

Muskegon County
Board of Commissioners
City of Muskegon Heights City Hall
2724 Peck Street
Muskegon, MI 49444

Terry J. Sabo, Chairman
Marvin Engle
Susie Hughes
Jeff Lohman
Kenneth Mahoney

Benjamin E. Cross, Vice Chair
Charles Nash
Robert Scolnik
Rillastine R. Wilkins

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Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Chairman Sabo, Presiding

The Full Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sabo.

The invocation was given by District Elder Avery Burrell, Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Muskegon Heights Mayor, Kim Sims and recited in unison.

Roll Call

Present: Benjamin E. Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney,
Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Terry J. Sabo

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator;
Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk;
Jeanne Pezet, Administrative Secretary;
Douglas Hughes, Corporate Counsel

2016-133 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, to approve the agenda.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

2016-134 **APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, THE SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 31, AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2016**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of March 22, the special board minutes of March 31, and the closed session minutes of March 31, 2016.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

There was no comment on an agenda item.

COMMUNICATION

The following informational items were provided to Commissioners:

- A. Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners Resolution: EPA and Army Corp of Engineers Implementation for Regulation for Defined Waters of the US Under the Clean Water Act
- B. Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners Resolution: Opposition to HB 5016 Regulation of Public Right-of-Ways Requiring One Year Notice from Local Governments/MDOT to Licensees Under MTA

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

2016-135 **ACCEPT MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,249 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY GRANTS COORDINATOR TO EXECUTE THE SUB-RECIPIENT MONITORING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MUSKEGON AND GRANT AWARD CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

CPS16/04-07

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, to accept Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight grant in the amount of \$61,249 and authorize the County Grants Coordinator to execute the sub-recipient monitoring agreement with the City of Muskegon and grant award contract with Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-136 **APPROVE THE COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR
\$2,575,080 WITH A COUNTY DIRECT CASH MATCH OF \$643,770 ALREADY
BUDGETED FOR PIER IMPROVEMENTS AT HERITAGE LANDING**

CPS16/04-08

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, to approve the County's application to Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program for \$2,575,080 with a County direct cash match of \$643,770 already budgeted for pier improvements at Heritage Landing.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-137 **APPROVE THE PROSECUTOR TO APPLY FOR FY2017 VOCA GRANT**

CPS16/04-09

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for FY2017 VOCA Grant.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-138 **RECEIVE ACCESS HEALTH'S CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEARS ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2014 AND PLACE ON FILE**

HS16/04-06

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to receive Access Health's Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for the years ending September 30, 2015 and 2014 and place on file.

Commissioner Nash asked if they had been provided with the information requested at the Committee Meeting although it would not affect his vote. The Administrator will follow up to get the information for Commissioners.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-139 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$14,157,322.97 COVERING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 4, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 24, 2016, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM16/04-50

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$14,157,322.97 covering the period of March 4, 2016 through March 24, 2016, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-140 **AWARD THE BID FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES TO INTEGRITY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO SUBSEQUENT ONE YEAR RENEWALS**

WM16/04-51

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to award the bid for office supplies to Integrity Business Solutions for a one year contract with an option to renew for two subsequent one year renewals.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-141 **AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HERITAGE LANDING TICKET BOOTH (RFB-16-2217) TO MUSKEGON QUALITY BUILDERS FOR THEIR LOW RESPONSIBLE BID OF \$128,150.00 WITH COSTS BEING PAID FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND WHICH WERE ISSUES IN 2015**

WM16/04-52

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to award the contract for the construction of the new Heritage Landing Ticket Booth (RFB-16-2217) to Muskegon Quality Builders for their low responsible bid of \$128,150.00 with costs being paid from the proceeds of the Capital Improvements Bond which were issues in 2015.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-142 **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CONCRETE BOARDWALK AT HERITAGE LANDING WITH GREAT LAKES DOCK & MATERIALS, LLC, AND BRING A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL**

WM16/04-53

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to authorize staff to negotiate a cost for the construction of the new concrete boardwalk at Heritage Landing with Great Lakes Dock & Materials, LLC, and bring a contract change order back to the Board for approval.

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Terry J. Sabo

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-143 **REJECT THE ONE BID RECEIVED FOR THE UNION DEPOT ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT (RFB-16-2219) AS THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS WERE NOT MET AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

WM16/04-54

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to reject the one bid received for the Union Depot Roof Replacement project (RFB-16-2219) as the minimum qualifications were not met and authorize staff to rebid the project as soon as possible.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-144 **APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) SYSTEM OF CARE (SOC) EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, WHICH IF AWARDED WOULD BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000**

WM16/04-55

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to approve the submission of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) System of Care (SOC) Expansion and Sustainability Cooperative Agreement, which if awarded would be effective September 30, 2016 through September 30, 2020, in the total amount of \$4,000,000.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

2016-145 **POSTPONE ADOPTION OF THE VETERAN'S HIRING PREFERENCE POLICY INDEFINITELY.**

WM16/04-56

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Cross, to postpone adoption of the Veteran's Hiring Preference Policy indefinitely.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Jeff Lohman

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Sabo encouraged participation in the following upcoming events:

- A. Brown Bag with Brashear! Wednesday, April 20th @ Noon - USS Silversides (See attached flyer)
- B. Muskegon County Recycling Event - Saturday, April 23rd - 9 AM-1 PM
1350 E. Keating Avenue (See attached flyer)
- C. Read early. Read often. Week: May 14 - 21, 2016

There were no liaison reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Eisenbarth noted the next Board Work Session will be:

- Tuesday, April 26th (following Full Board)
Minor/Tobacco Ordinance - Next Steps & Smoke Free Zone
Kathy Moore, Public Health Director

Administrator Eisenbarth noted everyone is welcome to stay for the Board Work Session with Public Defender Fred Johnson regarding Holistic Defense.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes noted the Brown Bag with Brashear means that people in attendance bring their own brown bag lunch. She also noted there will be a showing of Men of Honor following the lunch and encouraged everyone to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-146 **APPROVE A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH, APRIL 2016**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve a Proclamation in honor of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month, April 2016. (See attached)

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Commissioner Mahoney asked Prosecutor Hilson to address the Board regarding Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Prosecutor Hilson thanked the Board for their support. Prosecutor Hilson praised the work of Kyleen Gee, Executive Director, and the Child Abuse Council staff for the work they do to keep our children well served and well protected. Prosecutor Hilson encouraged Commissioners to tour the facility as it is one of the finest in the State of Michigan. Prosecutor Hilson invited all to attend the ceremony and ribbon tying event on April 19th at 11 a.m. at the Hall of Justice.

2016-147 **APPROVE A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MUSKEGON COUNTY VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 10 - 16, 2016**

Moved by Chairman Sabo, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve a Proclamation in honor of Muskegon County Volunteer Week, April 10 - 16, 2016. (See attached)

Commissioner Scolnik reported that he attended an inspiring luncheon hosted by United Way honoring volunteers in Muskegon County.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Christine Robere, President - United Way of the Lakeshore, introduced staff members KP Pelleran and Latonya Bean, resident of the City of Muskegon Heights and Director of Retired and Senior Volunteer program.

2016-148 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2-1-1**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Chairman Sabo, to approve a Resolution in support of 2-1-1. (See attached)

Voice vote

Motion Carried

2016-149 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF READ EARLY. READ OFTEN.**

Moved by Chairman Sabo, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve a Resolution in support of Read Early. Read Often.

Voice vote

Motion Carried

Commissioner Mahoney reminded everyone about the Child Abuse Council Ceremony on April 19th at 11 a.m. at the Hall of Justice.

Commissioner Hughes thanked the City of Muskegon Heights for hosting the County Commissioner's meeting.

Chairman Sabo also thanked the City of Muskegon Heights for the honor of holding the County Commissioner's meeting in their community.

Commissioner Wilkins thanked all of Muskegon Heights noting it is her home and the people are wonderful.

Chairman Sabo recognized Mayor Kim Sims, Vice Mayor Bonnie McGlothin, Sheriff Dean Roesler, Prosecutor DJ Hilson, County Clerk Nancy A. Waters, County Staff Members Connie Maxim-Sparrow Grants Coordinator, Jonathan Wilson Economic Development Coordinator, Undersheriff Dan Stout, Beth Dick Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator, Bob Lukens Community Development Director, Fred Johnson Public Defender, John Warner Public Works, Lynn Esparsa Secretary to the Administrator, Lisa Chalko Administrative Coordinator, Corporate Counsel Doug Hughes, Administrator Mark Eisenbarth, and Secretary to County Clerk Jeanne Pezet

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim Sims thanked the Board for choosing to have their meeting at the City of Muskegon Heights.

Connie Maxim-Sparrow Grants Coordinator noted the City of Muskegon Heights has seen some of the actions of volunteers as a result of Mona Lake Clean-up and Youth Day of Caring. She noted the next Youth Day of caring has 180+ kids registered to help clean up Pioneer Park.

Ronald Jenkins, Owner/Head Coach of the Lake Hawks stated he is proud to be a citizen of the City of Muskegon Heights and the great things going on. The Lake Hawks won the division championship for the second time. The Lake Hawks have the heart, dedication and commitment to the community.

2016-150 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MAHONEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILKINS, TO ADJOURN**

Chairman Sabo noted the Board Work Session will begin at 4:31 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW/jmp

Preliminary Minutes
To be approved at the Full Board Meeting on April 26,

2016

*Board Work Session to Follow
April 12th
Holistic Defense
Fred Johnson, Public Defender
(Open to the Public)*



BROWN BAG WITH BRASHEAR!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 12:00PM

BRING YOUR LUNCH TO THE USS SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM AND ENJOY SOME VERY SPECIAL TREATS WITH US!



- * **A Presentation by President of the Carl Brashear Foundation, Philip Brashear, son of Carl Brashear, the first African American to become a U.S. Navy Master Diver.**
- * **Wander through the USS SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM'S newest exhibit, US Navy Divers, featuring Carl Brashear, USN.**
- * **Stay for a viewing of the movie *Men of Honor* starring Cuba Gooding, Jr, and Robert DeNiro.**

The cost is only \$7.00 per person or FREE with your USS SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM membership!

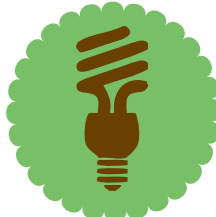
1346 Bluff Street, Muskegon, MI 231-755-1230

**So pack a bag with your favorite lunch foods and we'll unpack a great afternoon at the
USS Silversides Submarine Museum!**

***"It's not a sin to get knocked down. It's a sin to stay down."* Carl Brashear**

MUSKEGON COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY • APRIL 23, 2016 • 9AM - 1PM



RAIN OR SHINE*

FREE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY
BUSINESS WASTE AND REGULAR TRASH NOT ACCEPTED**

SCRAP TIRES

No larger than 34" in diameter (car and truck tires only) and no more than 7 tires per household (with or without rims).

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Including mercury, petroleum products, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, acids, bases, CFL and fluorescent light bulbs, and oil based paint products. Must be in containers no greater than 6 gallons; NO drums of any kind. Latex paint will not be accepted!

ELECTRONICS

Including computers, peripherals, TV's, and other electronic devices.

Visit: www.valleycityer.com/equipment-accepted for a full listing of accepted items.

SENSITIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Bring up to 100 lbs of sensitive documents (paper clips and staples ok) to have shredded onsite.

*Severe weather may cause a halt or shut down of the event as determined by the event coordinator.

**Event staff reserve the right to limit any collected materials and refuse apparent business waste.



VISIT: WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/HHW

OR

CALL: 231-724-6001



Funding for this event:
Muskegon County Solid Waste
Muskegon County Sustainability Office



County of Muskegon



PROCLAMATION

Muskegon County Volunteer Week

As we recognize National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2016, and Global Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2016, we wish to recognize especially the volunteers and their service in Muskegon County and let them know that we deeply appreciate all that they do to enrich our communities and our people. We have met our greatest challenges through the dedication of countless Muskegon County citizens who have given generously of themselves, asking for nothing in return. The American story is a story of volunteers that is mirrored in Muskegon County. Muskegon County has prospered on the lakeshore because of countless volunteers who passionately fought for good jobs, a clean environment, public education, a sound infrastructure including clean drinking water, roads to support commerce, and a work-life balance to ensure that the values we hold dearly to support family, friends, and community have the opportunity to be nurtured. Ordinary citizens have lifted up our communities by serving on civic and nonprofit boards, by reading to children to ensure that children can read by 3rd grade, by building playgrounds for kids, by ensuring that children and youth are safe in their schools and neighborhoods, by helping families provide their families with basic needs, and by ensuring programs and opportunities for our youngest to oldest citizens. All were volunteers, and their work changed our county. This week, we recognize their enduring contributions and encourage more citizens of Muskegon County, to join their ranks. We wish to especially recognize our youth who are leading and participating in Youth Day of Caring—2016. They are working with the “Friends of the Muskegon County Parks” and Comerica Bank employees to clean-up, and make ready, Pioneer Park for the summer camping season.

Today's vast challenges require a renewed commitment to service, and our people are answering that call. From mentoring a student and feeding the homeless, to rebuilding after a natural disaster, volunteers are touching lives every day. Social entrepreneurs are pioneering innovative approaches to community service, and technology is providing us with new ways to connect with one another. Public-private partnerships are also expanding the scope and effectiveness of volunteerism.

As community leaders, we are committed to welcoming all to participate in service and responsibility in our lakeshore communities. We are pleased to work with the Volunteer Center at the United Way of the Lakeshore, and the Corporation for National & Community Service and their national service programs hosted in Muskegon County including: three programs within Senior Corps—Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions; and

AmeriCorps State, National, Vista, and NCCC amongst other volunteer groups, to harness the energy of thousands to meet our most pressing community challenges. We salute our federal partners who are also investing in social innovation and volunteer management to give community groups in Muskegon County the capacity to tackle local concerns.

During National Volunteer Week, we honor the ordinary people who give of themselves to accomplish extraordinary things, and we encourage more citizens to strengthen our county by volunteering. Visit the United Way of the Lakeshore's Volunteer Center website at: <http://www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/volunteer> to find volunteer opportunities across Muskegon County. This website highlights volunteer opportunities for people of all ages, and we especially hope our young people will be inspired to chart a course of service.

Whether through the workplace or a house of worship, in our own neighborhoods or in another county, service binds us together in our community in a way nothing else can. It defines us as a people, and it is essential to achieving our local priorities. Together, let us answer the call, take hold of our shared future, and meet the challenges of making a difference in the lives of our people across Muskegon County communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in the Muskegon County Commission by the people of Muskegon County, in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, we do hereby proclaim April 10 through April 16, 2016, as Muskegon County Volunteer Week. We call upon all citizens of Muskegon County to observe this week by volunteering in service projects across our county and pledging to make service a part of their daily lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto passed this Proclamation this twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

Terry J. Sabo, Chair

Benjamin Cross, Vice-Chair

Marvin Engle

Susie Hughes

Jeff Lohman

Kenneth Mahoney

Charles Nash

Robert Scolnik

Rillastine Wilkins



April 12, 2016

County of Muskegon



PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2016

WHEREAS, in 2015, Muskegon County reported approximately 1,100 victims of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Muskegon County, our State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for its victims; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse and neglect prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse Council, the United Way of the Lakeshore, the Muskegon County Great Start Collaborative and Catholic Charities are nonprofit agencies working to change the negative trends in child well-being by preventing child abuse and neglect and invite others to join in that challenge; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2016 as CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH in Muskegon County, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Kenneth Mahoney, Chair
Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair
Benjamin Cross
James Derezinski
Marvin Engle
Susie Hughes
Charles Nash
Terry J. Sabo
Robert Scolnik

April 12, 2016



Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution In Support of 2-1-1

WHEREAS, the Flint Water Crisis has cast a light on the necessity to be prepared when disaster strikes. One service that has unwaveringly shone tremendous value throughout this situation, and which has proven worthy of state support is Michigan 2-1-1; and

WHEREAS, trends in child well-being from the 2016 Kids Count Michigan Data Book show an increase in confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Muskegon County and 2-1-1 is the most available crisis network poised to help families with needs that could prevent abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is a confidential service that is free of charge to users and provides referral agency assistance. It helps those in need of assistance in our lakeshore community of Muskegon County as well as throughout the state to connect to thousands of different human service programs; and

WHEREAS, whether it be referrals for utility, shelter and food for families struck by circumstances beyond their control, 2-1-1 has been at the helm 24 hours a day, seven days a week ready to help residents connect to necessary resources and information; and

WHEREAS, crisis support requires quality staff members and ongoing training to arm them with the necessary skills needed to provide relief. The funding increase would support training sessions, including Veterans and Military Cultural Competency training to AmeriCorps and other 2-1-1 staff; and

WHEREAS, the statewide 2-1-1 program receives only \$500,000 of its nearly \$7 million in operational costs from the state. The rest is contributed by local governments and agencies, including the United Way of the Lakeshore. This funding inequity is an unsustainable model for the future with some communities already unable to support 2-1-1 and the critical services it provides due to funding constraints; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Muskegon does hereby support a total of \$3.5 million from the state to the Michigan 2-1-1 network to ensure the organization's sustainability and to improve its infrastructure. This will allow 2-1-1 network to meet the state's demands for real-time information about the needs and questions residents have on a local level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding request includes a \$500,000 fund for disaster and emergency relief that could roll over in years where it is underutilized. This will help ensure that Michigan residents in the midst of a crisis receive support immediately, when it is most needed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be distributed to Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Goeff Hansen and Representatives Marcia Hovey-Wright and Holly Hughes urging them to support the efforts to bolster the Michigan 2-1-1 network.

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The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its April 12, 2016, 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 April 12, 2016.

Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon

