

**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, April 8, 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

2014-139 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to amended the agenda with a Resolution for Mary Villanueva for her years of service to Muskegon County and to add Senator Goeff Hanson to the Public Comment on an agenda item.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Minutes of the March 20th meeting to be approved at the April 22nd Full Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AN AGENDA ITEM)

Senator Goeff Hanson addressed the Board stating things in Michigan are turning around and looking better but we're not done. Unemployment is down, Muskegon County has added 5,300 jobs since 2010.

Commissioner Derezinski inquired about the Personal Property Tax for the wind turbines to which Senator Hanson explained that the turbines are under utilities and does not qualify for exemption.

2014-140 **PUBLIC HEARING RE: BLIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to open the Public Hearing Re: Blight Elimination Grant.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

The Administrator and County Clerk reported there were no verbal or written communications regarding the Public Hearing Re: Blight Elimination Grant.

2014-141 **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING RE: BLIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Derezinski, to close the Public Hearing Re: Blight Elimination Grant.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATION

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept and place on file the following communication items:

- A. Antrim County Resolution: Support of HB 5253
- B. Antrim County Resolution: Support of HB 5215
- C. Antrim County Resolution: Opposition of SB 636
- D. Charlevoix County Resolution: Marking the 200th Anniversary of the National Anthem of the United States of America
- E. County of Cheboygan Resolution 14-06: Support of Current Standards Regarding Home Sprinkler Systems
- F. Gogebic County Resolution 2014-03: Support of Expansion and Availability of Natural Gas Service to Residents and Businesses
- G. Gogebic County Resolution 2014-05: Support of HB 5253
- H. Gogebic County Resolution 2014-06: Support of HB 5215
- I. Oceana County Resolution: Opposing HB 5097 and SB 850

Chairman Mahoney wondered why the State was opposed to shared assessors.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

2014-142 **AUTHORIZE THE CONSOLIDATION AND RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ONE (1) FOC CASE WORKER I POSITION AND ONE (1) FOC CASE WORKER II POSITION INTO TWO (2) FAMILY COURT SPECIALIST POSITIONS; AND THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE A CHANGE IN PAY GRADE FOR THE FOC CASE WORKER I POSITION FROM GU 00230 TO GU 00250 TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE CURRENT DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

CPS14/04-12

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the consolidation and reclassification of the one (1) FOC Case Worker I position and one (1) FOC Case Worker II position into two (2) Family Court Specialist positions; and that the Board authorize a change in pay grade for the FOC Case Worker I position from GU 00230 to GU 00250 to more accurately reflect the current duties of the position.

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

2014-143 **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MARINE DIVISION TRUCK, UNDERWATER ROBOT AND MARINE DIVISION BOAT**

CPS14/04-13

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to authorize staff to issue bids for the purchase of the Marine Division Truck, Underwater Robot and Marine Division Boat.

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

2014-144 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (CMH) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH RONALD KIDDER, PH.D. LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, FOR THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATION AT CMH, AT A RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR, FOR NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) HOURS PER WEEK, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

HS14/04-24

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Community Mental Health (CMH) Executive Director to sign a contract with Ronald Kidder, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist, for the provision of Clinical Supervision and Consultation at CMH, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour, for no more than eight (8) hours per week, effective April 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

2014-145 **APPROVE THE FEE RATES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF MUSKEGON COUNTY EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2014**

HS14/04- 25

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the fee rates for services provided by Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon County effective May 1, 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

2014-146 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$3,126,186.02 COVERING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 8, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2014 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM14/04-37

The Ways and Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$3,126,186.02 covering the period of March 8, 2014 through March 21, 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

2014-147 **ACCEPT THE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (PROJECT 26-01724) WITH A MATCH OF \$30,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE SOLID WASTE FUND LOAN AGREEMENT AND RECOMMEND THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD CHAIR SIGN SAME AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR THE MATCH**

WM14/04-38

The Ways and Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the funding in the amount of \$30,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund (Project 26-01724) with a match of \$30,000 and authorize the chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement and all other documents required for the completion of the project and to solicit bids for the playground equipment and other services that are required as part of the grant agreement and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the Solid Waste Fund Loan Agreement and recommend the Public Works Board Chair sign same agreement to pay for the match.

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

2014-148 **APPROVE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AS MODIFIED IN MARCH 2014 FOR THE MEINERT PARK CARETAKER AND THE MEINERT PARK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SOLICIT APPLICANTS FOR THE CONTRACTED MEINERT PARK CARETAKER POSITION WITH ALL COSTS BEING PAID FROM THE PARKS FUNDS 2080-0691**

WM14/04-39

The Ways and Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the scope of services as modified in March 2014 for the Meinert Park Caretaker and the Meinert Park Management Agreement as presented and authorize staff to solicit applicants for the contracted Meinert Park Caretaker position with all costs being paid from the Parks Funds 2080-0691.

Commissioner Nash noted he is not against Meinert Park but he will be voting no.

Roll Call

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

No: Charles Nash.

Motion Carried

2014-149 **APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL TO SETTLE THE CASE OF LISA SABIN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN DAWSON, DECEASED VS. BROOKHAVEN MEDICAL CARE FACILITY, AND SETTLE THE MEDICARE AND BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD LIENS**

WM14/04-40

The Ways and Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the recommendation of corporate counsel to settle the case of *Lisa Sabin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan Dawson, Deceased vs. Brookhaven Medical Care Facility*, and settle the Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield liens

Commissioner Derezinski asked Corporate Counsel if the Board needed to approve the minutes from the closed meeting that had recommended the above action in the case of Lisa Sabin and Corporate Counsel said that it wasn't necessary.

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

Chairman Mahoney reported that the state had notified him that the Department of Employment and Training Workforce Development Board has been Recertified.

Chairman Mahoney said they were still looking for citizens to service on the Airport Advisory Committee and if you know anyone who may be interested, please notify the Chairman.

If any Commissioners are interested in participating in the Greater Muskegon Memorial Day Parade, please let Chairman Mahoney know.

2014-150 **PREPARE A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MARY VILLANUEVA IN RECOGNITION OF HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO MUSKEGON COUNTY**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Derezinski, seconded by Wilkins, to prepare a resolution in honor of Mary Villanueva in recognition of her years of service to Muskegon County.

Chairman Mahoney said we will miss her and the history she provided with her experience. Commissioner Engle said she has been invaluable and has done a wonderful job.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Commissioner Engle noted there will be a meeting regarding a new ordinance for the Health Department on Tuesday, April 15th at 9 a.m. at the MAREC building which will affect the bottom line on wells and septic for industrial and residential and the public is invited.

Commissioner Scolnik reported on the Muskegon Museum and said that the Director, John McGarry, had raised more than \$3 million to build and sustain the Hilts Landing project. Anybody who would like a tour meet Mr. McGarry at Hilts Landing on Fridays at 3 p.m. but wear boots.

Commissioner Cross reported on the Muskegon Intermediate District Library Board. He indicated that the Directory Steven Dix will be retiring in June and a search is being conducted for Mr. Dix's replacement. Also, Storyville is moving along very well.

Commissioner Hughes introduced Colleen Davis, new member to the CMH Board.

Commissioner Hughes also introduced Erin Kuhn, Acting Director of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Committee (WMSRDC).

Commissioner Engle noted further discussion on transporting inner-city kids to the Fair will be discussed at a future meeting. Commissioner Derezinski suggested schools may be able to bus from the Whitehall area. Commissioner Wilkins noted churches may pay for transit.

Commissioner Sabo said he is involved with the Legends Flight committee. They are offering a no-charge flight to Washington DC to World War II Veterans to see the memorial honoring them. If you know of anyone in your district that may be eligible, please contact Commissioner Sabo to Dave Eling.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator noted she had nothing to report at this time and thanked Chairman Mahoney.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Lohman introduced himself to the Board as a candidate to the 7th Commission District.

John Carey, Sales Associate for Muskegon Lumberjacks and L.C. Walker Arena, invited everyone to the Leadership Lunch, Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. featuring Keni Thomas, US Army Rangers Veteran of "Black Hawk Down" Mission. Mr. Carey noted L.C. Walker Arena is becoming a 40season event center.

Tony Barnes, Electrical Worker, presented a couple letters (from West Michigan Labor Council, Local 174, IVW Local 275) in opposition to privatization of workers at Brookhaven.

Chairman Mahoney recognized audience members, Don Studaven, Blue Lake Township Trustee; and Pastor Cross.

2014-151 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HUGHES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
WILKINS TO ADJOURN AT 4:38 P.M.**

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW/jp

Preliminary Minutes
To be approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014