

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

*Benjamin E. Cross, Chairman
Marvin Engle
Gary Foster
Susie Hughes
Kenneth Mahoney*

*Charles Nash, Vice Chair
Robert Scolnik
I. John Snider II
Rillastine R. Wilkins*

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Full Board Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2017

3:32 p.m.

Chair Benjamin E. Cross, Presiding

The Full Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Cross. Chairman Cross asked that we all observe a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Snider and recited in unison.

Roll Call

Present: Benjamin E. Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes,
Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II,
Rillastine R. Wilkins

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator
Marcia L. Wilkes, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Jeanne Pezet, Administrative Secretary
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel

2017-108 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve the agenda.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

2017-109 **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2017**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of Full Board Meeting of March 14, 2017.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

Josie James of the People Power Movement, a community group which is part of the ACLU Re: making Muskegon a Freedom City, addressed the Board distributing information for Courts and Public Safety. Ms. James was shocked by mass deportations. She asked for each City to adopt the nine points on the handouts. Ms. James invited everyone to attend their meeting on April 1, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 1132 W. Southern, Muskegon 49442.

Sheriff Poulin addressed the Board noting this process is nothing new and, as elected officials, (the Sheriff, Judges, Board Members, etc.) have taken an oath to uphold the Federal and State Constitution.

Commissioner Scolnik asked if undocumented citizens are protected under the Constitution.

Corporate Counsel Hughes stated he did not know and had not been asked that question before.

INTRODUCTION: AMERICORP WORKERS

County Treasurer, Tony Moulatsiotis, introduced Tim Burgess of the Land Bank, and Kristina Coby – Community Engagement Director of United Way, who are working with the Americorp Workers to assist with clean-up of blight areas in Muskegon County. Treasurer Moulatsiotis introduced the Americorp team leader, Jessica Causlawski, who explained that these 9 people from across the County have made a 10 month commitment of which 6 weeks will be with United Way, the Land Bank and the Parks Department.

Tim Burgess explained that their first interactions have been to teach them how to properly break into a building to determine if it is safe to enter, clean up and assess the blight in the property if it can be rehabbed or should be demolished, board up buildings, and mark property with “NO TRESPASSING” signs. Data is being gathered to determine how much can be accomplished in April. The team will also be working with the Parks Department to build a rustic campground on Half Moon Lake at Moore Park.

Kristina Coby added that the United Way of the Lakeshore helps the Land Bank access planning resources to take 1-year’s time to develop a full blown Americorp blight elimination program to begin in fall of 2017. Ms. Coby noted this is the third team we have had in this community and perhaps the best team yet. The team will also be working to identify hemlock trees for the hemlock wooly adelgid disease. The group will also be working with 1,006 8th graders for a day of caring.

Commissioner Wilkins noted she saw them working in her community and didn’t know who they were, but they were working very hard. Ms. Wilkins wanted to thank and welcome Treasurer Moulatsiotis, United Way, and all these young people.

Commissioner Hughes noted that while they were working on the house, the dumpster was larger than needed and they went door to door offering neighbors the opportunity to dispose of their waste in the dumpster. Ms. Hughes also provided flyers for our Disposal Day program for Americorp workers to hand out in the neighborhood. Ms Hughes also gave Americorp workers tickets for the USS Silversides and brochures and flyers about activities in our community.

Commissioner Nash asked if there has been any media coverage about this group to let the Community know who they are and what is going on? Mr. Nash thought there was some misinformation.

Ms. Coby noted they have a media rep on the team, they have been on a radio show, have submitted newsletter articles through United Way, have been on the Land Bank Facebook page and are taking suggestions.

Commissioner Snider noted Mr. Burgess has tickets for Lumberjack Hockey for the team.

2017-110 **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR PIONEER PARK IN 2018**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to open the Public Hearing re: Proposed Improvements Scheduled for Pioneer Park in 2018.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Kim Arter, Laketon Township Supervisor, addressed the Board in support of the Pioneer Park improvement and grant application and are proud to have the park in their Township.

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the amount of \$500,000 for the bath house; it sounds like a tremendous amount.

Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, noted this price is based on the State Park bath houses with the plans coming from the State and the approximate price is \$500,000. It was noted it will still go out to bid if the grant is approved. It was also noted that the \$200,000 County match will come from the Capital Improvement Bond that was taken out in 2015 and will be paid back to the County.

Commissioner Snide noted there will also be revenue from rentals at Pioneer Park and returns over a period of time.

2017-111 **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR PIONEER PARK IN 2018**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to close the Public Hearing re: Proposed Improvements Scheduled for Pioneer Park in 2018.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

2017-112 **APPROVE THE PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR THE LAKESHORE SPORTS COMMISSION**

CD/SP17/03-06

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the proposed Bylaws for the Lakeshore Sports Commission.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-113 **ADOPT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH B. BASKIN ENTERPRISES, LLC, TO PROVIDE A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF HERITAGE LANDING ON JULY 3 & 4, 2017 FOR ROCKSTOCK AND AN INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

CD/SP17/03-07

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to adopt the License Agreement with B. Baskin Enterprises, LLC, to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing on July 3 & 4, 2017 for Rockstock and an Independence Day fireworks display, and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Snider noted he would be abstaining since Mr. Baskin is his grandson.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

Abstain: I. John Snider II

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-114 **TO ADOPT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL OF MUSKEGON COUNTY FOR USE OF THE UNION DEPOT GROUNDS FOR A BEVERAGE AND ENTERTAINMENT TENT JULY 13 - 16, 2017, DURING THE REBEL ROAD MOTORCYCLE RALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

CD/SP17/03-08

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to adopt the license agreement with the Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County for use of the Union Depot grounds for a beverage and entertainment tent July 13 - 16, 2017, during the Rebel Road motorcycle rally and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-115 **AUTHORIZE THE MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM TO PUBLISH THE PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE FY2017 FEDERAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL APPLICATION AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE THE ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION IF THERE IS NO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

TR17/03-08

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the Muskegon Area Transit System to publish the public notice regarding the FY2017 Federal Operating and Capital application and to authorize staff to execute the electronic grant application if there is no request for public hearing.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-116 **AUTHORIZE MATS TO ISSUE A SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO CONDUCT A TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION AND ACQUISITION PLAN**

TR17/03-09

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize MATS to issue a solicitation for proposals for consulting services to conduct a Transit Technology Evaluation and Acquisition Plan.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-117 **APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE, UPON RECEIPT, FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OFFERS, PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE AIRPORT'S FY2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS FOR SAID GRANT OFFERS**

TR17/03-10

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve authorizing the Chair to execute, upon receipt, Federal and State Grant Offers, providing funding for the Airport's FY2017 capital improvement project, and further authorize the Clerk to execute any necessary resolutions for said Grant Offers.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: I. John Snider II

Motion Carried

2017-118 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$5,258,807.20 COVERING THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 24, 2017, THROUGH MARCH 2, 2017, FOR CHECKS AND FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017 FOR EFT PAYMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM17/03-32

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,258,807.20 covering the period of February 24, 2017, through March 2, 2017, for checks and February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 for EFT payments, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-119 **APPROVE NEGOTIATING A FLEET MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD WITH FOUR (4) 1-YEAR OPTION PERIODS SUBJECT TO CORPORATE COUNSEL APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT**

WM17/03-33

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve negotiating a fleet management contract with Enterprise Fleet Management for a one (1) year period with four (4) 1-year option periods subject to corporate counsel approval and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-120 **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR AND COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN THE RENEWED AND AMENDED WEST MICHIGAN ENFORCEMENT TEAM (WEMET) AGREEMENT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2028**

WM17/03-34

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve and authorize the Board Chair and County Clerk to sign the renewed and amended West Michigan Enforcement Team (WEMET) Agreement from February 1, 2017 through February 1, 2028.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-121 **REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR RFP17-2245, TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES**

WM17/03-35

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to reject all bids received for RFP17-2245, Temporary Staffing Services.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2017-122 **AUTHORIZE A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH GOODTEMPS, INC., STAFFING SERVICES FROM 4/1/2017 THROUGH 3/31/2018**

WM17/03-36

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to authorize a one (1) year contract extension with Goodtemps, Inc., Staffing Services from 4/1/2017 through 3/31/2018.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

2017-123 **REAPPOINT CHERYL NATTE TO THE HEALTHWEST BOARD (TERM THROUGH 3/31/20)**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to reappoint Cheryl Natte to the HealthWest Board (term through 3/31/20).

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hughes distributed to Commissioners, information from the MDOT report and information regarding unexpected expenses through MATS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2017-124 **AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR \$500,000 FOR THE PIONEER PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS WELL AS AUTHORIZE RESOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION AND UP TO \$200,000 OF BUDGETED CAPITAL NECESSARY TO MEET MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.**

The Administrator recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Program for \$500,000 for the Pioneer Park development project as well as authorize resolutions to support the application and up to \$200,000 of budgeted capital necessary to meet matching requirements.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Engle asked and discussion ensued about toll roads and bridges in Michigan. Commissioner Nash recommended working with MAC. Commissioner Snider suggested West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commissioner (WMSRDC). It was noted that the Mackinac Bridge is the only toll road/bridge in the State of Michigan and there is a 30+ year old law on the books preventing fees on Michigan Roads.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara Damm invited everyone to participate in the April 22nd Recycling event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Muskegon Department of Public Works, 1350 E. Keating. For more information go to: http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/hhw/recycling_2017_spring.pdf


Chairman Cross recognized audience members: County Treasurer Tony Moulatsiotis, Sheriff Michael Poulin, Laketon Township Supervisor Kim Arter and Whitehall City Council Member Steven A. Salter.

2017-125 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ENGLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILKINS, TO ADJOURN**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.



Marcia L. Wilkes, Chief Deputy County

Clerk

MLW/jmp

Approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017