

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Resumption of Regular Monthly Meeting 10-12-2011
October 21, 2011
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Michael Cox in Room #103, Kalkaska County Governmental Center. Roll call of Commissioners: Present-Michael Cox, Antonio Martini, David Ritter, Carroll Sexton and Craig Wood. Absent-Debra Kimball and Stuart McKinnon. Also present Controller Frank Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance given by all. Invocation by Commissioner Craig Wood.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Wood to approve agenda. Supported by Sexton. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

Chair advised need to discuss upcoming meeting with John Axe and departments, and requested Wood to report on budget information.

Public Input:

None

Chair Cox reported of upcoming meeting with John Axe and Department Heads 10-31-2011 at 1:00 PM, court room reserved if needed. Discussion regarding facilitator. Wood reported on budget discussions in finance, one preliminary budget provided by Controller, requested direction from Board and predicted good balanced budget for County going into 2012. Sexton advised personnel struggling with wages/salaries for replacement of Controller and Equalization Director, including current employees. Discussion. Chair requested personnel to provide finance with recommendations.

Appointments:

Peter Cohl-County Attorney for union negotiations, requested Board to enter into closed session at 1:40 PM. **Motion** by Wood for Board to go into closed session to discuss COAM, POAM and Teamsters for purpose of union negotiations. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Martini, yes; Ritter, yes; Cox, yes. Absent-Kimball and McKinnon. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

*****Board entered into Closed Session at 1:40 PM*****

*****Board returned to Open Session at 3:20 PM*****

(McKinnon arrived during Closed Session and Wood left during break of Closed Session)

Motion by Sexton to return to Open Session. Supported by McKinnon. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

Appointments Con't:

Ritter advised Personnel reviewing existing county resolution and policy and procedure manual, requesting history and input from county counsel. Controller advised original policy devised in 1990 with numerous changes since. Discussion. Cohl advised he would review current and recommended Personnel policy for non-union employees, Policy for Board and Budget Resolution Policy; he could provide copies of existing policies from other counties for review. McKinnon requested input from Cohl on Resolution regarding 'Right to Work'. Cohl advised Board to file, no further action. Chair reminded next meeting with Cohl 11-17-2011.

Sharon Zakrajsek-provided Board with annual Apportionment Report to be sent to the State for approval. Review and discussion. Zakrajsek advised Board's responsibility to approve millage for entire County (millage allocated or approved by taxing units and voters), also advised an amended report would need to be done as any millage on November ballot may change current report. Discussion. **Motion** by Sexton to approve 2011 Apportionment as presented. Supported by Martini. Roll call vote: Sexton, yes; Martini, yes; McKinnon, yes; Ritter, yes; Cox, yes. Absent-Kimball and Wood. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.** (Copy filed with Clerk) Chair inquired as to a note provided to Board regarding Equalization request and possible need for program. Zakrajsek reported calculation of County tax bills due to County Treasurer by 12-1-2011, advised following a request from personnel her company may provide a proposal to complete this process. Discussion. Zakrajsek to provide proposal by 10-31-2011 for Board to review.

Unfinished Business:

Chair discussed confirmation of meeting 10-31-2011 @ 1:00 PM to review John Axe report. Chair noted meeting 11-17-2011 to meet regarding POAM union negotiations.

Other Business:

None

Public Input:

None

Motion at 3:37 to adjourn to call of the Chair by Sexton. Supported by Martini. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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

Michael Cox, Chairman of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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