

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair Fisher at 5:30 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, Mi. Present Commissioners David Comai (arrived at 5:41 PM), 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.

Chair Fisher called for a recess at 5:32 PM, to reconvene to the Circuit Court Room, Court Building, at 5:41 PM, due to the number of attendees in the audience.

Meeting recessed at 5:32 PM. Meeting reconvened in Circuit Court room, Court Building, at 5:41 PM.

Motion by Cox to approve Agenda and amend to add Resolution 2019-28 (Extension of stipend for Kaliseum Interim Admin Director). Supported by Comai. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**. Meeting date for Kaliseum project. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**.

Public Input:

Sherry Hoyt: Bear Lake resident; noted concern with current point of sale.

Seth Phillips: Manistee Lake resident and Drain Commissioner, noted eliminating the Point of Sale is not good for the public and request Board to reconsider.

Carolyn Phillips: Manistee Lake resident; reviewed zoning ordinance; requested information from county counsel & townships; noted BOC took oath to for citizens of the county, protection and preservation of county waters; noted contaminated water from septic systems.

Christine Levi: Noted importance of protection of water contamination.

Mary Beth Kazanski: Clearwater Township resident, member of Lake association; supports Point of Sale.

Judy Newkirk: Taxpayer in favor of testing.

Doris Gravidale: Deferred

Shawn Stoskopf: Deferred

Marlene Weir: Opposed to abolishing POS.; noted septic odors are concern.

Fred Vandyke: Noted need for Point of Sale committee.

Bob Reider: Elk Lake resident; Board member of Watershed Grand Traverse Bay; advocate for clean water; noted the need to keep Point of Sale until something better.

Norm Lacroix: Noted the need to focus on drinking water being threatened.

Bud Banker: Deferred time.

Bob Kingon: Noted Milton Township programs working well. Noted the importance of inspections.

Tim Ashmann: Springfield Township Resident; Noted need to involve all stake holders, proper Zoning would solve most problems, efficient and affordable program is a necessity.

Shug Brandell: Noted need for awareness and education of water problems. Great Lakes Stewards is a great group to help educate.

Roger Hurdle: Noted Point of Sale Inspection is good for two years.

Jo Ram: Noted Bear Lake is one of the cleanest lakes in Kalkaska; impressed with all the expertise offered at meeting.

Renee Penny: Noted the importance to stick with Heath codes before stronger rules are in place.

Glen Duncan: Advised he is an environmentalist and urge importance of good septic systems.

Kevin Hughes: DHD#10 representative; noted the purpose of Point of sale to educate Buyers & Sellers.

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair Fisher called for Board discussion to review and/or approval: Picnic Table Purchase, Log Lake Smoking Policy, Corrections Recovery Program, Sheriff Vacancy Resolutions (2019-26 & 27), Rotary Letter, Point of Sale to discuss and or accept District Health Department #10 Amendment.

Comai noted picnic table purchase was resolved.

Motion by Crambell to adopt new Log Lake Campground rules as proposed. Supported by Cox. Roll call vote: Crambell, yes; Cox, yes; Comai, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; Sweet, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Comai to accept Business Associate Contract regarding corrections recovery. Supported by Sweet. Discussion. Roll call vote: Comai, yes; Sweet, yes; Cox, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Cox to review 2019-26 Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to allow the Sheriff to fill a vacancy for Dispatch Sgt. Supported by Sweet. Discussion. **Motion and support withdrawn.** Discussion regarding review at Personnel and with Accountant.

Motion by Cox to approve Resolution 2019-27 to lift the hiring freeze to allow the Sheriff to fill the PT Special Operations vacancy. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote: Cox, yes; Comai, yes; Crambell, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; Sweet, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried** Discussion regarding part time or full time position.

Motion by Cox to waive Board Bylaw Art, 5, Sec M, Referral to Committee, to allow the Board to review a COA vacancy. Supported by West. Roll call vote: Cox, yes; West, yes; Comai, yes; Crambell, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; Sweet, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Cox to approve Resolution 2019-28 to lift the hiring freeze to allow the COA Director to fill the COA Temporary In-Home Health Care vacancy. Supported by West. Roll call vote: Cox, yes; West, yes; Comai, yes; Crambell, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; Sweet, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Motion by Crambell to forward proposed letter to Rotary Club of Kalkaska regarding fairgrounds rental. Supported by Cox. 7 yeas 0 nays. **Carried**

Motion by Crambell to extend stipend proposal for Kaliseum Admin. Director in the amount of \$143.00 per week until 6/30/19, with continued review. Supported by Comai. Discussion.

Roll call vote: Crambell, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, yes; Ngirarsaol, yes; Sweet, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 7 yeas 0 nays. **Carried.**

Discussion regarding Kaliseum project. **Motion** by Comai to set meeting for review of concerns/issues of the Kaliseum on 6/5/19 @ 5:30. (Start in the Commissioners Chambers to be relocated depending on attendance.) Supported by Cox. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Chair Fisher called for discussion on POS; noted numerous exemptions to current code. Crambell noted the need to not opt out of this policy until a better one is in place, noted the benefits of disclosure statements, contamination issues such as lawn chemicals, noted not one resident was in the meeting from his township, commented on curiosity of other County policies, importance of septic systems getting pumped when needed. Ngirarsaol noted the need to reach out for expertise to advise us on the next step for Kalkaska, keeping POS for now would be best until we have a plan. Fisher noted the need to involve all Townships, noted the expense of septic pumping on top of inspections and repairs. Comai noted not all townships are in favor, agreed Health Department needs to be involved more so than Real Estate Agents, noted Milton Township has own plan. **Motion** by Crambell to table acceptance of District Health Department #10 Amendment. Supported by Ngirarsaol. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.** **Motion** by Ngirarsaol to table creating a committee work group for Point of Sale, and return to Board Committee. Supported by Comai. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Fisher noted the need to get Townships involved. Discussion of Clerk sending email out to Townships to give options between 6/17/19 at 5:30 Pm or 6/24/19 at 5:30 PM to attend or send a representative to a POS special meeting, review if more information is needed. Chair Fisher noted for Clerk to send responses to BOC and make sure Court room is available when scheduled.

Public Input:

Bob Kingon: Noted the Code we have was written by Manistee County; adding to a code is an option; Michigan does not have state codes for septic systems.

Kevin Hughes: DHD#10 representative; noted the purpose of Point of sale is to educate Buyers & Sellers

Motion by Crambell to adjourn at 8:45 Pm. Supported by Sweet. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and Deputy County Clerk/Admin And Clerk of Board of Commissioners
Kohn Fisher, Chair of Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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