

**Muskegon County  
Board of Commissioners**  
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI 49442

*Benjamin E. Cross  
James Derezinski  
Marvin Engle  
Susie Hughes  
Kenneth Mahoney*

*Charles Nash  
Terry Sabo  
Robert Scolnik  
Rillastine R. Wilkins*

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**Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
4:00 p.m.

Chairman Mahoney, Presiding

The Full Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Mahoney. The invocation was given by Chairman Mahoney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Bonnie B. Hammersley, County Administrator,  
Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk,  
Jeanne Pezet, Deputy County Clerk,  
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel

2014-49 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

2014-50 **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING OF TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 28, 2014**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve the minutes of the Full Board meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AN AGENDA ITEM)**

There was no public comment on an agenda item.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- A. Bay County Resolution: 2014-12; Supporting Restoration of Community Mental Health General Fund Appropriation
- B. Huron County Resolution: 14-10c; Supporting HB 5215
- C. Huron County Resolution: 14-11c; Supporting HB 5253
- D. Huron County Resolution: 14-15; Supporting Restoration of Community Mental Health General Fund Appropriation

Chairman Mahoney asked audience member, Dave Parnin - Community Mental Health Chief Operating Officer, about the Mental Health cuts. Mr. Parnin explained that the Mental Health system across the state is about \$100 million short from last year and they don't know how they are going to make that up. There is a lot of activity at the state level meeting with the Governor trying to get clarification from what he said a year ago. We have no clarification right now.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

2014-51 **AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1) DEPARTMENTAL CLERK TO ONE (1) CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

CPS14/02-04

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the reclassification of one (1) Departmental Clerk to one (1) Child Support Specialist.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-52 **APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2014 STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000.00 AND TO AMEND THE COUNTY BUDGET ACCORDINGLY**

CPS14/02-05

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve acceptance of the FY2014 Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$48,000.00 and to amend the County budget accordingly.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-53 **AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) USED VEHICLES, THE TRADE-IN OF EIGHT (8) CURRENT SHERIFF FLEET VEHICLES AND TO LEASE ONE (1) NEW CHEVY PURSUIT TAHOE FOR THE K-9 UNIT, ONE (1) FORD POLICE SUV (PARTIAL REPLACEMENT COST THROUGH HR FOLLOWING US-31 ACCIDENT), THREE (3) FORD POLICE SUV'S AND TWO (2) FORD TRANSIT CONNECT VEHICLES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL, ALL VEHICLES ARE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT**

CPS14/02-06

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek competitive bids for the purchase of four (4) used vehicles, the trade-in of eight (8) current Sheriff fleet vehicles and to lease one (1) new Chevy Pursuit Tahoe for the K-9 unit, one (1) Ford Police SUV (partial replacement cost through HR following US-31 accident), three (3) Ford Police SUV's and two (2) Ford Transit Connect vehicles for Animal Control, all vehicles are to be equipped with necessary equipment.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-54 **AUTHORIZE MOVING TWO (2) CURRENTLY UNFUNDED SHERIFF DEPUTY – HOURLY POSITIONS (S05046 & S05050) TO FUNDED STATUS AND ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO FILL THESE POSITIONS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

CPS14/02-07

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize moving two (2) currently unfunded Sheriff Deputy – Hourly positions (S05046 & S05050) to funded status and allow the Sheriff to fill these positions effective February 13, 2014.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-55 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SANDRA DODD, NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, AT THE RATE OF \$40.00-\$45.00 PER HOUR FOR INTERPRETATION SERVICES, WITH MILEAGE AT THE CURRENT FEDERAL MILEAGE RATE, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00**

HS14/02-09

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Community Mental Health Executive Director to sign a contract with Sandra Dodd, Nationally Certified Sign Language Interpreter, effective January 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, at the rate of \$40.00-\$45.00 per hour for interpretation services, with mileage at the current federal mileage rate, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-56 **AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE FISCAL TECHNICIAN POSITION #N33901 (NO 00161) TO AN ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN POSITION (NO 00135) EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2014, WITH THE FUNDING FOR THIS POSITION STAYING IN ORG 7706**

HS14/02-10

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the reclassification of the Fiscal Technician position #N33901 (NO 00161) to an Accounting Technician position (NO 00135) effective February 12, 2014, with the funding for this position staying in org 7706.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-57 **AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES COORDINATOR/BCABA POSITION #X84401 (NX 00210) TO A MASTERS LEVEL CLINICIAN/BCBA POSITION (NX00300) EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2014, WITH THE FUNDING FOR THIS POSITION STAYING IN ORG 7319**

HS14/02-12

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the reclassification of Services Coordinator/BCaBA position #X84401 (NX 00210) to a Masters Level Clinician/BCBA position (NX00300) effective February 12, 2014, with the funding for this position staying in org 7319.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-58 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKESHORE REGIONAL ENTITY FOR THE MICHIGAN ABW NON-PREGNANT CHILDLESS ADULTS WAIVER (ADULT BENEFITS WAIVER) SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

HS14/02-13

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Community Mental Health Executive Director to sign the contract with the Lakeshore Regional Entity for the Michigan ABW Non-Pregnant Childless Adults Waiver (Adult Benefits Waiver) Section 1115 Demonstration Subcontract Agreement, effective January 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-59 **APPROVE THE IT POSITION CHANGES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED POSITION CHANGES FOR FY2014 WORKSHEET TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

HS14/02-14

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the IT position changes listed on the attached Position Changes for FY2014 worksheet to be effective February 12, 2014.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-60 **AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CLAIMS SUPERVISOR POSITION #X54302 (NX 00280) TO A MENTAL HEALTH COMPTROLLER POSITION (NX 00330) EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2014, WITH THE FUNDING FOR THIS POSITION STAYING IN ORG 7706**

HS14/02-15

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the reclassification of the Mental Health Claims Supervisor position #X54302 (NX 00280) to a Mental Health Comptroller position (NX 00330) effective February 12, 2014, with the funding for this position staying in org 7706.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-61 **AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CLINICAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR I/ADULT CBS-MI POSITION NUMBERS X16601 AND X16602 (NX 00240) TO CLINICAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR II/ADULT CBS-MI (NX 00280) WITH THE FUNDING FOR THESE POSITIONS STAYING IN ORG 7147; AND TO AUTHORIZE CHANGING THE PAY RANGE OF CLINICAL COORDINATOR/ACT POSITION NUMBERS N19601 AND N19602 FROM NO 00300 UP TO NX 00280, AND THE FUNDING FOR THESE TWO POSITIONS STAYING IN ORG 7324, WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALL FOUR CHANGES BEING FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

HS14/02-16

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the reclassification of Clinical Services Supervisor I/Adult CBS-MI position numbers X16601 and X16602 (NX 00240) to Clinical Services Supervisor II/Adult CBS-MI (NX 00280) with the funding for these positions staying in org 7147; and to authorize changing the pay range of Clinical Coordinator/ACT position numbers N19601 and N19602 from NO 00300 up to NX 00280, and the funding for these two positions staying in org 7324, with the effective date of all four changes being February 12, 2014.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Motion removed from agenda prior to vote: HS14/02-11 To authorize the increase in hours from 28 hours per week to 32 hours per week for Supports Coordinator/DD position #X87124 (NX 00150) effective February 12, 2014, with the funding for this position staying in org 7144.

2014-62 **DEFER ITEM WM14/02-14 FROM THE COMMITTEE REPORT UNTIL THE NEXT FULL BOARD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to defer item WM14/02-14, "To award IDEO LP a contract in the amount of \$400,000 to provide strategic redesign services to assist Michigan Works! Muskegon-Oceana in preparing jobseekers for the current job market, contingent upon Corporate Counsel review of contract." from the Committee Report until the next Full Board on Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

2014-63 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$6,316,710.63 COVERING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 13, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 24, 2014 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM14/02-09

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$6,316,710.63 covering the period of January 13, 2014 through January 24, 2014 as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-64 **PLACE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS ON THE MULTIPLE VENDOR LIST FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION THROUGH THE CDBG PROGRAM: LAWRENCE BAKER – ARTISTIC BUILDERS; MUSKEGON-OCEANA AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES; LOWNDS ENTERPRISES, LLP; MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; FRANKLIN HOLWERDA COMPANY; BOWEN HEATING AND COOLING AND FREDRICKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

WM14/02-10

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to place the following contractors on the multiple vendor list for emergency repairs and rehabilitation through the CDBG program: Lawrence Baker – Artistic Builders; Muskegon-Oceana Affordable Housing Initiatives; Lownds Enterprises, LLP; Midwest Environmental Services; Franklin Holwerda Company; Bowen Heating and Cooling and Fredricks Construction Company.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-65 **PLACE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS ON THE MULTIPLE VENDOR LIST FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION THROUGH THE NSP 3 PROGRAM: LAWRENCE BAKER – ARTISTIC BUILDERS; LOWNDS ENTERPRISES, LLP; MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; FRANKLIN HOLWERDA COMPANY; BOWEN HEATING AND COOLING AND FREDRICKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

WM14/02-11

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to place the following contractors on the multiple vendor list for emergency repairs and rehabilitation through the NSP 3 program: Lawrence Baker – Artistic Builders; Lownds Enterprises, LLP; Midwest Environmental Services; Franklin Holwerda Company; Bowen Heating and Cooling and Fredricks Construction Company.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-66 **AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE DTE TEST AND TUNE-UP PROGRAM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MUSKEGON COUNTY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014**

WM14/02-12

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the staff to implement the DTE Test and Tune-Up Program for the residents of Muskegon County through December 31, 2014.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**



2014-67 **ACCEPT THE SPECIALTY ESTABLISHMENT & ENFORCEMENT DOCKET GRANT AWARD TO THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,532.00, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN; AND AUTHORIZE THE CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO HIRE A FULL-TIME FAMILY COUNSELOR/PROGRAM COORDINATOR (NX200) AND PART-TIME CHILD SUPPORT INVESTIGATOR (NO315) TO BE ENTIRELY FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPECIALTY ESTABLISHMENT & ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS**

WM14/02-13

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to accept the Specialty Establishment & Enforcement Docket Grant award to the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in the amount of \$213,532.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign; and authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to hire a full-time Family Counselor/Program Coordinator (NX200) and part-time Child Support Investigator (NO315) to be entirely funded through the State Court Administrative Office Specialty Establishment & Enforcement grant funds.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-68 **AWARD A CONTRACT TO QONVERGE LLC DBA REVEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PROVIDE MARKETING SERVICES FOR MICHIGAN WORKS! MUSKEGON-OCEANA TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE SERVICES AND AVAILABLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

WM14/02-15

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to award a contract to Qonverge LLC dba Revel in the amount of \$50,000 to provide marketing services for Michigan Works! Muskegon-Oceana to inform the public about the services and available training opportunities.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2014-69      **SUPPORT A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FULLY FUNDED COUNTY REVENUE SHARING IN FISCAL YEAR 2015**

WM14/02-16

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to support a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funded County revenue sharing in Fiscal Year 2015.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

2014-70      **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD (TERM EXPIRATION 12/31/16): LYNN GILL (POLICE CHIEF), JEFF COX ( BUSINESS)**

Chairman Mahoney recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the following appointments to the Community Corrections Advisory Board (term expiration 12/31/16):

- Lynn Gill (Police Chief)
- Jeff Cox ( Business)

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

2014-71      **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE (TERM EXPIRATION 12/31/15): MOHAMMED AL-SHATEL (CITY), CATHERINE BRUBAKER-CLARKE (PLANNING), JILL KEAST (ENVIRONMENTAL)**

Chairman Mahoney recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to approve the following reappointments to the Solid Waste Planning Committee (term expiration 12/31/15):

- Mohammed Al-Shatel (City)
- Catherine Brubaker-Clarke (Planning)
- Jill Keast (Environmental)

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

Chairman Mahoney reminded Commissioners that there is a Strategic Planning Meeting at the MEREK Center tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Administrator had nothing to report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2014-72      **CANCEL THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to cancel the February 20, 2014 Community Development/Strategic Planning Meeting due to lack of agenda items.

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Thurston, Constituent of Commissioner Engle and neighbor of County Clerk Waters and thanked County Clerk Waters for welcoming her. Ms. Thurston introduced herself as a student at Muskegon Community College. Her American Government Class requires her to attend a Court or Committee meeting and report back. Her mother, Marjorie Nash, is a Trustee on the Fruitport Charter Township Board.

2014-73      **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DEREZINSKI, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER HUGHES, TO ADJOURN**

Voice vote

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW/mlw

Approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014

# Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

## A Resolution Calling Upon the State Legislature to Live Up To Their Promise and Adopt the Governor's Recommendation for Fully Funded County Revenue Sharing in Fiscal Year 2015

### Resolution # 14-

WHEREAS, in the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2015 budget, counties are scheduled to receive 100% full funding of revenue sharing totaling \$211,134,899; and

WHEREAS, this will bring counties to the level of revenue sharing agreed upon in 2004 for the 2005 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the attached spreadsheet details the full funding allocations for FY2015 for each county; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time in fourteen years that the administration has recommended full funding for county revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties but is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for the multitude of state mandated services including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections and the public health system and, coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Governor for fully funding county revenue sharing payments fiscal year 2015; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners call upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funding county revenue sharing in FY 2015; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Goeff Hansen, Representative Collene Lamonte, Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its February 11, 2014, meeting recommended approval by \_\_\_\_\_, support by \_\_\_\_\_, the aforementioned resolution.

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on February 11, 2014.

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Nancy A. Waters, Clerk  
County of Muskegon

