

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee  
April 3, 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 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 Mahoney, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014 as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM14/04 – 37 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Cross, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$3,126,186.02 covering the period of March 8, 2014 through March 21, 2014 as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM14/04 – 38 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Engle, to accept the funding in the amount of \$30,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund (Project 26-01724) with a match of \$30,000 and authorize the chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement and all other documents required for the completion of the project and to solicit bids for the playground equipment and other services that are required as part of the grant agreement and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Solid Waste Fund Loan

Agreement and recommend the Public Works Board Chair sign same agreement to pay for the match. Motion carried.

WM14/04 – 39 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Engle, to approve the scope of services as modified in March 2014 for the Meinert Park Caretaker and the Meinert Park Management Agreement as presented and authorize staff to solicit applicants for the contracted Meinert Park Caretaker position with all costs being paid from the Parks Funds 2080-0691. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Cross, supported by Wilkins, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Ways and Means Committee went into closed session at 4:13 p.m.

The Ways and Means Committee returned to open session at 4:22 p.m.

WM14/04 – 40 To approve the recommendation of corporate counsel to settle the case of *Lisa Sabin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan Dawson, Deceased vs. Brookhaven Medical Care Facility*, and settle the Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield liens. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the Brookhaven Medical Care Facility and the possible elimination of the dietary and housekeeping positions. Mr. Heath Kaplan, Finance and Management Services Director, noted if the positions remained on the books, the positions could then be bumped into per bargaining agreements. He noted the relationship with the Department of Human Services (DHS) Board is unique in that DHS has allowed the County discretion with those positions and has also agreed to utilize the County's purchasing and personnel policies. A request was made for a copy of the Department of Human Services agreement with the County of Muskegon regarding Brookhaven personnel. Mr. Kaplan, Finance and Management Services Director, will provide a copy of the agreement.

Commissioner Sabo presented a question regarding the positions being eliminated by the DHS Board and then presented to County of Board Commissioners for approval as well. He questioned what further action could take place if the Board of Commissioners did not vote to eliminate the positions. Mr. Doug Hughes, County Corporate Counsel, will provide a response to Commissioners.

Chairman Mahoney noted the Department of Human Services Board operates the facility and the County Board acts as the fiduciary agent to the DHS Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.