

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 11, 2012  
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Stuart McKinnon at 6:04 PM, Room #103, Kalkaska County Governmental Center. Roll call of Commissioners: Present-Michael Cox, Debra Kimball, Antonio Martini, Stuart McKinnon, David Ritter and Carroll Sexton. Absent-Craig Wood. Pledge of Allegiance given by all.

**Call for Conflict:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Chair requested agenda additions under Unfinished Business of Boardman Township request for property transfer at Perch Lake, under New Business to set date for union negotiations and under Correspondence to review letter from Phyllis Senske. **Motion** by Kimball to approve Agenda with additions as requested. Supported by Sexton. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Sexton to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-14-2011. Supported by Martini. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 abstain. 1 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Sexton to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-16-2011, Resumption of 12-14-2011. Supported by Ritter. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 abstain. 1 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Sexton to approve Closed Session Minutes 12-16-2011, Resumption of 12-14-2011. Supported by Ritter. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 abstain. 1 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Martini to approve Public Hearing 2012 Budget Meeting Minutes. Supported by Kimball. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** **Motion** by Kimball to approve Reorganizational Meeting Minutes of 1-3-2012 with corrections: page 1, under Public Input, first motion, to read "5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. Carried.", Page 8, bottom line to read "be reviewed at 1-11-2012 meeting.", and page 9, first motion, "4 yeas. 1 nay. 2 absent." Supported by Sexton. 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 abstain. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Public Input:**

County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly: Requested Board to approve reimbursement of wages to himself and Kirk Metzger as requested at a previous meeting; advised Board of impropriety of county paying bills for counsel regarding communication for recall of Commissioners, Commissioner Cox failing to inform Board at December meeting of conflict with sale of personal business to local insurance company voted to become agent for county health care, and requested Board to review bills.

Sue Vowels: Reserved time and inquired as to absence of invocation.

**Appointments:**

Sheriff Dave Israel: Requested if any questions regarding December 2011 report. (Copy filed with Clerk). Kimball inquired as to minimal length of Central Dispatch Authority meetings, discussion.

Sue Winters, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services: Not present.

**Committee Appointments:**

Chair McKinnon advised committee appointments would remain as current with the following changes: District Health Dept #10, McKinnon replaced Sexton, Sexton replaced Cox; Kalkaska County Central Dispatch, Martini replaced Sexton; Library Board, Phyllis Senske replaced Scott; Michigan Northern Counties, Kimball replaced Sexton as alternate; Chair to revisit appointment of Northern MI Substance Abuse Services; Chair requested review of Parks and Recreation Committee (refer to County Affairs); Kalkaska County Road Commission, Denny Carrado to replace vacant seat of Custer; Chair recommended 5 person committee for Rugg Pond Steering Committee, with Montgomery, Rodgers, Case, and Senske reappointed and Township to make recommendation for 5<sup>th</sup> person to replace Buyze, McKinnon and Martini to remain; Tax Allocation, Kimball to replace Wood; Veterans Affairs, Ralph Kingsley to replace Wells, Brad Fields to replace Chase; Zoning Board of Appeals, William Ingels to replace Gancer and Ruth Langkawel to replace William Ingels. Chair requested formation of technology committee, appointed Mark Randolph to new IT Committee (which will report to County Affairs to replace Computer Committee). (Randolph to bring recommendations for appointments to IT Committee) **Motion** by Kimball to accept Chair's appointments. Supported by Sexton. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Discussion regarding labor negotiation committee, consensus to remain Sexton, Kimball and Cox.

**Approval of Bills:**

**Motion** by Kimball to approve Post Approved Bills of \$211,419.85, General Fund Bills of \$112,033.39, Kaliseum Fund Bills of \$506.21, additional check run of \$82,446.22, Payroll #26 of \$144,038.38, Payroll #27 of \$158,965.37 and Commissioners Per-Diem (\$1,225.00) and Salary (\$3,200.00) of \$4,425.00. Supported by Sexton. Discussion. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Martini, yes; Ritter, yes; Cox, Wood, absent; Cox, yes; McKinnon, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Chair called for review of Perch Lake property transfer request from Boardman Township. Mark Randolph advised transfer was necessary for grants but did not see immediate need for action. Discussion. Sexton to request specific information from Boardman Township.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Kimball reported review of proposed agreement with Soil Conservation. **Motion** by Kimball to approve 2012 Contract Amendments with Soil Conservation with addition of payments to be released quarterly beginning January 2012. Supported by Cox. Discussion. Roll

call vote: Kimball, yes; Cox, yes; Martini, yes; Ritter, yes; Sexton, yes; Wood, absent; McKinnon, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** (Copy filed with Clerk) Kimball advised review of billing from counsel of \$480.96 charged for communication with Commissioner Cox regarding recall issue. Cox advised of his communication with Commissioner Wood prior and felt legitimate inquiry for Commissioner. Discussion, consensus concern of conflict should be reviewed, Kimball to call counsel for clarification of billing and report back to finance. Kimball requested Board to review attorney contracts, advised copies to be provided and review at February BOC meeting. Discussion regarding continued union negotiations. **Motion** by Kimball to continue union negotiations with Peter Cohl as counsel. Supported by Martini. Discussion. 5 yeas. 1 nay. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Chair called for break at 7:05 PM.

Chair called meeting back into session at 7:15 PM.

**Committee Reports Con't:**

**Personnel:** No report.

**County Affairs:** No report.

**Public Works:** No report.

**Judiciary:** No report.

**Recycling:** No report.

**Sub-Committee's:**

Kaliseum-January report. (Copy filed with Clerk)

Parks and Recreation: No report.

EDC: No report.

Conservation District: No report.

Commission on Aging: No report.

Community Mental Health: No report.

**Correspondence and Resolutions:**

Zoning Administrator Report-copy filed with Clerk.

Correspondence from Phyllis Senske-requesting review of additional budgeting for Recycling, reduce funding for Planning and Zoning. (Copy filed with Clerk) Discussion. Chair referred to Finance for review.

Correspondence from retired County Road employee Tom Henke regarding concern of inability to obtain retiree health care. Discussion. Public Input: Leann Henke-addressed Board of concern with unfair treatment by Road Commission with Mr. Henke's health care. Discussion. Chair referred to Personnel for review, Kimball to meet with Road Commissioner Walter and report back to Board at February 2012 meeting.

**New Business:**

Chair advised Board of dates 1-31, 2-1 or 2-2-2012, to meet with counsel and union for negotiations, committee to advise Chair of date preference.

Chair called for review of Prosecutor request for wage reimbursement. **Motion** by Kimball to pay Brain Donnelly \$5,572.00 and Kirk Metzger \$3,388.00 for wage reimbursement for 2011, to come from Contingency fund. Supported by Sexton. Discussion. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Cox, yes; Martini, yes; Ritter, yes; Wood, absent. McKinnon, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Chair called for review of Board Committee meeting dates and times. Discussion. Consensus for committees to all meet the first Wednesday after the first Monday of each month. Discussion, one week before regular Board meeting, including ability to have counsel, Controller, etc present as needed rather than multiple days. Committee's to meet as follows: Judiciary @ 9:30-10:30 AM; Health & Welfare @ 10:30-11:30 AM; County Affairs @ 1:00-2:30 PM; Personnel @ 2:30-3:30 PM; Finance @ 3:30-5:00 PM; Public Works @ 5:00-6:00 PM.

Chair advised Board of communication with Northern Michigan Community Action Agency as possible 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for MSHDA to service Kalkaska County. (Copy of proposal filed with Clerk.) Discussion. **Motion** by Kimball to send proposal from NMCAA to county counsel Haider for review and place on agenda for 2-15-2012 Board meeting. Supported by Martini. Discussion. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Public Input:**

Mark Randolph-advised Board Parks and Recreation meeting/Public Hearing 1-25-2012 @ 9:00 AM, to include representative from State of Michigan, to review all trails/paths involving Kalkaska County.

Eric Hendricks-requested status of Equalization Director position. Discussion. Chair advised various possibilities being reviewed in Personnel and Finance.

Karen VanHorn-requested copy of letter from Phyllis Senske and date of Finance meeting. (copy given to VanHorn and advised of 2-8-12 Finance meeting date @ 3:30 PM.)

**Motion** to adjourn to call of the Chair by Sexton at 7:45 PM. Supported by Martini. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and  
Board of Commissioners

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Stuart McKinnon, Chairman of  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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

