins, dump fee of \$10.00 discussed. Road needs grading, to communicate with County Road Commission; Board advised Kalkaska received recognition for KART Trail and Shore to Shore horse trail.

EDC: No report.

Conservation District: No report.

Commission on Aging: Kimball reviewed Kalkaska COA report.

North Country Community Mental Health: No report. Chair inquired as to changes in medical coverage. Kimball indicated that changes have occurred with medicare funding effecting service of some clients.

Correspondence:

Addressed previously in meeting.

New Business:

Chair called for review of lease agreements (2010 and 2011) from Women's Resource Center. Lease's to be reviewed with County Affairs Committee prior to Board review.

Other Business:

Chair reviewed status of oil/gas mineral leasing relative to surrounding counties, use of Room #114 to remain with Register of Deeds anticipating continued mineral research, reminded of Dangerous Building Ordinance, involvement of Health Department and Zoning, discussed at township. Nemeth addressed energy grants and guidelines.

Public Input: None.

Sexton advised he needed to leave meeting at 6:40 PM. Chair called for adjournment. **Motion** by Kimball to adjourn to call of the Chair at 6:40 PM. Supported by Nemeth. All yeas. 0 nays. 3 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.