

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AGENDA

FULL BOARD

Hall of Justice

990 Terrace, Muskegon, MI

March 9, 2010 - 3:30 PM

Kenneth Mahoney, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

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1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Approval of Minutes of the February 23, 2010 Meeting (Previously Forwarded)
 7. Presentation - Tribute in Recognition of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Excellence in Traffic Safety Award
 8. Communication
 - A. Allegan County Resolution: Support of Continued Discussion and Fact Finding Toward the Goal of Maintaining the Existing Coordinating Agency Status
 - B. Berrien County Resolution: Support of State of Michigan Preparing a Contingency Plan for Dealing with the Threat of Asian Carp
 - C. Saginaw County Resolution "A": Funding Obligations - State Mandated Services
 9. Committee Reports
 - A. Courts/Public Safety Committee (Page 8)
 - B. Human Resources Committee (Page 9)
 - C. Ways & Means Committee (Pages 10 & 11)

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Administration
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10. Chairman's Report/Committee Liaison Reports
 - A. MAC Legislative Updates of February 19th and 26th, 2010
 - B. Resolution in Support of Pure Michigan
 - C. West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN) Policy Committee Appointment

11. Administrator's Report
 - A. Approve Proclamation for National County Government Month, April 2010, Healthy Counties
 - B. Authorize Waiver of the Board's Policy #2008-98; Solicitation/Distribution of Printed Material for One Day During County Government Month, April 2010
 - C. Approve Circuit Court to Proceed with Grant Application for the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program
 - D. Approve Circuit Court to Proceed with a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice for a Demonstration Project for Re-Entry of Juveniles

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Participation

15. Adjournment

Note: Public Participation - Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Participation or at any time by suspension of the rules. All persons must address the Commission and state their name for the record. Comments shall be limited to two minutes for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public participation period by a vote of a majority of the commission.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—COORDINATING AGENCY/SUBSTANCE ABUSE STATUS

WHEREAS, Allegan, Berrien, Muskegon and Ottawa Counties currently makeup the designated coordinating agency; and,


WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Allegan County to maintain the coordinating agency status as it currently exists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioner Representatives to the LCC, the County Administrator and representation from Community Mental Health are authorized to continue discussion and fact finding toward the goals of maintaining the existing coordinating agency status, recommending any necessary changes, representing the best interest of the involved counties.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administrator will keep the Board of Commissioners apprised of progress including any recommended Board actions or changes.

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Burns to immediately adopt this resolution. Motion carried.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY

 Clerk-Register

APPROVED: January 14, 2010

cc: Admin. - Finance - Human Resources - Berrien, ~~Muskegon~~ and Ottawa Counties (Through Admin.)

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your Administration Committee respectfully recommends the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes is the largest freshwater system in the world; and

WHEREAS, the states and Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes, and everyone that uses the Great Lakes for sport fishing, boating, and recreation face a dire threat by the Asian carp that are literally at the threshold of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, these silver and bighead carp (both species of Asian carp) presented themselves in the 1990's in fish farms on the Mississippi River and reproduce quickly, eat vast amounts of organisms at the base of the food chain, and have driven out native fish populations; and

WHEREAS, the carp have moved quickly up the Mississippi River, into the Illinois River, into the Des Plaines River and are now likely into the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Calumet-Sag Channel; and

WHEREAS, efforts to stop the migration of these fish to Lake Michigan resulted in an electric barrier that was fully operational in 2009 although it now appears as though carp may be past the barrier and as close as seven miles to Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Asian Carp are a hyper-aggressive exotic species that threaten to ruin the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports all efforts at the state and federal level to stop the migration of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes by whatever means necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Michigan should prepare a contingency plan for dealing with this threat should these carp enter Lake Michigan to include but not limited to closing fish ladders at dams on the St. Joseph River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representatives John Proos and Sharon Tyler, State Senator Ron Jelinek, United States Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Fred Upton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be forwarded to all Michigan counties and the Michigan Association of Counties.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Andrew Vavra, Chairman

Bryan Bixby, Vice-Chairman

Gloria Gillespie

Marletta Seats

**SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
FUNDING OBLIGATIONS – STATE MANDATED SERVICES**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, held in the City of Saginaw on the 16th day of February, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT---*Bregitte K. Braddock, Ann M. Doyle, Eddie F. Foxx, James M. Graham, Cheryl M. Hadsall, Michael J. Hanley, Dennis H. Krafft, Judith A. Lincoln, John A. McColgan, Jr., Timothy M. Novak, Michael P. O'Hare, Carl E. Ruth, Ronald L. Sholtz, Robert M. Woods, Jr., Patrick A. Wurtzel*
ABSENT---None

Commissioner Doyle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham.

WHEREAS, the electorate of the State of Michigan passed an amendment in November 1978 to the State's Constitution that required the State to fund mandates imposed on local units of government (often referred to as the "Headlee Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment (Article IX, Section 29) states:

"The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or service required of units of Local Government by state law. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the Legislature or any state agency of units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs. The provision of this section shall not apply to costs incurred pursuant to Article VI, Section 18"; and

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment became effective December 23, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature established the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates (LCSM) through P.A. 98 of 2007, as amended by P.A. 356 of 2008 and assigned the LCSM to identify mandates (including those involving reports) and the related cost of the mandates to local units of government, along with recommendations to resolve the unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, the LCSM worked with the Citizens Research Council (issued an analysis of other state's statutes and constitutional requirements similar to the Headlee Amendment) and local units of government associations, including:

- Michigan Association of Counties
- Michigan Municipal League
- Michigan Township Association
- Michigan School Business Officials and Michigan Association of School Administrators
- Michigan Community College Association
- County Road Association of Michigan

WHEREAS, the LCSM issued a report in June 2009 entitled "Interim Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates" that indicated, among other matters, that the State had failed to enact legislation enabling the Headlee Amendment and has not complied with the Headlee Amendment since its adoption in 1978; and

WHEREAS, the LCSM has completed its report in December 2009 entitled "Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates" that reaffirms the Interim Report results and provides recommendations, including but not limited to:

- Drafted legislation and court rules that would mitigate unfunded mandates imposed on local units of government in the future.
- Proposed procedures that will prevent new unfunded mandates from being imposed on local units of government.
- Proposed procedures that would be corrective should unfunded mandates be imposed that include, among other requirements:
 - A submission of an action before the Court of Appeals to be heard by a special master in order to rule on whether the matter is a mandate and if the mandate is underfunded.
 - Require the Court of Appeals to rule on the above within six months of the filing.
 - Should the Court of Appeals not rule on the above within six months, the local unit of government would have no obligation to continue to provide the services until such time as the State complies with the Headlee Amendment.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties adopted a resolution of support for the recommendations contained in the final LCSM report in December 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners supports the findings and recommendations in the interim and final reports of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates and encourages the Governor, Legislature and Supreme Court to adopt and enact the recommendations cited in the final report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Roger Kahn, Representatives Kenneth Horn, Andy Coulouris and Jim Stamas, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Michael P. O'Hare, Chair

ADOPTED:

Yeas – Brigitte K. Braddock, Ann M. Doyle, Eddie F. Foxx, James M. Graham, Cheryl M. Hadsall, Michael J. Hanley, Dennis H. Krafft, Judith A. Lincoln, John A. McColgan, Jr., Timothy M. Novak, Michael P. O'Hare, Carl E. Ruth, Ronald L. Sholtz, Robert M. Woods, Jr., Patrick A. Wurtzel

Nays – None

Abstain – None

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
 } ss
COUNTY OF SAGINAW }

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Saginaw, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of February, 2010. I further certify that notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal this 16th day of February, 2010.



Susan Kaltenbach, Clerk
County of Saginaw

SEAL

The Courts/Public Safety Committee met on March 2, 2010, it was recommended and I move:

- CPS10/03 - 17 To approve the one-year extension of the agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program between the Townships of Laketon, Fruitland and Whitehall, the Muskegon County Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners with the county's share of the cost being 50% or \$114,158, and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the document, contingent upon the approval of each of the townships.
- CPS10/03 - 18 To authorize the Sheriff's Office to explore a contract with the other local fuel vendor who currently provides fuel to our marine division patrol boats, Merle Boes (Pacific Pride), Inc.
- CPS10/03 - 19 To authorize the Sheriff's Office to change the funding for Sheriff Deputies #S05019 currently funded by Sheriff Operations 1010-0301 100% to Marine Division 1200-0331 100%, #S05005 currently funded by Sheriff Courts 1010-0355 100% to Sheriff Operations 1010-0301 100%, and #S05013 currently funded by Sheriff Courts 1010-0355 100% to Sheriff Operations 1010-0301 100% effective 2/13/10.
- CPS10/03 - 20 To allow the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Propertyroom.com to provide the sales of evidence.
- CPS10/03 - 21 To allow the Sheriff's Office to bid an engineering study to best determine the use of the vacant space in the county jail.
- CPS10/03 - 22 To accept the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC) Agreement between the State of Michigan and the County of Muskegon on behalf of the Sheriff Department/Emergency Services, and direct the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement.

The Human Resources Committee met on March 2, 2010, it was recommended and I move:

- HR10/03 - 18 To authorize the Community Mental Health Director to sign a contract with Hope Network Behavioral Health Services for the provision of Specialized Residential Services (Personal Care, Community Living Supports, and Room and Board) at their Harbor Point Program (17160 130th Avenue, Nunica, MI 49448) effective March 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, at a rate of \$314.89 per diem with a cap not to exceed \$66,150.00 in Fiscal Year 2009/2010.
- HR10/03 - 19 To authorize the Community Mental Health Director to sign a contract with Heritage Homes, Inc., for the delivery of Children's Respite Services, effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, at the rates of one aide to one child for \$3.56 per 15 minute unit; one aide to multiple children for \$2.67 per 15 minute unit; one aide to one child, holiday rate, for \$5.34 per 15 minute unit; and one aide to multiple children, holiday rate, for \$4.00 per 15 minute unit, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the term of the contract.
- HR10/03 - 20 To approve an increase in hours for Community Mental Health Supports Coordinator position X87125/7144, from 28 hours per week to 40 hours per week.
- HR10/03 - 21 To authorize the Community Mental Health Director to create a new full-time Peer Support Specialist position for a total salary and fringe of \$44,090.11, and eliminate three vacant hourly Peer Support Specialist positions: #N54005/7147, #N54004/7147 and #N54008/7707, with a total salary and fringe of \$47,136 for a total budget savings of \$3,045.89; and to waive the current hiring freeze to permit immediate recruitment and hiring, at step 1.
- HR10/03 - 22 To adopt the amendments to The Muskegon County Clean Air Regulation as proposed for Sections 1005, 1007, 1008, and 1016 to be effective May 1, 2010 as authorized by the Michigan Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978), as amended, MCL 333.2442.

The Ways & Means Committee met on March 4, 2010, and it was recommended and I move:

- WM10/03 - 39 To approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,486,316.50 covering the period of February 10, 2010 through February 23, 2010, as presented by the County Clerk.
- WM10/03 - 40 To authorize the County Administrator to sign the supplemental lease agreement to the lease between the County of Muskegon and the federal Veterans Administration (#V515R-0015) for space occupied by the federal Veterans Administration on the County of Muskegon's South Campus thereby extending the lease termination date to August 31, 2010.
- WM10/03 - 41 To approve the Economic Development Corporation loan to Great Lakes Die Cast Corporation in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$65,000.00) Dollars for a maximum term of five (5) years and authorize the Chair to execute the necessary documents.
- WM10/03 - 43 To approve the issuance of request for proposals for new fencing for Heritage Landing.
- WM10/03 - 44 To waive the hiring freeze to fill the District Court Clerk position D15018 at step 1 (Salary range \$11.160-\$16.510/hr) while continuing to hold the vacant Court Clerk position D15017 open through FY2010 budget resulting in an estimated savings of \$51,257 in the District Court FY2010 budget (1010-0136).
- WM10/03 - 45 To approve the funding transfer of the Probation Officer position N55004 from 100% 1010-0137 to 100% 1010-0136 and the funding transfer of the Probation Officer position N55002 from 100% 1010-0136 to 100% 1010-0137 and to waive the hiring freeze to allow the filling of the vacant Probation Officer position N55004 at step 1 (Salary range \$18.843-\$23.863/hr) resulting in an estimated savings of \$20,280.00 to the District Court FY2010 budget (1010-0136) and an additional cost of \$8,386 to the Cobo Hall Tax FY2010 budget (1010-0137).
- WM10/03 - 46 To approve a resolution to return an additional allocation of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds back to the State of Michigan per their instructions and request.
- WM10/03 - 47 To accept and place on file the Cost Allocation Plan for fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, as submitted by the Finance and Management Services/Accounting Department.

- WM10/03 - 48 To authorize the Muskegon County Purchasing Office to solicit bids for natural gas and electricity from DTE customer choice providers.
- WM10/03 - 49 To approve Amendments No. 3 of the FY09/10 CPBC agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health, with no effect on County General Funds, and further authorize the Board Chair to sign the Amendment.
- WM10/03 - 50 To authorize Human Resources to solicit proposals through the insurance broker for a voluntary, 100% employee paid, vision insurance plan which will be available for purchase by all County employees.
- WM10/03 - 51 To approve the Summer Youth ARRA cost based budget amounts for the period of July 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009.
- WM10/03 - 52 To approve the National Emergency Grant (NEG) budgets for the next six (6) Michigan Works Centers for the period of October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010.
- WM10/03 - 53 To approve the contract settlement with the Brookhaven SEIU LPN unit and authorize the County Board Chair and County Clerk to sign the labor agreement subsequent to signatures being obtained from union representatives.
- WM10/03 - 54 To award the Asbestos Consulting Services Contract (RFP-10-1705) to Northern Analytical for an estimated cost of \$16,500 with actual costs being determined on number of tests required and actual hours worked based on the standard hourly fees submitted by Northern Analytical, with all costs being paid by the Honeywell project fund 6350-1630 and to authorize staff to solicit for bids for asbestos abatement services upon receipt of the final report from Northern Analytical.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION

- WM10/03 - 42 To approve the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for International Master Products Corporation, 9751 U.S. Highway 31, Montague, MI 49437.



MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
February 19th, 2010

In this week's update:

- **MICHIGAN COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS RELEASED**
- **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING**
- **NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2010**
- **ONE DAY SEMINAR OFFERED BY MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION AND LEADSTAR**
- **MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD SUMMIT**

MICHIGAN COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS RELEASED

A study of public health indicators in Michigan's counties has been released this week, resulting in health outcomes rankings of every county except Keweenaw. Several health factors were studied including death rates, pollution, quality and access to healthcare, and many others. The rankings are a snapshot of relative health and don't include all factors that may be unique to a certain county, and so should not be used to determine the overall "health" of any particular county. To view the results of the study, please click on www.countyhealthrankings.org/michigan.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING

As the MAC Legislative Conference fast approaches us, so does the Early Bird Registration deadline. The deadline is **February 28th**, just over a week away. Fax or mail your registration form postmarked on or before February 28th or register online via credit card payment at:

<http://events.micounties.org/Users/SignUp.aspx?EventId=200&MemOnly=False&TheDesc=2010%20MAC%20Legislative%20Conference>

Also, hotel reservations must be made by **February 27th** to receive the special group rates. Be sure to get your reservations made today!

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2010

The theme for National Public Health Week 2010 is "A Healthier America: One Community at a Time." This year's theme embraces the concept of improving America's health system in one generation. If every person commits to promoting good health in their community, we can create momentum to improve one community at a time. Healthier communities create a healthier nation.

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership is seeking nominations for Michigan Hometown Health Heroes. Do you know an individual or organization that has gone above and beyond their job responsibilities to create positive, healthy change in their community? If you know a person or group that deserves recognition as a Hometown Health Hero for efforts to protect their communities from vaccine-preventable diseases, improve the environment, promote healthy behaviors, increase access to health or preventive services, or develop a new best practice or model program, let us know! Do you have a youth or parent that has been dedicated to improving the

health of students in your school?? If your nominee does this activity as part of his/her job, you need to tell us how the person has gone above and beyond normal job duties to address core public health principles.

If your nominee is selected by the partnership, they will be invited to Lansing to receive their award during the Michigan Public Health week event at the State Capitol Rotunda on Weds, April 14, 2010. Awards are presented by MDCH Director Janet Olszewski and the honorees Legislator and/or Senator if they are available.

Attached you will find a copy of the 2010 Hometown Health Hero nomination form. The deadline for submission is March 5. For further information, please visit the Michigan Public Health Week web page at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2946_52721---,00.html

ONE DAY SEMINAR OFFERED BY MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION AND LEADSTAR

Michigan Works! Association is partnering with LeadStar (<http://www.leadstar.us/>) to provide a one day seminar focused on Leadership Development, appropriately titled Leadership Boot Camp. As a way to reach out to our partners, we are offering a discount to MAC members to attend this training. As you know, Michigan needs leaders to affect change and empower people, and this unique training opportunity will add value to your members by teaching important leadership skills and creating takeaways that will make a true impact on Michigan communities. The training is typically offered at \$250 per person, however, Michigan Works! Association can offer a coupon code for MAC members to receive a 10% discount. MAC members can sign up here: <http://michiganworks.org/news-events/events/event/243/> and enter the code 10MAC225 to receive the discount.

MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD SUMMIT

The first of its kind, the summit will assemble food system stakeholders from across the state to shape a plan that propels Michigan towards food production, distribution and marketing to support a thriving economy, equity, and sustainability. Visit the summit website at www.michiganfood.org and register today. Meanwhile, contact Kathryn Colasanti, Summit Coordinator, at colokat@msu.edu or 517-353-0642 for additional information. (View attachment.)

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MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
February 26th, 2010

In this week's update:

- **MAC APPLAUDS BISHOP AND DILLONS SUPPORT OF MANDATES REPORT**
- **BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE GIVING ADDED FLEXIBILITY TO POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES**
- **HOUSE ATTEMPTS TO AMEND REMONUMENTATION BILL; MAC OPPOSES AMENDMENT**
- **JOIN MAC-PAC FOR ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE MAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE!**
- **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS FIRST ROUND OF ARRA BROADBAND PROJECT FUNDING**
- **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING**

MAC APPLAUDS BISHOP AND DILLONS SUPPORT OF MANDATES REPORT

Citing an astonishing figure of \$2.6 billion in 2009 for unfunded state mandated services conducted by local units of government, Senator Majority Leader Bishop (R-Oakland County) and House Speaker Dillon (D-Wayne County) held a press conference today with members of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates announcing their support of the commission's final report. Speaker Dillon announced that the House would quickly take action on adopting legislation to implement the report's recommendations. That legislation is embodied in House Bills 5766, 5799-5802 and the bills have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The legislation is aimed at getting Michigan in compliance with the Headlee provision of the state's constitution. Likewise, Majority Leader Bishop indicated that similar bills would be introduced and have hearings held in the Senate in the near future. Commission members Amanda Van Dusen and Dennis Pollard outlined the specific recommendations in the report which are embodied in the House bills and are as follows:

1. House Bills 5766 and 5801 would require a fiscal note to be attached to each piece of legislation prior to passage indicating the cost to local units of government as well as requiring the House and Senate Fiscal agencies to compile a report of the state's compliance with the Headlee amendment (requires the state to provide funding for local mandates).
2. House Bill 5799 would amend the Administrative Procedures Act to forbid state administrative rules from taking effect that would create new or expanded unfunded mandates.
3. House Bill 5800 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to streamline legal remedies local units of government have against unfunded state mandates as previous lawsuits against the state, such as the Durant case, took 17 years.
4. House Bill 5802 removes penalties for local units who do not comply with mandates if the mandate is unfunded and if new laws are passed and adequate appropriations for the mandate is not made within 6 months, the mandate would become optional.

MAC is grateful to the members of the commission for their hard work and applauds the House and Senate leaders for endorsing the report. We also encourage swift action on the aforementioned legislation and will keep you up to speed on any progress in either the House or Senate.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE GIVING ADDED FLEXIBILITY TO POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES

This week Rep. Rick Hammel (D-Genesee County) introduced legislation which would allow county boards of commissioners additional flexibility in posting legal notices. House Bill 5853 would allow county boards to meet legal posting requirements through one of the following methods:

- A. Post to a county website
- B. Announce the notice on a local public access channel, or
- C. Post in a newspaper

These postings would also have to be placed in the office of the county clerk. Other bills in the package include House Bills 5845, 47 and 48 and accomplish the same goal for other local units of government.

HOUSE ATTEMPTS TO AMEND REMONUMENTATION BILL; MAC OPPOSES AMENDMENT

Yesterday on the House floor, a vote was postponed on Senate Bill 374 regarding the remonumentation of the Michigan/Indiana border as confusion arose over an amendment that could potentially be harmful to counties remonumentation efforts. The bill, which originally had safeguard to conduct the remonumentation of the state line without digging into the county fund had an amendment proposed that would remove the county protection.

MAC has made it known that it cannot support this legislation if this amendment goes on. You may recall back in 2005 this fund was raided to help balance the general fund, and counties lost \$15 million in funding for this program. MAC does not support this fund going for other uses and opposes this amendment.

JOIN MAC-PAC FOR ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE MAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE!

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Lansing Radisson Hotel – Capitol III Room

\$35.00 per person, \$60.00 per couple

Sponsorships available for \$250.00 or \$500.00

Featuring a panel of former County Commissioners turned Legislators:

Rep. Mike Lahti (D-Houghton County)

Rep. Chuck Moss (R-Oakland County)

Rep. Bill Rogers (R-Livingston County)

Rep. Woodrow Stanley (D-Genesee County)

Join your fellow commissioners to learn a little about the legislature from those who once wore your shoes, and enjoy complementary beer and wine after the panel.

Platinum Sponsors:

Larry Emig, MAC President

Tim McGuire, MAC Executive Director

Tom Hickson, MAC

Ben Bodkin, MAC

Gold Sponsors:

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Evelyn Kolbe, Former MAC President
John McCulloch, MACSC President
Carol Walters, MACSC Director
Mel Larsen, MAC

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS FIRST ROUND OF ARRA BROADBAND PROJECT FUNDING

The federal government has announced the first round of projects funded with ARRA Broadband grants. To view these projects please visit [http://www.broadbandusa.gov/files/BTOP%20Awardee%20Info%20\(v2.3\)%20-%20022410.pdf](http://www.broadbandusa.gov/files/BTOP%20Awardee%20Info%20(v2.3)%20-%20022410.pdf).

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REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

COMMITTEE Full Board		BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>		NON-BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>		PARTIALLY BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Administration			COMMITTEE DATE 3/09/2010		REQUESTOR SIGNATURE		
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)							
<p>Attached is a proclamation in accordance with the National Association of Counties proclaiming April 2010 as National County Government Month with the theme of "Healthy Counties."</p>							
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)							
<p>Move to approve the attached proclamation for National County Government Month, April 2010, Healthy Counties.</p>							
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)							
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:</u>				<u>FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:</u>			
				<p style="font-size: 1.2em; text-align: center;"><i>Recommend approval</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>BD</i></p>			
<u>CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:</u>				<u>ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:</u>			
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PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
APRIL 2010**

"HEALTHY COUNTIES"

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,608 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County takes seriously its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are integral to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment; and coverage programs for uninsured; and

WHEREAS, as employers, counties provide health insurance benefits to nearly three million county employees and their retirees nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACO) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the county to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, NACO and the County of Muskegon are working together to Restore the Partnership among all levels of government to better serve our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2010 as National County Government Month and encourages all Muskegon County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

COMMITTEE Full Board		BUDGETED NON-BUDGETED PARTIALLY BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Administration		COMMITTEE DATE 3/09/2010	REQUESTOR SIGNATURE	
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)				
<p>As part of the County Government Month "Healthy Counties" activities being planned, a staff committee was formed to plan various events throughout the County departments. The committee is recommending that a "Wellness Day" be scheduled at the Training Center on South Campus. The Wellness Day would involve bringing in various organizations and vendors from the health/medical community to set-up displays and share their information through brochures, etc. There would be no selling of products or services.</p>				
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)				
<p>Move to authorize the waiver of the Board's policy "2008-98 - Solicitation/Distribution of Printed Material" for one day only during County Government Month, April 2010.</p>				
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)				
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:</u>		
		<i>Recommend approval</i> <i>BD</i>		
<u>CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:</u>		
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COMMITTEE Full Board		BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>	NON-BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>	PARTIALLY BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Circuit Court, Family Division		COMMITTEE DATE March 9, 2010		REQUESTOR SIGNATURE
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE)				
<p>The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women is seeking applications for the Safe Havens, Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange grant program. Every Woman's Place and the Court are working to submit a grant application to the Department of Justice by the deadline of March 10, 2010. I have attached an abstract of the grant application for the Board's review. Essentially, the first year is a planning grant. The second and third years are actual implementation of service delivery. The grant will fund up to \$400,000 for a three-year development project. If successful, this grant would provide Every Woman's Place the funding to continue the Safe Haven project that it has been operating for the past two years. Otherwise, there is little in the way of supervised parenting-time capacity available to the Court. The grant would provide that capacity in the second and third years.</p> <p>The grant does not require any general fund contribution. The court does not anticipate that it will need any additional staff to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities under the grant.</p>				
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)				
<p>I move that the Board grant permission to the Court to proceed with a grant application for the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program in partnership with Every Woman's Place</p>				
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)				
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:</u>		
		<i>Recommend approval</i> <i>BD</i>		
<u>CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:</u>		
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Abstract

The proposed project will be a collaborative effort among several community agencies. The core partnership will be between the Muskegon County 14th Judicial Circuit Court and Every Woman's Place, which is the local domestic violence agency. The project will be overseen by the Circuit Court and services will be provided by Every Woman's Place. The project will allow for supervised visitation and safe exchange to occur for families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking.

The Safe Haven project is designed to be part of a larger community response to enhance the safety of child(ren) and adult victims and hold batterers accountable, while providing access to visitation and exchange services. This program is unique in that it provides service to each member of the family presenting the opportunity to identify needs and gaps in services for child(ren) and adult victims, batterers, and the community at large. Safe Haven would serve child(ren) and adult victims of domestic violence by providing a safe space for children to visit with the non-custodial parent, help keep child(ren) and adult victims of domestic violence safe during exchanges and visitation, hold batterers accountable for their violence and abuse during visitation and exchange, be part of expansion of services to support child(ren) and adult victims,

The program will have staff trained in the areas of supervised visitation and exchange, domestic violence; battering tactics post separation issues, etc. The Safe Haven Project will consist of one center centrally located in Muskegon and will also have a mobile team that is able to provide services to rural survivors. Referrals for the program will be provided by the Muskegon County 14th Judicial Circuit Court Family Division

United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. (2007). *Guiding Principles Safe Haven: Supervised Visitation Grant Program*. Washington D.C.

REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

COMMITTEE Full Board		BUDGETED NON-BUDGETED PARTIALLY BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Circuit Court, Family Division	COMMITTEE DATE March 9, 2010	REQUESTOR SIGNATURE		
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE)				
<p>The United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on Violence Against Women is seeking applications for demonstration projects for re-entry of juveniles involved with the criminal justice system into the community</p> <p>The Court had developed a grant application that we believe is responsive to the federal criteria and meets the needs of the court, the county and the families of Muskegon for a more robust capacity to provide in-home and foster services to children transitioning back into the community. I have attached an abstract of the grant for the Board's consideration. Although a local match is required, the grant announcement provides for an exception for those entities that can demonstrate financial hardship. We are hopeful that Muskegon will qualify for the exception as part of the grant application. We are not seeking a general fund contribution. As the abstract indicates, we also believe that implementation of the grant will assist Muskegon in achieving substantial savings in its residential placement costs.</p>				
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)				
I move that the Board grant permission to the Court to proceed with a grant application to the United States Department of Justice for a demonstration project for re-entry of juveniles involved with the criminal justice system into the community.				
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)				
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:</u> <i>Recommend approval BD</i>		
<u>CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:</u> <i>approval BH</i>		
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ABSTRACT

Muskegon County has a significant history of addressing systemic problems related to returning juvenile offenders to the community. Muskegon County was awarded a three year Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative grant in 2003. The single greatest achievement during the initiative was to institutionalize at the Placement Review Committee¹ (PRC) a system that allowed planning for re-entry concurrently with the decision to place a child in residential treatment. While the initiative did demonstrate a positive impact on recidivism², several systemic problems continue with our re-entry processes. These deficits can be summarized as follows:

- Assessments identifying cognitive deficits are not consistently administered to the population considered for residential placement
- Programming at residential facilities lacks flexibility and individualized planning
- Residential treatment plans are not fully integrated with the community plan of service
- Intensive home-based treatment are not available in our community

A closely related problem involves the number of children entering the juvenile justice system with co-occurring mental health problems and delinquent behavior. Parents of children with emotional problems require support at a level of intensity not currently available at the community level. The court is faced with the same reality as parents when mental health services of sufficient intensity do not exist in the community. These circumstances contribute to recidivism and placement.

¹ The Placement Review Committee (PRC) consists of the Deputy Court Administrator, Court Clinical Supervisor, Skilled Probation Officer, assigned Probation Officer, and Supervisor. The PRC determines whether community resources to meet family needs have been exhausted. If so, a case plan including placement goals, community goals, and re-entry goals is prepared for the court hearing.

² Analysis found 67% of the baseline youth re-offended; while 46% of youth completing Re-entry programming re-offended

When placement is necessary, distance from the local community to the residential facility is a logistical challenge impacting re-entry efforts. Prior to re-entry to the community, parents and children have little opportunity to practice new skills learned during treatment. Additionally, community agencies and promising re-entry processes are often put on hold until the child is physically in the community. While the use of communication technology can mitigate the negative impact of distance, identification of new placement resources within the West Michigan geographic region are needed to shorten residential stays and reduce recidivism.

Proposal

- Contract for family based neuropsychological assessment services for cases scheduled for Placement Review Committee (PRC)
 - Assessments will create the map for integrated community and residential plans of service
 - Residential plan will be viewed as a subset of the community plan rather than separate from the community plan
- Contract for intensive home based family treatment services³ to preserve and improve parental functioning
- Prioritize the use of regional residential treatment facilities
 - Ninety (90) placement model
 - Vendor choice based on commitment to follow integrated planning model (shorter length of stay, more flexible and intensive services)
- Inter-disciplinary training opportunities to assist court staff, local service providers, and residential transition to services integration model

³ treatment is broadly defined to include traditional therapy, mentoring, parent education, etc

- Pursue Community Care Home Concept
 - Intensive treatment foster care model using highly trained foster parents and an array of external support services to preserve placement
 - Adapt current non-secure detention home to function as a transitional foster home for placements of 90 to 180 days in duration
- Build in costs for a DHS Juvenile Justice Worker to fully leverage federal IVE funding and offset county costs for residential placement costs
 - Estimated annual county general fund impact \$250,000

Cost Estimate

Neuropsychological Assessment Costs	\$ 85000
Intensive Family Treatment Services	\$160000
Community Care Home Recruitment and Support	\$120000
Increased Youth Transitions Capacity	\$100000
Juvenile Justice DHS Worker	\$100000
Administrative Assistant	\$ 75000
Staff training costs	\$ 30000
Subtotal	\$670000
Independent Evaluator (5% grant award)	\$ 33500
Grant Administration	\$ 19000
Total	\$722500