

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 11, 2010  
UNAPPROVED (REVISED 05-28-2010)

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 Pastor Drew Filkins, Rapid City Church of Christ.

Chair called for conflict. None

Chair called for approval of agenda. **Motion** by Shetler to approve agenda with change of 2:30 appointment to Debra Kimball to introduce Patrick Cudney and add Gary John to Public Input. Supported by Kimball. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** by Wood to approve minutes with correction of “repat” to report on page 12 under Public Input and Page 9, strike first sentence under Unfinished Business and last Motion to read 4 yeas, 1 nay.....(to replace 5 yeas, 0 nays). Supported by Sexton. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Public Input:**

None (Chair tabled Gary John appointment)

**Appointments:**

Sheriff David Israel: Reviewed May report (copy filed with Clerk). **Motion** by Wood to allow Sheriff Department to purchase digital camera at \$850.00. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. Crambell, absent. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** Sheriff reminded Board and attendees of Memorial Service 5-12-2010 for Law Enforcement Week.

MSU: Patrick Cudney, District Coordinator introduced. Mr. Cudney advised Board of multiple changes with area offices and resources provided by MSU, provided power point, copy filed with clerk.

**Committee Appointments:**

**Motion** by Wood to appoint Truman Bicum to fill EDC Board vacancy of Virginia Lee. Supported by Nemeth. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Discussion regarding request of high school student to EDC Board. **Motion** to allow high school student representation on county boards or committees, not to have voting rights or compensation. Supported by Kimball. Discussion. **Nemeth rescinded motion. Kimball rescinded support.** **Motion** by Kimball to allow EDC to accept student representative from high school to be on EDC Board as recommended by EDC Board. Supported by Wood. 6 yeas. 0 nays.

1 absent. **Carried.** Commissioner Shetler advised of importance for youth in communities to be involved with local government and necessity for Board to support involvement. District Health Department #10-Director Linda Vangills provided 2009 Annual Report (copy filed with Clerk), reviewed statistics, resources and Kalkaska County ranking. Ranae McCauley reported on Poverty Reduction status for Kalkaska County.

**Public Input:**

Gary John-reported on status of area Broadband, progress with stage 2 of application, provided map of area involved (copy filed with Clerk) and advised more cell towers expected to be coming to area.

Chair called for break at 3:07 PM.

Chair called meeting back into session at 3:17 PM.

**Appointments Con't:**

Kaliseum Director-Alan James reviewed May report (copy filed with Clerk). Chair McCullen advised James that there were questions and or concerns regarding an audit report from Kalkaska County Treasurer with Kaliseum deposits from Trout Festival activities. (Copy filed with clerk). Chair advised James of alleged allegations and need for clarification of deposits of income during Trout Festival activities, also advised James he may wish to ask to enter closed session. James declined closed session, Chair made inquiries of deposits, or lack of, relative to report and James advised as he could not answer, he would communicate with staff and report back. James was also advised of concerns with promoter for Cycle Show (Judy James, wife), how much money was collected, who did the collection of the money and concern of conflict of interest. Kimball mentioned other miscellaneous concerns. Lengthy discussion. Commissioner Wood inquired as to which Board of Commissioners were aware of Kaliseum issues and advised discontent with Board addressing it at meeting with no communication with other Board members. Chair McCullen and Kimball advised inquiry was the result of advice from county legal counsel following alleged allegations that they were informed of. **Motion** by Nemeth to allow Alan James to investigate questions regarding April and May 2010 Kaliseum deposits to Kalkaska County Treasurer and report back to Finance Committee within 1 week. Supported by Sexton. Lengthy discussion. Roll call vote: Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Wood, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.** (May 19, 2010 Finance meeting date set at 5:30 PM.) Continued discussion.

Chair called for break at 4:10 PM.

Chair resumed meeting at 4:22 PM.

**Approval of Bills:**

**Motion** by Wood to approve Post Approved Bills of \$344,497.66, General Funds Bills of \$185,816.28, Kaliseum Fund Bills of \$3,397.70, Payroll #7 of \$158,276.98, Payroll #8 of \$164,924.80, Payroll #9 of \$160,341.84 and Commissioners (per-Diem of \$1,075.00 and Salary

of \$3,200.00) of \$4,275.00. Supported by Shetler. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Shetler, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget and Finance:** Wood reported recommendations to adopt amended budget. Discussion. **Motion** by Wood to amend 2010 General Fund Budget to adopt changes per page 33 and 34 of packet. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried. (Amended Budget Inserted Below)**

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4/28/2010

General Fund

2010 Budget

		2010 Budget (Dollars)	Dept's Adjustments (Dollars)	Fin. Comm. Adjustments (Dollars)
Appropriations				
Soil District	101-284-962.100	26,666.00	4,000.00	
FOC	101-746-754.000	27,478.00		
TC EDC	101-746-827.000	2,000.00		
MSU Ext. Shared	101-746-965.500	12,000.00		
Parks	101-960-962.100	24,000.00		
Police Hiring Twp	101-960-962.800	21,001.00		
Animal Control	101-960-962.900	11,209.00		
Heating/Cooling	101-960-963.000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Copier	101-960-963.100	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Vehicle	101-960-963.200	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Computer	101-960-964.000	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Housing	101-960-979.000	11,000.00		
Office Furniture	101-960-980.000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Equipment	101-960-980.100	5,000.00	5,000.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>170,354.00</b>		
Equalization	Rev and Exp combination		4,300.00	
MSU Extension	Rev and Exp combination		2,250.00	
Zoning	Rev and Exp combination		1,834.00	
	101-411-719.000		1,400.00	
Bldg&Grounds	101-265-750.000		500.00	
	101-265-933.000		4,500.00	
Court	Ins. Buyout 101-130-709.000		2,142.00	
Sheriff	101-301-705.000		3,160.00	

	101-303-719.000	6,500.00	
	101-351-702.000	1,000.00	
	101-351-719.000	2,500.00	
DPW	101-444-707.000	11,300.00	
	101-444-719.000	3,044.00	
Commissioners Legal Serv	101-101-831.000		5,000.00
Commissioners Travel	101-101-860.000		5,000.00
46th Cir Ct Computer Maint	101-130-933.000		10,000.00
Prosecutor Overtime	101-229-709.000		2,000.00
ROD Contractual Serv	101-236-827.000		5,000.00
Bldg & Grounds	101-265-997.000		9,450.00
Solid Waste Committee	101-746-965.100		1,137.00
	All		
*Travel/Training/Conference	Dept's		12,308.00
	Line items to be reduced by 50% of the remaining budget amount as it appears on		
	* April's		
	Budget Report (will not include line items that are reimbursable by grants)		
		83,430.00	49,895.00
Total Dept's and Fin. Comm. Columns	BOC Approved 5-11-2010		133,325.00
Travel/Training/Conference			
46th Circuit Court	101-130-860.000		957.00
	101-130-860.500		670.00
	101-130-957.000		500.00
Jury Board	101-145-860.000		77.00
Elections	101-191-860.000		391.00
Accounting	101-201-860.000		150.00
Co. Clerk	101-215-860.000		100.00
	101-215-861.000		165.00
	101-215-957.000		97.00
Equalization	101-225-860.000		100.00
	101-225-957.000		400.00
Prosecutor	101-229-860.000		470.00
	101-229-864.000		289.00
	101-229-876.000		300.00
	101-229-957.000		600.00
Reg of Deeds	101-236-860.000		73.00
Treasurer	101-253-860.100		125.00
	101-253-864.000		250.00
Bldg & Grounds	101-265-860.000		217.00
Sheriff	101-301-957.000		1,327.00
	101-303-860.000		476.00
	101-310-860.000		125.00
	101-331-957.000		100.00
Zoning	101-411-860.000		250.00
	101-411-860.100		166.00

	101-411-861.000	625.00
	101-411-862.000	342.00
	101-411-864.000	537.00
	101-411-865.000	275.00
Emerg Service	101-426-860.000	150.00
DPW	101-444-957.000	75.00
Veterans Affairs	101-681-843.000	178.00
	101-681-860.000	257.00
MSU Extension	101-731-860.000	697.00
	101-731-860.200	797.00
Total		12,308.00

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**Motion** by Wood to change Register of Deeds tract fees to \$20.00 per quarter hour (with ¼ hour minimum) for first half hour or \$55.00 per hour. Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

**Motion** by Wood for Register of Deeds to require all accounts to become escrow accounts, thereby allowing companies to charge their recordings against their escrow account. Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; Shetler, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

**Motion** by Wood to authorize Register of Deeds and County Clerk to retain any overpayments by mail up to \$5.00 (\$4.99), if \$5.00 or more to be returned by voucher. Supported by Sexton. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Shetler, yes. McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

**Personnel:** Sexton reported County Clerk advised of concern that one employee will be gone for 8 weeks for medical. Discussion regarding possibility of added hours for current staff and to research use of other county employees.

**County Affairs: Motion** by Shetler to approve Resolution 2010-13, Ballot Language for Millage for Kalkaska County Recycling and Animal Control. Supported by Nemeth. Discussion regarding separation of language, concern it may cause confusion. Roll call vote: Shetler, yes; Nemeth, yes; Kimball, yes; Sexton, yes; Wood, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSITION THAT IS A RENEWAL TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE KALKASKA COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM AND THE KALKASKA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2010-13  
KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Present: George Shetler, Debra Kimball, Craig Wood, Louis Nemeth, Carroll Sexton, Alan McCullen

Absent: Robert Crambell Jr.

The following resolution was offered by George Shetler and supported by Louis Nemeth.

**WHEREAS**, Kalkaska County currently operates and maintains the Kalkaska County Recycling Program and the Kalkaska County Animal Control Program and employs individuals to carry out the functions of the county recycling program and the county animal control department for the benefit of county residents and others visiting the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds to operate and maintain the county recycling program and the county animal control department are currently provided by a millage of 0.25 mills previously approved by the county electors; and

**WHEREAS**, the millage previously approved by the county electors to operate and maintain the county recycling program and the county animal control department expires on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners wishes to again obtain voter approval for the same millage amount (0.25 mills) to provide funds for operating and maintaining the county recycling program and the county animal control department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners wishes to submit this millage proposition to the county electors at the election to be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following proposition, the language of which is hereby approved by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Kalkaska County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Kalkaska County for a vote at the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 election.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE**

**KALKASKA COUNTY**

*This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will permit the County to Levy up to ¼ of one mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the county recycling program and the county animal control department.*

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of taxes which may be imposed by the County of Kalkaska against real and tangible personal property in the County be increased by up to *one-fourth (1/4) of one mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation)* on the taxable value of such property for a period of four (4) years, 2011 through 2014, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the Kalkaska County Recycling Program and the Kalkaska County Animal Control Department, and shall the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$182,709.00 for Kalkaska County in 2011.

Yeas: Shetler, Nemeth, Kimball, Sexton, Wood, McCullen

Nays: None

Absent: Crambell Jr.

Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

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Alan G. McCullen, Chairperson  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF KALKASKA    )

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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Deborah Hill, County Clerk



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May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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Deborah Hill, County Clerk

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Discussion regarding concern of photographing and/or electronic equipment used by customers in Equalization and Register of Deeds. Chair requested communication from Register of Deeds and Equalization, to provide Board with recommendation on limitations.

Shetler advised of the many citizens in Kalkaska County with land leases requests for minerals and concern that many are being taken advantage of and requested some type of forum for public. Russ LaRowe suggested MSU/Soil Conservation organize a meeting or information to be made available for public.

Nemeth advised of concern with budget cuts to effect travel and commuting for training, detriment to county. Nemeth reported on Grand Vision status and recent meeting (packet filed with Clerk) and necessity for Kalkaska County to remain involved. Discussion. Chair advised of concern that this County has received little feedback from our input.

**Health and Welfare:** Kimball advised no report.

**Public Works:** Wood advised no report.

**Judicial and Public Safety:** Nemeth advised no report.

**Recycling/Solid Waste:** Nemeth reported millage language approved, concern with current deficit at recycling and discussion regarding billing to A-1 Sanitation.

**Computer:** Chair reported concern with current computer/internet services to county with several departments. Register of Deeds, Annex and several Department Heads within Administration building were unable to communicate for several weeks, significant issues with inability to serve or communicate with the public. **Motion** by Shetler to retain Rob Franzo to prepare a request for quotes for county computer maintainence. Supported by Kimball. Roll call vote: Shetler, yes; Kimball, yes; Nemeth, yes; Sexton, yes; Wood, yes; McCullen, yes. Absent: Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

**Sub-Committees:**

**Kaliseum-**reported previously in meeting.

**Parks and Recreation-**Kimball reported new caretakers at Log Lake doing excellent, questions regarding the leasing of the campground; archery program continuing Parks and Rec. Discussion regarding possible county firing range.

**EDC-**McCullen reported on status.

**Conservation District:** Shetler reported thousands of trees replanted in county.

**Commission of Aging:** Kimball advised no report.

**North County Community Mental Health:** Kimball reported concern budget cuts will effect services available.

**Correspondence and Resolutions:**

Chair addressed letter from Jan Stiehl regarding CGI report.

**New Business:**

Nemeth addressed concern with Kalkaska County’s necessity to participate in surveys. Suggested any surveys go to MSU for completion. Nemeth reported on progress of Prisoner Re-Entry program.

Kimball requested Proclamation for retiring Kalkaska County Librarian to be approved. **Motion** by Kimball to adopt Proclamation for retiring Kalkaska County Library Director Kathleen Mosher. Supported by Shetler. (copy filed with Clerk). 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

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**KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Kalkaska County Library Director Kathleen Mosher, has dedicated her professional life to the citizens of this community and in doing so has brought great credit upon herself, her family, the Kalkaska County Library and the County of Kalkaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathleen Mosher’s career in Kalkaska began with her duties as the Director of the Kalkaska County Library, a position she held until June 15th, 2010, and being eminently qualified to hold that office with her Master of Science of Library Science degree from Wayne State University; and

**WHEREAS,** her duties in that office required her to promote and defend the public trust that is a library, she did so admirably. In 1992 the Board of Trustees, in their wisdom, chose Kathleen to facilitate the library’s growth and protect its interests. Her technical skills brought our small community facility into a 21st Century connected world: the introduction of automation, the Internet, and the new Michigan Electronic Library network within the state-wide library system were challenges that would try the toughest and most creative manager, and that she succeeded so well despite the substantial challenges is proof of her organizational skills. Kathleen’s managerial skills were tested during her directorship: she was the person responsible for the well-being of the facility, its budget, its staff and the 9600+ cardholding patrons who range in age from newborn to the elderly, who come to the library from every economic, social and educational level. Her creative skills were tested when trying to optimize a half-million dollar budget, and inevitably, when tough financial times arrived, she was in the forefront of fostering an environment in which the community rallied to the cause and passed their first library millage. Kathleen’s hard work and skills won for the library numerous grants, some technology related, and others that were to provide our community with outstanding programs and presentations, including many coveted award winning authors. Kathleen’s extensive expansion of outreach services, while standard in professional practice and theory, speaks volumes about her overall dedication to the cause of public service. Her gracious concern and considerations for her patrons has garnered her many new friendships and admirers over the years. Among her many accomplishments will be the legacies she established: in July 2010 the Kalkaska County Library Book Club will celebrate their 14th anniversary. Four months later in November the Quality Thyme Garden club will do the same: it was Kathleen Mosher the Master Gardener and Kathleen Mosher the Library Director who encouraged the formation of a Garden Club in our community, and it was she who facilitated its first organizational meeting at the library. Kathleen also promoted the revitalization of the Friends of the Kalkaska County Library non-profit organization, a group essential to library organizations, which grew from a dozen individuals to well over 100 dedicated supporters. Kathleen has maintained a professional, above standard working relationships with various local, state and county offices, and with state & local schools and

libraries, as well as with professional committees and organizations, including the Antrim-Kalkaska Librarians Association, which she helped found. Her membership in and outreach to other community service and governmental organizations, such as Commission on Aging, Rotary Charities and the Munson Health Center Corporate Board has brought the library goodwill from the business and professional community;

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Mosher will retire as Director of the Kalkaska County Library on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, her endeavors having been performed with honor, integrity and exemplary dedication and commitment, she will continue her life's adventures with her best friend and husband, Jim, their children, and their much beloved grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners hereby officially adopts this Proclamation congratulating Kathleen Mosher on her retirement with heartfelt appreciation and thanks for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Kalkaska County, her staff and the County of Kalkaska.

***Signed this the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2010***

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Alan G. McCullen, Chairperson  
District #4 Commissioner

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Debra Kimball, Vice-Chairperson  
District #6 Commissioner

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Robert Crambell Jr.  
District #1 Commissioner

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Louis Nemeth  
District #2 Commissioner

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George Shetler  
District #3 Commissioner

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Carroll Sexton  
District #5 Commissioner

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Craig Wood  
District #7 Commissioner

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Nemeth advised of importance of Commissioners attending MAC Conference.  
Kimball addressed concern of communication regarding Kaliseum issues.

**Public input:**

Russ Larowe-addressed Board regarding volume of money obtained by State for land leases, money owed to Kalkaska County for taxes by State and recommended County Board contact State Representatives and Senators to ask for return of swamp tax monies.

Nemeth advised of Green Energy Grant committee need for Commissioner attendance, Chair to talk to Crambell regarding attendance.

**Motion** to adjourn by Sexton at 6:20 PM. Supported by Shetler. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.  
**Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Deborah Hill  
Kalkaska County Clerk and  
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

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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.