

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee  
January 8, 2015  
4:00 p.m.  
Hall of Justice  
990 Terrace  
Muskegon, MI**

**Charles Nash, Chair**

**Susie Hughes, 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: Ben Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Robert Scolnik

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Wilkins, to approve the Regular Session and Closed Session minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM15/01 - 01 It was moved by Cross, supported by Mahoney, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$9,042,886.18 covering the period of December 6, 2014 through December 23, 2014 as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM15/01 – 02 It was moved by Lohman, supported by Hughes, to approve Pioneer Resources to undertake a demonstration cleaning project in the Hall of Justice until the cleaning contracts can be bid with costs to be \$1.08 per square foot per year for the Hall of Justice (fund 1010-0265). Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hughes discussed a new law recently enacted which would allow a small business (whose personal property tax is less than \$80,000) to request a tax exemption each year. She noted that request must be filed annually with their local municipality. This year's request deadline is February 10th. She encouraged Commissioners to share this information with small business owners in their respective districts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Sabo noted Friday, January 9th was designated as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He asked those present to recognize and show appreciation for those law enforcement officers in the community.

Commissioner Lohman noted he was recently requested to provide his perspective as a new County Commissioner to Mr. Dave Alexander, Muskegon Chronicle. He will share his thoughts with Commissioners as well. Chairman Sabo noted he also was asked to provide his perspective as a new County Board Chair. His information is slated to be published on January 28th.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Hughes noted the Democratic Party meeting scheduled for this evening (Thursday, January 8th) is being rescheduled, due to the weather, for Thursday, January 22nd, 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.