

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
October 7, 2014
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 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the
September 2, 2014, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS14/10 – 34 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the
Circuit Court Administrator to apply to the State Court
Administrator's Office for the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation
Program Grant for the 14th Circuit Court and to authorize the Circuit
Court Administrator and Board Chairman to accept the award
amount of \$315,000.00 and sign the Swift and Sure Sanctions
Probation Program FY2015 Contract upon receipt of the contract
from the State Court Administrator's Office. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 35 It was moved by Engle, supported by Hughes, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Amended Agreement with Mediation & Restorative Services to provide restorative services to juvenile offenders, effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 36 It was moved by Engle, supported by Wilkins, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Agreement with the Child Abuse Council, Children's Advocacy Center, to provide services to the Circuit Court – Family Division by providing assistance to child victims of criminal actions and neglect and abuse cases involving the court system effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 37 It was moved by Sabo, supported by Hughes, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Agreement with the Child Abuse Council, Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, to provide trained citizen volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in the court system, effective October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 38 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Engle, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to hire one (1) full-time Specialty Establishment & Enforcement Docket (SEED) Family Court Officer full-time position at the GU 00250 pay grade.

Commissioner Hughes requested verification that when and if the grant funding for this position is no longer available, this position would either be eliminated or a request would come back to the Board to continue with the position.

Mr. Elwell, Interim County Administrator, noted that is indeed the scenario and he will continue to work with staff on including this information in the motion request as well as including any grant match requirements.

Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 39 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Engle, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to eliminate one (1) full-time Surveillance Officer position and to authorize the addition of one (1) new full-time Family Court Officer position at the GU 00250 pay

grade and to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to realign funding with the current duties of one (1) Family Counselor position, specifically X37001. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 40 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Probate Court to enter into a contract with Lenore Fonstein to continue to provide in-home investigations in adoption and guardianship cases along with a report and recommendations to the Court for a contract amount of \$16,000 annually with an additional \$5,400.00 mileage allowance from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 41 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Probate Court to enter into a contract with Vicki Broge, West Michigan Moneythinkers, LLC, to assist the court in analyzing annual accountings and to provide educational sessions for lay conservators for a contract amount of \$16,800 from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

CPS14/10 – 42 Removed from the agenda per requesting department:
To approve the temporarily reclassification of position number G34018 from Departmental Clerk Full Time (GF340) to Departmental Clerk Hourly (GU340).

CPS14/10 – 43 It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Sabo, to accept the FY2014 funds in the amount of \$2,282.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes asked if the Sheriff's Office underwater "robot" could possibly be utilized for viewing internal water towers. Sheriff Dean Roesler noted he believed this could be used in this manner and that it could offer additional training opportunities for staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.