

# *M u s k e g o n   C o u n t y*

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**Special Meeting**

**September 8, 2008**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Chairman Derezinski, Presiding**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Derezinski.

This special meeting was called to conduct public interviews of candidates for Interim County Administrator. Interviews were conducted by Human Resources Director, Deborah Groeneveld. The same 9 questions were asked of all Candidates:

1. What experience do you have working with elected commissions or boards and reporting to them concerning the status of projects?
2. What experience do you have in financial management and budgetary control?
3. What experience do you have in budget reductions and financial resource management?
4. What is your experience in labor relations, including contract negotiations?
5. What is your background and experience in economic development?
6. Please describe any economic development projects in which you have been involved.
7. What is your supervisory experience, including:
  - A. The highest number of employees that you have managed.
  - B. The largest budget that you have managed.
8. What is your experience working as a liaison to administrators, elected officials, local units of government, community leaders and working on community issues, as well as working with federal and state officials?
9. What is your availability to start and how long would you be available on an interim basis?

Time was allowed for Commissioners or the public to ask for clarification of Candidate's answers.

Candidate 1 - Paul Roy, Public Facilities Director

Candidate 2 - Sam Wendling, Community Development Director

Candidate 3 - Jim Elwell, former County of Muskegon Employee have held titles such as Central Services Manager, CMH Director

2008-406 **NAME JIM ELWELL AS INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CONTINGENT UPON CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS**

Moved by Aley, seconded by Scolnik to name Jim Elwell as Interim County Administrator contingent upon contractual negotiations.

2008-407 **TABLE THE MOTION**

Moved by McMurray, seconded by Gill, to table the motion.

**Motion Failed**

**Roll Call vote on 2008-406**

Ayes: Aley, Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Abstain: McMurray

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Public Participation**

Delores Cole addressed the Board in support of Paul Roy based on his Community involvement and experience.

Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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**Reconvened Meeting**

**September 11, 2008**  
**3:32 p.m.**

**Chairman Derezinski, Presiding**

The Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Derezinski.

**Roll Call**

Present: Aley, Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Absent: None

2008-451     **ADOPT THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES M. ELWELL AS INTERIM MUSKEGON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Buzzell, to adopt the Agreement with James M. Elwell as Interim Muskegon County Administrator, effective September 15, 2008.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Aley, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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