

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee
August 20, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice
990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI**

James Derezinski, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hughes, supported by Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2013, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Mr. Jackie Darnell, NAACP Muskegon Branch, addressed the Board regarding agenda item WM13/08 – 84.

Mr. David Shafer, Muskegon Bench Bar Committee Chair, addressed the Board regarding agenda item WM13/08 – 84.

Mr. Eric Stevens, Circuit Court Administrator, addressed the Board regarding agenda item WM13/08 – 84.

Ms. Marianne Harris Darnell, Muskegon Black Women's Political Caucus, addressed the Board regarding agenda item WM13/08 – 84.

Ms. Mary Valentine, former State Representative, addressed the Board regarding agenda item WM13/08 – 84.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- WM13/08 – 83 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Hughes, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$15,895,042.52 covering the period of July 25, 2013 through August 12, 2013 as presented by the County Clerk.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 84 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Cross, to appoint Mr. Fred Johnson to the Public Defender Department Director position effective September 9, 2013, with the starting annual salary at Step 1, \$85,550.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 85 It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Cross, to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Notice of Intent to enter into the Sub-Recipient Agreement and participate in a regional model for the use of the revolving loan funds; to adopt the Resolution of the County Board of Commissioners authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to execute several agreements, act as the certifying officer for the environmental review for County of Muskegon projects and sit as member of the Regional Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee and to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Sub-Recipient Agreement between the County of Muskegon and the Capital Fund Services, Inc.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 86 It was moved by Nash, supported by Cross, to authorize staff to apply for CDBG funds in the amount of \$300,000 with no match and hold a public hearing on September 10, 2013; further authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Fair Housing Resolution and act as the Certifying Officer for the County of Muskegon.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 87 It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Nash, to authorize staff to seek Requests for Proposals for treatment services for Sobriety Court.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 88 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Cross, to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for the fiscal year 2014 Secondary Road Patrol grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.
Motion carried.
- WM13/08 – 89 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Hughes, to approve a contract with the City of Muskegon for the Muskegon County Human Resources Department to provide the Human Resources function for

the City of Muskegon in the amount of \$75,000 for a period of one (1) year and authorize the Board Chair and County Clerk to sign the contract. Motion carried.

WM13/08 – 90 It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Sabo, to appoint Deborah Groeneveld as employer delegate and Kristen Wade as employer alternate to the 2013 Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) annual meeting and the cost of attending for the employer and employee delegates and alternates be paid from the Risk Management Fund. Motion carried.

WM13/08 – 91 It was moved by Nash, supported by Hughes, to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign a contract extension with Detect P.I. Recovery, LLC at a flat fee of \$30.00 for review of discovery and an hourly rate of \$45.00 per hour and mileage reimbursement at \$.55.5 per mile and pre-approved overnight or out of state costs for the period of October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 pending monthly review of expenditures. Motion carried.

WM13/08 – 92 It was moved by Cross, supported by Wilkins, to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lakeshore Coordinating Council. Motion carried.

WM13/08 – 93 It was moved by Nash, supported by Hughes, to authorize the Circuit Court to enter into contracts with the following attorneys: Chris Wilson assigned full time to Judge Marietti - \$32,500; Fred Lesica assigned full time to Judge Hicks - \$32,500; Joseph Fisher half time to Judge Marietti and Judge Hicks - \$16,250; Joseph Fisher part time to handle preliminary hearings - \$11,250; Frederic F. Balgooyen to handle conflicts - \$11,814; Gary Veurink part time Family Division - \$11,875; Edna Cass part time Family Division - \$11,875; Chad Catalino part time Family Division - \$11,875; Michael Walsh part time Family Division - \$11,875; David Kortering part time Family Division - \$11,875; Stephen Corwin part time Family Division - \$11,875; David Williams part time Family Division - \$11,875; Manda Mitteer part time Family Division - \$11,875; Brenda Sprader part time Family Division conflicts - \$8,000; the contracts shall be effective October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

WM13/08 – 94 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Wilkins, to authorize the District Court, through its Chief Judge, Honorable Maria Ladas Hoopes, to enter into a three month contract with the five attorneys to be designated as public defenders effective October 1, 2013 through

December 31, 2013 as follows: James Marek - \$11,875; Brian Hosticka - \$11,875; Mary Farrell - \$11,875; Angella Doremire - \$11,875 and Joseph Fisher - \$5,375. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fred Johnson addressed the Board and introduced himself and spoke of his desire to be appointed to the position of Public Defender Department Director.

Commissioner Derezinski recognized DJ Hilson, Muskegon County Prosecutor; Mr. Bill Gill, former Muskegon County Commissioner; and Mr. Eric Hood, City of Muskegon Commissioner, in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)

Mr. Zawdie Abiade commended Commissioner Hughes for her organization and participation in the recent clean-up park day at Fairchild Park. Mr. Abiade also affirmed the Board's decision to hire Mr. Fred Johnson.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Cross, supported by Hughes, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Cross, Derezinski, Engle, Hughes, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Scolnik, Wilkins
Motion carried.

The Ways & Means Committee went into closed session at 4:45 p.m.

The Ways & Means Committee returned to open session at 4:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.