

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee  
March 18, 2014  
4:00 p.m.  
Hall of Justice  
990 Terrace  
Muskegon, MI**

**James Derezinski, Chair**

**Charles Nash, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Robert Scolnik

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Wilkins, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2014 as written. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Henry (Hank) Betten addressed the Board regarding motion #WM14/03 – 35.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM14/03 – 29 It was moved by Cross, supported by Hughes, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$7,086,168.02 covering the period of February 22, 2014 through March 7, 2014 as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 30 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Board of Commissioners to approve the Buy/Sell agreement for the property listed at 1017 Pine Street, Muskegon, MI and to pay for the property utilizing the Jail/Construction Contingency Fund. Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 31 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Engle, to approve the deletion of the following Brookhaven positions:  
Department Dietary (2900-0058):

A05001, A05002, A05003, A05004, A05005, A05006, A05007,  
A05008, A05009, A15001, A15002, A15004, A15005, A15006,  
A15008, A15009, A15010, A15011, A15012, A15013, A15014,  
A15015, A15017, A15018, N34401, N34501, X28901

Department Housekeeping (2900-0056):

A07501, A07502, A07504, A07505, A07506, A07507, A07509,  
A07510, A07511

Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 32 It was moved by Cross, supported by Nash, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contingency Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice, LLC to pursue a claim in the United States Federal Court of Claims against the United States Government for a possible taking of County property without compensation.

Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 33 It was moved by Cross, supported by Nash, to authorize to award the bid of Lownds Enterprises in the amount of \$84,056.00 and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the contract.

Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 34 It was moved by Nash, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the staff to apply for blight elimination funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for up to \$200,000 and hold a public hearing on the grant application on April 8, 2014.

Motion carried.

WM14/03 – 35 It was moved by Engle, supported by Hughes, to approve purchase of 500 Unidesk licenses with a cost not to exceed \$52,500.00.

Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

WM14/03 – 36      It was moved by Nash, supported by Cross, to approve a Tribute honoring Deshaun Thrower, Muskegon High School, winner of the state's prestigious 2014 Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilkins noted Mr. Charlie Flowers passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mr. Flowers is represented in one of the family photos located in the Board Room, south wall. She noted a copy of the photo was given to his family.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Betten thanked for the Board for their discussion and clarification.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.