

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Personnel Special Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2017, 6:00 PM  
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Crambell at 6:00 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Craig Crambell, Patty Cox, Kohn Fisher and County Clerk Deborah Hill.

**Public Input:**

Sam Fahl: Fahl addressed Committee noting need for filling the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prosecutor position, the concern with safety on the community and lack of assistance for Prosecutor during court case leading to dismissal.

Dan Johnson: Reserved time.

Floyd Porter: Porter addressed Committee noting concern for safety and effects on tourism if Prosecutor is not allowed 3<sup>rd</sup> prosecutor position.

Glen Artress: Reserved time.

Scott Yost: Reserved time.

**Appointments:**

Chair Crambell called for purposed of meeting, to review Resolution 2017-07. Prosecutor Mike Perrault addressed Committee noting request for filling vacancy of 3<sup>rd</sup> Prosecutor position.

Committee addressed concerns regarding absence of county polices with employees in Prosecutor. Perrault noted he has a policy that is tailored to his staff and would provide a copy to the Committee. Discussion regarding salaried employees and accrual of benefits and Committee's concern that county policies are followed.

Discussion regarding plea bargaining in the court system; Perreault noted he processed 1200 cases with 184 as felonies. Perrault noted Committee had been incorrectly informed regarding his office having anything to do with the loss of the Community Corrections funding. Perrault noted the increase in jail is due to high bonds being set due to lack of probation oversight.

Jury Trails, caseload, 1<sup>st</sup> offender program, need of 3 prosecutors, funding and duties of staffing reviewed. Chair called for recess at 7:08 PM. Chair called for reconvene at 7:15 PM. Perrault noted court time is not comparable to the counties in the court system. Commissioner Crambell noted concern that Perrault had not provided any documents to the Committee prior to the meeting for review. (Perrault noted receipt of a radio call to assist during the meeting that he should have left to assist.) Fisher addressed Committee noting budget and policy as the Board's concerns, concern with communication from public with Perrault's employment with Village Police Department, and need to have an opportunity to review documents presented at meeting with lack of DHS funding that was discussed during 2017 budgeting. Perrault noted the Public has spoke at the meetings in support of his office. Crambell noted his respect for the people who spoke under Public Input but also has constituents addressing opposite concerns.

Perrault noted his office would fail if the Board did not replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Crambell noted mis-management. Perrault noted inability of Chief Assistant to assist with trial that was reported lost due to his interview of victim in another matter. Perrault requested matter go to full Board for review, noted the Board is taking his tools away from him by not filling the position.

Discussion. Consensus to recess meeting to allow Committee to review documents Perrault provided at meeting. Fisher noted concern with conflicting reports regarding Community Corrections funding, caseload and other data provided by Perrault.

**Public Input:**

Dan Johnson: Johnson addressed Committee noting need to allow Prosecutor to fill position and do the Prosecutor duties as elected.

Glenn Artress: Artress addressed Committee noting Perrault only performs monthly liquor inspections for Village DPS; not making traffic stops or arrests; he does not believe there is any conflict; concern Board is micro-managing; Prosecutor is elected, constituents complaining should address concerns at next election if not satisfied.

Scott Yost: Yost address Committee noting appreciation for continued review of position and concern with cases not being processed due to lack of staff.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Ross Holec: Holec addressed Committee reiterating his interaction with a child victim causing him not to be able to assist Prosecutor with case that was lost; noted cases are accumulating, they cannot keep up and Prosecutor's management is great to work for, Perreault does a great job and Holec has turned down other opportunities.

Perrault noted need for a decision in order for his office to function.

Chair called for recess at 7:47 PM, to reconvene Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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Stuart McKinnon, Chair of  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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