

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AGENDA

FULL BOARD
Hall of Justice
990 Terrace, Muskegon, MI
September 24, 2013 - 4:00 PM

Kenneth Mahoney, Chair
Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

-
1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2013
 7. Public Comment (on an agenda item)
 8. Communication
 - A. Bay County: Resolution #2013-171; In Opposition to HB 4785
 - B. Berrien County: Resolution B1309185; In Support of Bill Amendment to MCL § 211.27
 - C. Lake County: Resolution #09/11/13 1298; In Support of SB 395
 9. Committee/Board Reports
 - A. Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee (Page 6)
 - B. Ways & Means Committee (Pages 7 & 8)

Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Comment 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 (2) minutes for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public comment period by a vote of a majority of the commission.

10. Chairman's Report/Committee Liaison Reports
 - A. Friends of the County Park District Representatives
 - B. County of Muskegon's Sustainability Plan & Sustainability Graphic
(Located on the Intranet/Board of Commissioners)
 - C. Rotary Park Groundbreaking; Thursday, October 3rd – 1:45 p.m.
Rotary Park, 900 W. Western, Muskegon
 - D. Workforce Development Board Appointment: Carl Occhipinti,
Michigan Rehabilitation Services; term through 12/31/14
 - E. October 17, 2013 Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
and Transportation Committee meetings being held at Montague
Township Hall, 8915 Whitbeck Road, Montague
11. Administrator's Report
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Public Comment
15. Adjournment

**AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT POLICY FOR ACCESS TO OPEN MEETINGS OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES OR SUBCOMMITTEES**

The County of Muskegon will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities who want to attend the meeting upon 24-hours notice to the County of Muskegon. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County of Muskegon by writing or calling: Administration, 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 724-8520

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

9/17/13

RESOLUTION

BY: PERSONNEL/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (9/17/13)
 WHEREAS, House Bill 4785 has been introduced and has been submitted to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public Health Code" regarding Emergency Medical Services; and
 WHEREAS, HB 4785 would inhibit local ambulance services in rural communities by increasing fees and imposing new (additional) fines, fees and fines that could have a devastating impact on providing emergency care throughout many regions of the State; and
 WHEREAS, The proposed amendments will be the decline, or possible elimination, of volunteer EMS services; and
 WHEREAS, Many medical first responders are fire departments, the majority being volunteer departments who provide their service free of charge or at an extremely depreciated rate; and
 WHEREAS, Volunteer EMS services are crucial to Bay County and other rural communities; Therefore, Be It
 RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes HB 4785 because of the negative impact on volunteer EMS providers in Bay County and other rural areas; Be It Finally
 RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our area Legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

BRANDON KRAUSE, CHAIR
 AND COMMITTEE

KRAUSE - HB 4785

Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Brandon Krause, 1st District

MOVED BY COMM. KRAUSE

SUPPORTED BY COMM. TILLEY

| COMMISSIONER | Y | N | E | COMMISSIONER | Y | N | E | COMMISSIONER | Y | N | E |
|------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|---|---|---|
| BRANDON KRAUSE | ✓ | | | KIM J. COONAN | ✓ | | | MICHAEL E. LUTZ | | | ✓ |
| ERNIE KRYGIER | ✓ | | | THOMAS M. HEREK | ✓ | | | | | | |
| VAUGHN J. BEGICK | ✓ | | | DONALD J. TILLEY | ✓ | | | | | | |

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____
 VOICE: / YEAS 6 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 1

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____
 AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____



BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

B1309185

September 5, 2013

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, property owners wanting to appeal the assessed values of their property can do so through the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal, who has the authority under the Tax Tribunal Act to review and reevaluate the assessments and valuation of property under the General Property Tax Act (PA 206 of 1893); and

WHEREAS, recent decisions by the Tax Tribunal appear to set a trend for reversing and significantly lowering the property assessments set by local municipalities for larger retail property owners, by using a valuation comparison of "dark stores" which are closed, abandoned, former retail stores with thriving, occupied retail spaces; and

WHEREAS, this concerning trend is costing local municipalities not only in the legal costs to defend their assessments before the Tax Tribunal, but also in the reduced tax income as a result of the Tax Tribunal lowering the property values; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities right here in Berrien County are being hurt financially by the inaccurate and arguably unfair valuation methods being utilized by the Tax Tribunal; and

WHEREAS, Senator Casperson and State Representative Kievela have presented a bill which amends the General Property Tax Act (specifically MCL § 211.27), and defines "existing use" in determining true cash value of property as being based on its use at the time of assessment and current value received from property. It further deems the "existing use" to be the highest and best use where the use is financially feasible and more profitable than modification or redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, with the more specific definitions to the General Property Tax Act, which the Tax Tribunal follows, the detrimental trend of reduced property valuations should cease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports Senator Casperson's and Representative Kievela's bill to amend MCL § 211.27, which will better define terms used to assess property values in the State of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jon Hinkelman
Jon Hinkelman, Chairman

Marletta Seats
Marletta Seats, Vice Chair

Jim Curran
Jim Curran

Andrew Vavra
Andrew Vavra

Neal Nitz
Neal Nitz

Robert A. Wooley
Robert A. Wooley

Debra Panozzo
Debra Panozzo

Mamie L. Yarbrough
Mamie L. Yarbrough

R. McKinley Elliott
R. McKinley Elliott

Catherine Thieneman
Catherine Thieneman

Jeanette Leahey
Jeanette Leahey

John Klimek
John Klimek

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| RESOLUTION REVIEW | |
| Administrator <i>WV</i> | Date <i>9/4/13</i> |
| Comments Attached _____ | |
| Corporate Counsel <i>FR</i> | Date <i>9/4/13</i> |

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee was held on Thursday, September 19, 2013; there are no action items to report.

The Ways & Means Committee met on September 19, 2013, it was recommended and I move:

- WM13/09 – 100 To approve payment of the accounts payable of \$17,097,780.40 covering the period of August 31, 2013 through September 13, 2013 as presented by the County Clerk.
- WM13/09 – 101 To adopt the resolution initiating Public Act 423 for the 2013 fiscal year and authorize the Board Chair to sign it.
- WM13/09 – 102 To accept the funding in the amount of \$196,100.00 from the Great Lakes Area of Concern Acquisition Grant to acquire 26 acres of Willbrandt property on the west side of Witham Road in North Muskegon and authorize the County Administrator to sign the electronic grant agreement.
- WM13/09 – 103 To accept a \$300,000 grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSC-2012-0787-HOA) to rehabilitate homes in the non-entitlement communities within Muskegon County for income eligible homeowners and to allow staff to issue Requests for Proposals for contractors and other vendors to implement the program.
- WM13/09 – 104 To, pursuant to Section 8 of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (State of Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011), the Board of Commissioners of the County of Muskegon hereby extends the County's exemption from the requirements of said act from an additional year through the end of fiscal 2014; and that 15 percent of the medical benefit plan's premium equivalent amount shall be deducted from compensation due to each covered employee and elected public official; and that authorization by the employee or elected public official for the County to make the deduction shall be a condition for eligibility for the medical benefit plan.
- WM13/09 – 105 To approve renewal of Assessment Administration Services provided by the Equalization Department to the City of Whitehall and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement prepared by the Equalization Department to provide the services.
- WM13/09 – 106 To amend the current adopted FY2013 budgets as presented.

- WM13/09 – 107 To adopt the FY2014 County of Muskegon Appropriation Ordinance including the Budget Amendments, and including the adoption of the associated FY2014 position changes, FY2014 Equipment Items and FY2014 Capital Projects, which collectively represent the implementation of the County of Muskegon's FY2014 Operating Budget.
- WM13/09 – 108 To authorize Finance & Management Services/Purchasing Office staff to accept the highest authenticated bid for each of the twelve (12) surplus vehicles and distribute the proceeds to the appropriate funds.
- WM13/09 – 109 To approve the purchase of 5,000 GAIN skill assessments from Wonderlic, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000.
- WM13/09 – 110 To authorize the Board Chairman to execute the agreement between the Muskegon Community Health Project and the County of Muskegon in the amount of \$31,200 from October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for community health worker services; and authorize Public Health to add and recruit a new Public Health Technician position to perform the related contract duties, with no increase in the general fund allocation.
- WM13/09 – 111 To award RFP13-2090 to Information Systems Intelligence (ISI) for a period not to exceed five (5) years (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2018) and a cost not to exceed \$66,000 per month, with a 1% annual modifier at the anniversary of the agreement; in addition, authorize the Board Chairman to execute the agreement.