

# *M u s k e g o n   C o u n t y*

## *Board of Commissioners*

*Charles Buzzell  
Lew Collins  
James Derezinski  
Marvin Engle  
Bill Gill  
Kenneth Mahoney*

*Louis A. McMurray  
Charles Nash  
Robert Scolnik  
I. John Snider  
Roger C. Wade*

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**Organizational Meeting**

**January 5, 2010**

**3:31 P.M.**

**County Clerk, Nancy A. Waters, Presiding**

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by County Clerk, Nancy A. Waters. The invocation was given by Ann D. Oakes, Muskegon Charter Township Clerk/Muskegon Community College Trustee, followed by the pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Absent: None

2010-1      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTING OF THE RULES OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2010**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Collins, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Rules of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners for 2010.

### Roll Call

Ayes: Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Mahoney, McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wade, Buzzell

Nays: Gill

**Motion Carried**

The County Clerk opened the floor for Nominations for Chairman to the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners.

2010-2 **NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER MAHONEY FOR CHAIR**

Moved by Wade, seconded by Nash, to nominate Commissioner Mahoney for Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners.

There being no other nominations, nominations for Chairman were declared closed.

**Motion Carried**

2010-3 **ELECT COMMISSIONER MAHONEY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Snider, to elect Commissioner Mahoney as Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote.

**Motion Carried**

**Chairman Mahoney, Presiding at 3:36 p.m.**

2010-4 **NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONER NASH FOR VICE-CHAIR**

Moved by Wade, seconded by Gill, to nominate Commissioner Nash for Vice-Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners.

There being no other nominations, nominations for Vice-Chair were declared closed.

Vote to elect Commissioner Nash as Vice-Chair of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

**Motion Carried**

2010-5 **ADOPT 2010 CALENDAR**

Moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to adopt the 2010 Calendar.

Voice Vote, one opposed

**Motion Carried**

2010-6 APPROVE STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Engle, seconded by Nash, to approve Standing Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments.

Voice Vote, one opposed

**Motion Carried**

2010-7 ACCEPT NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2010

Moved by Buzzell, seconded by Snider, to accept notice of proposed amendment of the Rules of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioner for 2010 as follows:

1. Rule I - Sessions and Meetings  
Section 11 - Decorum be moved to Section 12 with a new Section 11 as follows:  
The Board of Commissioners may, from time to time, hold public hearing as required by regulation, statute or funding source. The department head seeking a public hearing shall submit their request to the Administrator for submission to the Full Board for approval. The request from the department head will include such information as necessary for the Board to make its decision.
2. Rule XIV - Committees, Section 3  
Under Human Resources Committee - delete "Library" and under Ways & Means delete "Employment & Training"
3. Rule XV - Departments, Section 4  
Remove Department of Public Facilities
4. Rule XVII - Governing Claims for Personal Expenses Incurred in the Official Conduct of County Business (Travel), Section 7  
Add new language as follows:
  - A. Each commissioner shall be allowed to attend both the annual and legislative Michigan Association of Counties conferences, but may select only one National Association of Counties to attend each calendar year.

Discussion ensued clarifying rule XVIII that any additional conference attendance would be at the Commissioner's own expense.

Voice Vote, one opposed.

**Motion Carried**

2010-8 **ADOPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY**

Moved by Derezinski, seconded by Snider, to adopt the Administrative Settlement Authority.

Commissioner Gill requested clarification as to the difference between the former and current Administrator's authority.

Voice Vote, one opposed.

**Motion Carried**

2010-9 **ADOPT THE POLICY GRANTING THE ADMINISTRATOR LIMITED SPENDING AUTHORITY**

Moved Snider, seconded by Buzzell, to adopt the Policy granting the Administrator limited spending authority.

Voice Vote, one opposed.

**Motion Carried**

2010-10 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION REGARDING WHITE LAKE CLEAN-UP**

Moved by Snider, seconded by Buzzell, to approve a Resolution regarding White Lake Clean-up.

Discussion ensued regarding clean-up of Mona Lake.

Voice Vote, one opposed.

**Motion Carried**

**Audience Participation**

Rillastine Wilkins addressed the Board requesting Board agendas be made available for the public.

Jim Muston, Cedar Creek Township Supervisor, urged Commissioners to do what they can to prevent closure of the current Secretary of State offices located in Muskegon County.

Mary Valentine, State Representative - 91<sup>st</sup> District, addressed the issue of the Secretary of State office closures, noting an online petition that is available for the public to sign. In response to Commissioner Buzzell, Representative Valentine remarked that Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners are important to show the support of her district when addressing the House of Representatives on different issues.

Michael Johnson, Executive Director of Public Protection Substance Abuse Program urged Commissioners to be open to Citizen participation and open-minded to new ideas.

Steve Keglovitz thanked the Muskegon Transportation Authority Group and staff at the McMurray Building for allowing his organization to host a food truck that was located there recently. The public appreciated a warm place to go for this public service.

Chairman Mahoney recognized elected officials in attendance: Rillastine Wilkens-former City of Muskegon Height Mayor, Deb Ackerman-Egelston Township Treasurer, Dave Kieft-Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor, Mike Thompson-Egelston Township Supervisor, Mary Valentine-91st District State Representative, Ann Oakes-Muskegon Charter Township Clerk, Sam St Amour-Fruitland Township Supervisor, Melissa Hepler-Fruitland Township Treasurer, Kim Arter-Laketon Township Supervisor, Bonnie McGlothin-City of Muskegon Heights Council Member, Don Studaven-Blue Lake Township Supervisor.

Adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

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