

**Muskegon County  
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting  
June 5, 2012  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2012, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Ms. Manda Mitteer, Ms. Mary Farrell, Mr. Brian Hostika and Mr. James Marek, District Court Public Defenders, introduced themselves to the Board. They discussed the duties, challenges and time involvement of being a Public Defender. They also discussed their love of the criminal justice system and the guarantee of Constitutional Rights by individuals. They indicated they had not had an increase in the contract amounts for numerous years and were seeking support of an increase in their contracts. Judge Ladas-Hoopes spoke positively on behalf of the public defenders in the District Court.

Ms. Hammersley, County Administrator, noted there is a Committee reviewing the public defender model, salary, etc. She noted a salary study is being conducted to include exploring malpractice insurance costs for a group rate. The Committee also is reviewing the feasibility of support from the Sheriff's Office in possibly serving subpoenas and providing investigative services.

Commissioner Engle noted this discussion is appropriate for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Hammersley noted she will share information with the Board as she receives it.

Commissioner Snider thanked the public defenders for their work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)**

Mr. James Riley noted he was unable to access the County's website from the Board Room and was unable to review the agenda from his laptop.

Ms. Hammersley noted there are technology issues that are currently being addressed.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS12/06 - 25      It was moved by Engle, supported by Longmire, to approve acceptance by the Sheriff's Office of the 2012-2013 USDA, Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forests grant and authorize the County Board Chair to sign.      Motion Carried.

CPS12/06 - 26      It was moved by Engle, supported by Wilkins, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership grant.      Motion Carried.

CPS12/06 - 27      It was moved by Longmire, supported by Engle, to approve the reclassification of the Jail Clinic Clerk FT (G21018) to a Clerk II and move the incumbent into the Clerk II position effective July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.      Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Plummer thanked those individuals who supported his Relay for Life team and noted \$120,000 were collected overall. He also noted the Sheriff's Office had impressive 24 hour coverage from the mounted posse.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.