

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2019  
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair Fisher at 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd. Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners David Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Leigh Ngirarsaol, James Sweet, John West and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Invocation by Commissioner Cox.

**Public Input:**

Marsha Hanna: Reserved time.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

Chair Fisher called for review and discussion of information relative to the Kaliseum Millage project.

Chair Fisher noted a Kaliseum Millage Proposal Tax Calculator available on the website, reviewed a preliminary Business Plan for the Kaliseum (financial information to be added); reviewed several responses for answers to frequently asked questions from previous Kaliseum meetings; reviewed summary of ballot language and requirement for DDA as part of language; Discussion regarding the Energy Lighting upgrade for the county facilities; noted the importance of this project for energy savings credit; discussion regarding costs vs credit.

Commissioner Comai noted information regarding DDA millage requirements.  
Chair Crambell noted the importance of the energy lighting savings, noted the importance of the Kaliseum resources for Community; noted

Chair Comai noted concern with facility costs and the importance of financial support before going forward.

(Comai left at 6:28 PM)

**Public Comment Included:**

Public: Inquired of a Kaliseum Advisory Board for project; possibility of use of facility for emergency shelter; plan for pool and financial information from accountant?

Public: Noted gym equipment increased use of facility.

Public: Requested revenue and expenses that the Gun show brought in over the weekend.

Public: Questioned who would benefit financially if the millage passed?

Public: Noted concern with operation costs if millage passed.

Public: Addressed Board noting appreciation for working so diligently on the Kaliseum project.

Commissioners noted initial concerns with the Kaliseum were primarily energy savings program only, followed by structural and mechanical issues. Crambell noted the facility was never fully

functional, mechanicals were needed for year round use and the current millage would not allow for future concerns to repeat the past.

Discussion regarding DDA, Board to review further with counsel.

Public: Inquiry as to Director Oliwa's resignation?

Public: Concern the handling of the Kaliseum will be repeated.

Public: Noted concern the Board is not following the survey results and ignoring facts.

Public: Noted need for Kaliseum resources for entire community; need to get the word out for the importance of the Kaliseum upgrade.

Public: Noted the importance of the new millage covering the structure, future repairs and operations, eliminating future concerns.

Public: Noted need to share the information including the tax calculator on the website and minimal increase that the new millage will cost.

Board noted they will continue to provide information as inquires continue.

Discussion regarding the upcoming public forum by the Friends of the Kaliseum, 4-3-2019 at 6:00 PM.

**Motion** by Crambell to adjourn at 7:44. Supported by Cox. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

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

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Kohn Fisher, Chair of  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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