

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 3, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Benjamin Cross, Chair

Susie Hughes, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cross at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry Sabo, Robert Scolnik

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Sabo, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATION – VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

District Court Judge Michael Nolan presented Commissioners with information on the new Veterans Treatment Court beginning in District Court of which he will be the presiding Judge. He noted the program likely will be 12 months to 18 months in length and will serve the most severe, high risk/high need veterans. He discussed the “team” members for this court consisting in part of: Mr. Gary Britton – Defense Attorney; Mr. DJ Hilson – Prosecutor; Ms. April Coleman – Treatment Coordinator/Battle Creek VA; Mr. Dave Eling – Mentor/Coordinator; Sheriff Roesler – Local Law Enforcement; Pastor Wes and Lillian Spyke – Veteran Mentors and Mr. Greg Jousma – Probation Officer.

Mr. David Eling, Veterans Affairs Director, noted training for this Veterans Treatment Court has begun and will continue through December. After this training is complete, this Muskegon Court will become a “certified” court and will be the first “certified” court in the state of Michigan.

The Commissioners thanked the presenters for the information and for their willingness to bring this program to Muskegon County.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.