

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
July 5, 2011
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Lewis Collins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Longmire, supported by Engle, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS11/07 - 23 It was moved by Engle, supported by Longmire, to authorize the District Court to terminate the Public Defender contract with Belinda Barbier and approve a contract with James Marek, through its Chief Judge the Honorable Harold F. Closz, III for the remainder of the \$45,000 Board approved contract through September 30, 2011, and authorize the Board Chair to sign said contract. Motion Carried.

CPS11/07 - 24 It was moved by Engle, supported by Plummer, to approve submission of the Prosecutor's FY 2012 Cooperative

Reimbursement Contract application in the amount of \$330,515.
Motion Carried.

CPS11/07 - 25 It was moved by Engle, supported by Derezhinski, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for Risk Avoidance Program funding from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to offset the cost for the recently installed jail security camera system.
Motion Carried.

CPS11/07 - 26 It was moved by Plummer, supported by Longmire, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept the Marine Safety grant in the amount of \$100,000 for personnel and operating costs for the 2011 calendar year.
Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)

Mr. John VanderLaan approached the Board to discuss his recent involvement with being subpoenaed as a witness for a court case regarding a shooting incident at Pere Marquette Park. He noted he received a check from the County of Muskegon in the amount of \$6.10. It was not known if this payment was for witness fee or mileage as no explanation was provided.

Mr. VanderLaan expressed his dissatisfaction in the amount received for his time involved and noted perhaps in the future he wouldn't so easily be willing to participate.

The Board asked Ms. Hammersley to follow-up and investigate the payment type as well as amount received.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. VanderLaan for his willingness to assist in the investigation and trial process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.