

Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee Meeting  
September 6, 2012  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
990 Terrace  
Muskegon, MI

Lewis Collins, Chair

Scott Plummer, Vice-Chair

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Lewis Collins, Robert Scolnik

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012, meeting as written. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEM**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING/2013 PROPOSED GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to open the public hearing. Motion carried.

Presentation of the 2013 Proposed General Operating Budget by Heath Kaplan, Director of Finance & Management Services. Mr. Kaplan noted the budget is made up of functional budget teams based on core services. He also noted that they exceeded budget cut goals with reductions or revenue enhancements.

Deb Schultz, Muskegon County resident and Grand Rapids Community College dental health teacher, spoke regarding her concern for those in need of dental health in our community with the elimination of the Dental Health Coordinator position.

Kathy Moore, Deputy Director of Public Health, responded that the state has paralleled and/or duplicated programs. In an effort to leverage resources and partner responsibilities, those in need are referred to state and local programs.

Shawn Tate, President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Muskegon-Shair, spoke on the need for outreach and education through the library/resource center in the Mental Health Center. She requested ideas on a new location as they are having to move from their current space.

It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to close the public hearing and return to the regular session. Motion carried.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM12/08-117      It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to approve the payment of the accounts payable of \$5,174,825.79 covering the period of August 15, 2012, through August 30, 2012, as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM12/08-118      To adopt the Resolution accepting the funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement and authorize staff to seek bids for architectural and all other related services for the project. Motion carried.

Ms. Kell noted that the park will have all inclusive access and equipment. She also thanked the Rotary Club of Muskegon for their matched funds for the project. Mr. John Noling, former Muskegon Rotary President, spoke regarding his appreciation for the number of supporters that made the proposal happen five years ago. He also noted how pleased he is to work with Ms. Kell and county officials. Commissioners Snider, Plummer and Derezinski all commented on what a great addition the park will be to Heritage Landing.

WM12/08-119      To approve the proposed 2013 Parks fee schedule and to authorize the proposed early season/late season camping special (3 nights for the price of 2) as a trial at Pioneer Park 2013. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Plummer requested a special meeting of the Human Resources Committee on September 13, 2012.

It was moved by Engle, supported by Snider, to have a special Human Resources Committee meeting on September 13, 2012.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW TOPIC**

Commissioner Plummer reminded those present of the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Mahoney reminded those present that the next Ways & Means Committee meeting will be held in Whitehall Township.

Ms. Susie Hughes commented on the high quality of work presented by Ms. Kell's request.

Other reminders included Youth Day at the fairgrounds Saturday, September 8, 2012, and the Disability Connection picnic/open house on Saturday at McLaughlin Park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.