

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Indigent Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair McKinnon at 5:00 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Stuart McKinnon and Kohn Fisher, Court Administrator Teresa Hill for Judge Mertz, Sheriff Patrick Whiteford and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Absent Prosecutor Michael Perreault. County Counsel by telephone if needed. Also present current Court Appointed Attorney Counsel Tom Seger and Kyle Trevas.

Public Input: None

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair McKinnon called for review of the Indigent Defense Counsel cost proposal and contact person. Administrator Hill provided proposed amended contract; noted development with MAC noting change from reimbursement program to distribution program, with 50% up front with balance in 25% payment increments, per Marla from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Hill also provided a proposed voucher for tracking defense counsel work with defendants. Discussion with Defense Counsel and Committee, noting optional process, procedures and tracking of time; concern with meeting of obligations and yet efficiency with court time; noted some counties are not as current with process reviewing in Kalkaska. Discussion regarding increased use of Polycom for process. Noted that after the first year or before the process may need to be re-evaluated. Consensus to set another Committee meeting 10-29-2018 at 5:00 PM to review continued options.

Public Input: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Stuart McKinnon, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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