

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Resumption of April 13, 2011 Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2011
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order to call of the Chair Michael Cox at 4:00 PM, resumption of April 13, 2011 meeting, Room #103, Kalkaska County Governmental Center. Roll call of Commissioners: Present-Michael Cox, Debra Kimball, Antonio Martini, Stuart McKinnon, David Ritter, Carroll Sexton and Craig Wood. Absent-none.

Pledge of Allegiance given by all. Invocation by Commissioner Kimball.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wood to approve agenda. Supported by Martini. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Public Input:

Mark Holston-Court Administrator: Addressed Board (read statement) regarding concerns of continued budget/staff cuts, agreement by Department Heads to budget cuts, expectation to restore funding if available and concern with court service to community with negative opinions of Commissioners Cox and McKinnon. (Copy filed with Clerk)

Brian Donnelly-Prosecutor: Advised Board of prior agreement to restore staff if funding available, concern with poor moral with employees and inability to provide services his office is responsible for.

Appointments:

Brian Cote'-Cadillac Insurance: Cote' provided optional coverage that would be cost savings to county of \$348,464.00, increasing deductible to \$5,000 with increase of seamless reimbursement per person up to \$15.95 from \$4.50, increased costs to county of \$12,000.00. Discussion. Changes would have neutral effects on the employees. Discussion regarding other potential changes to consider in the future including 3 tiered drug cards, HMO options, etc.

Motion by Kimball to accept medical insurance proposal of increase of deductible to \$5,000.00 and enrollment in the seamless reimbursement program of \$15.95 per person per month as reported by Cadillac Insurance. Supported by Wood. Discussion. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Wood, yes; Martini, yes; McKinnon, yes; Ritter, yes; Sexton, yes; Cox, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Unfinished Business-2011 General Fund Budget:

Chair called for discussion regarding Sheriff Department budget requests including return of Corrections Officer to allow return of one deputy to road patrol. **Motion** by Wood to allow Sheriff to re-hire one Corrections Officer, allowing Sheriff to return one deputy to road patrol. Supported by Sexton. Discussion. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.** Further discussion regarding increased fuel costs, current status of fuel budgeted for Sheriff. **Motion** by McKinnon to increase Sheriff

Fuel budget by 50% from previous line item, money to come from contingency fund. Supported by Kimball. 6 yeas. 1 nay. **Carried.**

Chair called for discussion regarding Department of Public Works budget request. Wood addressed Board advising that DPW Department Head was overlooked when budget cuts were made, Board failing to recognize or discuss the one employee department, recommending returning hours to 40 hour work week in DPW. **Motion** by Wood to restore DPW hours in budget to 40 hours per week from current 32 hours. Supported by Sexton. Discussion. Ritter questioned county funding issues, continued concerns with economy and lack of revenue sharing. Wood advised Department heads should be asked for input regarding work status in each office. Kimball advised speculation was that return of any staff would be reviewed but did not anticipate all would be returned. General discussion regarding prediction of continued decline in property values, personal property, revenue sharing, etc. Roll call vote: Wood, yes; Sexton, absent; Kimball, yes; Martini, yes; McKinnon, yes; Ritter, no; Cox, yes. 5 yeas. 1 absent. 1 nay. **Carried.**

Other Business:

Chair requested meeting on May 9, 2011 @9:30 AM for Board to meet with labor attorney Peter Cohl.

Kimball provided budget information for District Health Department #10, regarding amount allocated by each county in District. (Copy filed with Clerk). McKinnon advised his question remains as to what amount is Kalkaska mandated to fund that Department. Kimball to inquire further.

Kimball addressed Board regarding motorcycle event scheduled at Kaliseum for Trout Festival weekend with concern of reduced rental fees not approved by Board of Commissioners, no contract with vendor, vendor is a relative of Kaliseum Director, Kimball had been questioned about the impropriety of reduced fee and same matter was addressed in 2010. **Motion** by Kimball to postpone the Motorcycle show scheduled at Kaliseum on Trout Festival weekend as no contract with vendor. Supported by Sexton. Discussion including reduced rental fee, appearance of personal gain by county employee, canceling on short notice would be negative impact to community and Trout Festival, policy needs to be implemented. Chair advised should be addressed with County Affairs. Wood reported no concern with arrangements. McKinnon inquired as to whom promotional director is. Ritter advised clarification needed with fee reductions. Sexton felt canceling would be very detrimental to Trout Festival and community. Roll call vote: Kimball, yes; Sexton, no; Martini, no; McKinnon, no; Ritter, abstain; Wood, no; Cox, no. 1 yea. 5 nays. 1 abstain. **Motion failed.**

Motion to recess to call of the Chair to May 9, 2011 @ 9:30 AM by Wood. Supported by Martini. 7 yeas. 0 nays. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Michael Cox, Chair of
Kaskaska Board of Commissioners

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