

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee
August 7, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice
990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI**

Susie Hughes, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hughes at 4:00 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 Cross, supported by Wilkins, to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014 as written.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hughes noted agenda item WM14/08-89 was being removed from the agenda per request of Mr. Eric Stevens, Family Court Administrator.

It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to approve the agenda with the noted deletion.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM14/08 – 88 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Cross, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$6,303,365.00 covering the period of July 12, 2014 through July 25, 2014 as presented by the County Clerk.
Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 89 [Motion withdrawn by Circuit Court/Family Division prior to meeting]

WM14/08 – 90 It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to approve the 2014 Capital Improvement Bond Resolution and to authorize the Board Chairman to sign. Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 91 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Engle, to enlist Ellen Berends on an independent contractual basis to sell advertising on behalf of the Muskegon County CVB for the official 2015 Muskegon County Visitors Guide. Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 92 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to delete position numbers D15011 and D07502 and authorize the creation of a Clerical Systems Administrator/District Court position (NX 00220).

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Engle, Hughes, Mahoney, Scolnik
No: Cross, Nash, Sabo, Wilkins Motion defeated.

WM14/08 – 93 It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Mahoney, to adopt the resolution giving the County Drain Commissioner the authority to expend more than \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to update and maintain the Wolf Lake pumping system; with the understanding that all project expenses will be assessed to the district. Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 94 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Cross, to approve setting the Public Hearing date for the FY2015 Proposed Muskegon County Budget for Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners room on the 4th floor of the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice and to authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation on or before August 17, 2014. Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 95 It was moved by Cross, supported by Wilkins, to appoint Daniel Stout II to the position of Emergency Services Coordinator effective July 1, 2014; to request permission to apply through the Michigan State Police – Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division reimbursement for up to one third of the new Muskegon County Emergency Services Coordinator's salary and fringe benefits. Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 96 It was moved by Cross, supported by Engle, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to realign funding with the current duties of nine Family Court employees, specifically, G27302, G62007, X17901, G27303, X07601, X39501, G27713, X15201, and X47301.
Motion carried.

WM14/08 – 97 It was moved by Sabo, supported by Mahoney, to approve the Letter of Understanding between the County Board of Commissioners and SEIU Local 517M which will create one Operations Maintenance Mechanic.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik discussed motion #WM14/08-90 and the projects going forward without an Administrator or Finance and Management Services Director. Commissioner Hughes noted all project requests will come before the Board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prosecutor DJ Hilson noted he was speaking on behalf of the Elected Officials of the County of Muskegon who feel the County is running smoothly and staff continue to handle day to day operations. He encouraged Commissioners to continue the course of recruitment for County Administrator.

Mr. Mike Jenkins addressed the Board regarding the salaries of Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Mr. Jeff Lohman, District 7 primary winner, addressed the Board and noted he plans to attend Committee and Full Board meetings and has already begun to reach out to township officials. He noted he is looking forward to working with this Board.

CLOSD SESSION

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

ROLL CALL:

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

The Ways & Means Committee went into closed session at 4:34 p.m.

The Ways & Means Committee returned to open session at 5:21 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Engle, supported by Nash, to discuss the Interim Administrator position and the direction the Board should take in securing this position. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on the need for an Interim Administrator and the next steps in filling this position. Chairman Mahoney will make a recommendation at Full Board meeting of Tuesday, August 12, 2014, for the Board's consideration.

Discussion ensued on the need for assistance with the Finance and Management Services duties. Commissioner Sabo suggested asking the Treasurer's Office to take over the County's finances. Mr. Tony Moulatsiotis, County Treasurer, assured the Board, his office is capable and prepared to assist.

WM14/08 – 98 It was moved by Sabo, supported by Nash, to appoint the Treasurer's Department to take over the Finance Director position on an interim basis.

Mr. Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel, noted perhaps a Letter of Understanding would be needed which could be drafted and brought to Full Board on Tuesday, August 12th for review and approval.

WM14/08 – 99 It was moved by Hughes, supported by Mahoney, to postpone motion WM14/08 – 98 until Full Board meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Engle, Hughes, Mahoney
No: Cross, Nash, Sabo, Wilkins
Excused: Scolnik [excused at 5:40 p.m.] Motion defeated.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION (WM14/08 – 98)

Yes: Cross, Nash, Sabo, Wilkins
No: Engle, Hughes, Mahoney
Excused: Scolnik Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.