

**Muskegon County
Board of Commissioners**
*Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, 4th 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, March 20, 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 led by Commissioner Derezinski and 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

2014-114 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

2014-115 **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING OF TUESDAY,
MARCH 11, 2014**

Moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the Full Board meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AN AGENDA ITEM)

Marjorie Nash, Sandy Raymond, and Gerrol Buchanan addressed the Board in opposition to the positions being eliminated at Brookhaven Medical Care Facility (MCF).

Chairman Mahoney noted that Brookhaven MCF is under the Department of Human Services (DHS) Board and recommended they address their issues to the DHS Board as well. The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners is following the DHS Board's recommendation.

2014-116 **PUBLIC HEARING RE: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BLUE LAKE COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to open the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund Blue Lake County Park Improvements.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

The caretaker of Blue Lake County Park hopes the grant will go through. They have purchased playground equipment out of their own money but the park still needs improvements with water, electrical, and playground equipment.

Commissioner Derezinski asked if the Clerk or Administrator have received any communication regarding this grant.

The Administrator and County Clerk reported there were no verbal or written communications regarding the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund Blue Lake County Park Improvements.

Judy Kell, Grants Coordinator, explained the grant process to inform everyone that this is a long process and if everything else goes through it would be late 2015 before the monies would come through.

2014-117 **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING RE: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BLUE LAKE COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to close the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund Blue Lake County Park Improvements.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

2014-118 **PUBLIC HEARING RE: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND DEREMO ACCESS SITE – BOAT LAUNCH**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to open the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Land and Water Conservation Fund Deremo Access Site – Boat Launch

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

The caretaker of Blue Lake County Park stated someone has built a house next to Deremo Access Site and is now using the launch as their personal driveway.

The Administrator and County Clerk reported there were no verbal or written communications regarding the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund Blue Lake County Park Improvements.

2014-119 **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING RE: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND DEREMO ACCESS SITE – BOAT LAUNCH**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to close the Public Hearing Re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Land and Water Conservation Fund Deremo Access Site – Boat Launch

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

2014-120 **ADOPT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH UNITY CHRISTIAN EVENTS/ALIVE ON THE LAKESHORE TO PROVIDE A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF HERITAGE LANDING AUGUST 6 - 9, 2014 FOR THE UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

CDSP14/03-02

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt the License Agreement with Unity Christian Events/Alive on the Lakeshore to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing August 6 - 9, 2014 for the Unity Christian Music Festival, and authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

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

2014-121 **AUTHORIZE THE MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM TO PUBLISH NOTICE REGARDING FEDERAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL APPLICATIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE THE ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION IF THERE IS NO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

TR14/03-04

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to authorize the Muskegon Area Transit System to publish the public notice regarding Federal Operating and Capital applications and to authorize staff to execute the electronic grant application if there is no request for public hearing.

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

2014-122 **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE WEST MICHIGAN FLYING CLUB'S LEASE FOR LAND AT THE AIRPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10-YEAR TERM**

TR14/03-05

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to approve an Amendment extending the West Michigan Flying Club's lease for land at the Airport for an additional 10-year term.

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

2014-123 **APPROVE THE AIRPORT'S ENGINEER, PREIN & NEWHOF, TO DESIGN AND BID A PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCESS TAXILANE AT THE AIRPORT FOR AEROVISION INTERNATIONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACCESS AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN JULY 2013**

TR14/03-06

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to approve the Airport's Engineer, Prein & Newhof, to design and bid a project to construct an access taxilane at the Airport for Aerovision International, in accordance with an Access Agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners in July 2013.

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

2014-124 **AUTHORIZE MATS TO PURCHASE ONE (1) SMALL BUS FROM HOEKSTRA TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN MIDEAL CONTRACT FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000, WITH GRANT FUNDING TO COVER 100% OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE**

TR14/03-07

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to authorize MATS to purchase one (1) small bus from Hoekstra Transportation through the State of Michigan MIDEAL contract for a price not to exceed \$100,000, with grant funding to cover 100% of the cost of the purchase.

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

2014-125 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$7,086,168.02 COVERING THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 22, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 7, 2014 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM14/03-29

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$7,086,168.02 covering the period of February 22, 2014 through March 7, 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

2014-126 **AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE BUY/SELL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LISTED AT 1017 PINE STREET, MUSKEGON, MI AND TO PAY FOR THE PROPERTY UTILIZING THE JAIL/CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FUND**

WM14/03- 30

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the Board of Commissioners to approve the Buy/Sell agreement for the property listed at 1017 Pine Street, Muskegon, MI and to pay for the property utilizing the Jail/Construction Contingency Fund.

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

2014-127 **APPROVE THE DELETION OF SPECIFIC LISTED BROOKHAVEN POSITIONS**

WM14/03- 31

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the deletion of the following Brookhaven positions:

Department Dietary (2900-0058):

A05001, A05002, A05003, A05004, A05005, A05006, A05007,
A05008, A05009, A15001, A15002, A15004, A15005, A15006,
A15008, A15009, A15010, A15011, A15012, A15013, A15014,
A15015, A15017, A15018, N34401, N34501, X28901

Department Housekeeping (2900-0056):

A07501, A07502, A07504, A07505, A07506, A07507, A07509,
A07510, A07511

Discussion ensued regarding the impact to the County and the employees who will be effected due to deleting these position. Commissioner Scolnik said the financial impact on the County's credit rating affects all County municipalities who have borrowed money. Chairman Mahoney stated we are only following the DHS Board's recommendation to eliminate these positions.

2014-128 **TABLE THE MOTION 2014-127 FOR ONE MONTH TO GIVE DHS, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE UNION TIME TO NEGOTIATE**

Moved by Sabo, seconded by Wilkins, to table the motion 2014-127 for one month to give DHS, Human Resources, and the Union time to negotiate.

Roll Call:

Yes: Terry Sabo, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin Cross,

No: James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik,
Kenneth Mahoney **Motion Failed**

Roll Call on motion 2014-127:

Yes: James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Robert Scolnik, Kenneth Mahoney

No: Charles Nash, Terry Sabo, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin Cross **Motion Carried**

2014-129 **AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTINGENCY FEE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE, LLC TO PURSUE A CLAIM IN THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL COURT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR A POSSIBLE TAKING OF COUNTY PROPERTY WITHOUT COMPENSATION**

WM14/03-32

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contingency Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice, LLC to pursue a claim in the United States Federal Court of Claims against the United States Government for a possible taking of County property without compensation.

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

2014-130 **AUTHORIZE TO AWARD THE BID OF LOWNDS ENTERPRISES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,056.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT**

WM14/03-33

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize to award the bid of Lownds Enterprises in the amount of \$84,056.00 and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the contract.

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

2014-131 **AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO APPLY FOR BLIGHT ELIMINATION FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR UP TO \$200,000 AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GRANT APPLICATION ON APRIL 8, 2014**

WM14/03-34

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the staff to apply for blight elimination funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for up to \$200,000 and hold a public hearing on the grant application on April 8, 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

2014-132 **APPROVE PURCHASE OF 500 UNIDESK LICENSES WITH A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$52,500.00**

WM14/03-35

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve purchase of 500 Unidesk licenses with a cost not to exceed \$52,500.00.

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

2014-133 **APPROVE A TRIBUTE HONORING DESHAUN THROWER, MUSKEGON HIGH SCHOOL, WINNER OF THE STATE'S PRESTIGIOUS 2014 HAL SCHRAM MR. BASKETBALL AWARD**

WM14/03-36

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve a Tribute honoring Deshaun Thrower, Muskegon High School, winner of the state's prestigious 2014 Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award.

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

2014-134 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE 2 OF THE NORTH BANK TRAIL IN CROCKERY TOWNSHIP FROM 130TH AVENUE TO NUNICA**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve a Resolution of Approval to Support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for Development of Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail in Crockery Township from 130th Avenue to Nunica.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

2014-135 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK WEEK, MAY 12 -16, 2014**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve a Resolution to Support National Bike to Work Week, May 12 -16, 2014.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

2014-136 **APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO SUPPORT APRIL, 2014 AS THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve a Proclamation to Support April, 2014 as the Month of the Young Child.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Chairman Mahoney noted a Board Planning Session had been scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Commissioners Hughes and Engle noted Strategic Planning Meetings had been scheduled for that afternoon. Chairman Mahoney and the Administrator noted the April 1st Board Planning Session will be rescheduled at a date and time to be determined regarding: GIS Strategic Plan/Interview with the Board of Commissioners along with other items that the County Administrator may wish to add.

2014-137 **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT OF COLEEN DAVIS AND REAPPOINTMENT OF CHERYL NATTE, KENNETH SHELTON, AND I JOHN SNIDER II TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD WITH TERMS EXPIRING 03/31/2017**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the following appointment of Coleen Davis and reappointment of Cheryl Natte, Kenneth Shelton, and I John Snider II to the Community Mental Health Board with terms expiring 03/31/2017.

Chairman Mahoney thanked Commissioner Nash and Hughes for their assistance with these interviews.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Wilkins reported that the West Michigan Regional Shoreline Development Committee has appointed Erin Kuhn to be the Interim Director.

Commissioner Engle reported that the Fair Board met and has set a tentative schedule for events at this year's County Fair to be held June 22 - 24, 2014.

Commissioner Scolnik reported he had just returned from a trip to Haiti and Jamaica and he would rather live here.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator noted she had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Derezinski noted he walked in on the end of the Infrastructure Meeting and wondered if they were working with Port Development.

Commissioner Engle noted that Commissioner Derezinski had been appointed to this committee and reported the top two priorities are for roads and telecommunications.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher A. Strandberg, owner of C & C Floor Covering across Pine Street from the Hall of Justice addressed the Board regarding the parking situation since the jail construction has begun. Mr. Strandberg noted he had asked at a Jail planning meeting if there had been a parking study conducted which there had not been at that time but he was assured that there would be one. Now that construction has begun, Mr. Strandberg has had several calls from customers who have cancelled appointments because they were unable to find parking near his establishment. Also, delivery trucks have not been able to make their deliveries as scheduled.

2014-138 **MOVED AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN AT 5:20 P.M.**

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

NAW/jp

Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

Approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014

County of Muskegon



RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE 2 OF THE NORTH BANK TRAIL IN CROCKERY TOWNSHIP FROM 130TH AVENUE TO NUNICA

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to promote healthy and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to offer recreational opportunities to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to provide an affordable recreation element accessible to all age groups of the community; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to connect and extend Phase 1 of the North Bank Trail to Nunica and eventually to the Musketawa Trail east of Coopersville; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to develop a regional trail system that connects to other regional trail systems in the area; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County desires to promote economic development through tourism activity; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County supports preserving historical structures related to former railroad transportation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Muskegon County supports the concept of continuous collaboration for trail maintenance and improvement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Muskegon County supports the Crockery Township application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK WEEK

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of Americans; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and provides quality family recreation; and

WHEREAS, "Bike to Work Week" is a nationwide endeavor to educate the public about the benefits of bicycling and to increase awareness of and respect for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the County of Muskegon, recognizes the benefits of bicycle commuting in providing exercise, decreasing air pollution, conserving fuel, decreasing traffic congestion, decreasing noise pollution, and improving the health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the League of Michigan Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation is an integral part of the "multi-modal" transportation system planned for by city, state and local transportation government agencies; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and encourage cycling as an important means of transportation, and support potential new cyclists in joining our community; and

WHEREAS, Ride On! Bike to Work Week Committee encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family during the week of May 12 – 16, 2014, to promote the personal and social and societal benefits achieved from bicycling.

NOW, THEREFORE the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim "Bike to Work Week" and encourages participation in the event by all citizens.

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PROCLAMATION

April, 2014
Month of the Young Child

Whereas, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with other local organizations and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, wish to proclaim April, 2014 the Month of the Young Child; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Muskegon, Michigan; and

Whereas, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Muskegon, Michigan deserve thanks and recognition; and

Whereas, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

We, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as the Month of the Young Child™ in Muskegon, Michigan and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Michigan.

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March 20, 2014