

Muskegon County
Board of Commissioners
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Muskegon, MI 49442

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Full Board Meeting

October 11, 2011

3:30 P.M.

Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Presiding

The Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Mahoney. The invocation was given by Chairman Mahoney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll Call

Present: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Absent: None

Also Present: County Administrator Bonnie B. Hammersley,
 County Clerk Nancy A. Waters,
 Chief Deputy County Clerk Marcia L. Wilkes,
 Corporate Counsel Theodore N. Williams, Jr.

Chairman Mahoney made an amendment to the agenda under the Chairman's Report, to have Ed Garner, President and CEO of Muskegon Area First, introduce Jonathan Seyferth, who will be the new Business Development Manager for Muskegon Area First.

2011-493 **APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Cross, to approve the agenda, including the amendment under the Chairman's Report to introduce Jonathan Seyferth, the new Business Development Manager for Muskegon Area First.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

2011-494 **APPROVE FULL BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

Moved by Collins, seconded by Cross, to approve the Full Board Minutes of September 27, 2011.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION

Judy Kell, Grant Manager, made a presentation concerning the Strengthening Communities grant. This was a two year, \$250,000 grant awarded from the Department of Health and Human Services. It provided technical assistance and training to organizations, non-profits, faith based organizations and local governments. Mike Thompson, Egelston Township Supervisor, and Lynda Lear-Balkema, Program Manager, Muskegon Health Community Project, both shared their comments regarding the success of this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

None

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION

None.

Chairman Mahoney stated that for the information of the County Commissioners, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, it is not necessary to receive and place on file communications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-495 **AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE IN TITLE OF THE REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER THERAPIST POSITION TO A MASTERS LEVEL CLINICIAN POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT/HOME-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011**

HR11/10-73 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize the change in title of the Reactive Attachment Disorder Therapist position to a Masters Level Clinician position in the Community Mental Health Outpatient/Home-Based Services Program, effective October 1, 2011.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-496 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN CENTER FOR POSITIVE LIVING SUPPORTS**

(MCPLS) TO LEASE EMPLOYEES TO MCPLS AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$88,175.00, WHICH COVERS THE SALARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR ONE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (FTE) POSITION

HR11/10-74 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize the Community Mental Health Services Chief Operating Officer to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Michigan Center for Positive Living Supports (MCPLS) to lease employees to MCPLS at an annual rate of \$88,175.00, which covers the salary and administrative expenses for one Full Time Employee (FTE) position.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-497 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY INPATIENT, PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION, AND ECT PROVIDERS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, AT THE RATES DETAILED ON: HOSPITALS CONTRACTING WITH THE INPATIENT AFFILIATION FOR FY12 AND FY13**

HR11/10-75 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize the Community Mental Health Chief Operating Officer to sign contracts with Community Inpatient, Partial Hospitalization, and ECT Providers effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, at the rates detailed on: Hospitals Contracting with the Inpatient Affiliation for FY12 and FY13.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-498 **AFFIRM CONTINUATION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (CMH) AGREEMENTS THAT ARE NON-EXPIRING AND INCLUDE STATE FACILITIES, MEDICAID HEALTH PLANS, INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE NO MONETARY EXCHANGE, COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, CMHSP BOARD ACCESS AGREEMENTS (COUNTY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - COFR), SUBSTANCE ABUSE REFERRAL AGREEMENTS, AND NURSING HOME AGREEMENTS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STATE FACILITIES, THESE AGREEMENTS ARE PRIMARILY FOR COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION OF OUR SERVICES. ALL MAY BE TERMINATED BY WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE OTHER PARTY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION**

HR11/10-76 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to affirm continuation of Community Mental Health (CMH) agreements that are non-expiring and include state facilities, Medicaid health plans, interagency agreements that have no monetary exchange, colleges/universities, CMHSP Board Access agreements (County of Financial Responsibility - COFR), substance abuse referral agreements, and nursing home agreements. With the exception of the state facilities, these agreements are primarily for coordination and collaboration of our services. All may be terminated by written notification to the other party with an effective date of termination.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-499 **AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF MUSKEGON COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH THOSE SERVICE VENDORS/PROVIDERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN AGREEMENTS TO CONTINUE SERVICE PROVISION AT THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 RATES FOR THE TIME PERIOD EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

HR11/10-77 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon County to contract with those service vendors/providers who have submitted written agreements to continue service provision at the current Fiscal Year 2010/2011 rates for the time period effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-500 **AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED RATE CHANGES BY THOSE VENDORS/PROVIDERS LISTED IN: FY2011/2012 PROPOSED VENDOR RATE CHANGES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

HR11/10-78 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize Community Mental Health to accept the proposed rate changes by those vendors/providers listed in: FY2011/2012 Proposed Vendor Rate Changes, effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-501 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TO RENEW THE FOUR (4) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS FINANCED WITH GRANTS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK, CONSISTENT WITH THE MUSKEGON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING - THE BLUEPRINT TO END HOMELESSNESS 2006-2016**

HR11/10-79 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize the Community Mental Health to renew the four (4) Supportive Housing Projects financed with grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Muskegon County Homeless Continuum of Care Network, consistent with the Muskegon County Consolidated Plan for Housing - The Blueprint to End Homelessness 2006-2016.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-502 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CMH FY2010/2011 CONTRACT WITH BEST WAY PROVIDERS TO POSTPONE THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE CONTRACT FOR NINETY (90) DAYS, OR FOR FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER PIONEER RESOURCES, INC., IS AWARDED A LICENSE TO OPERATE THE MARCOUX HOME, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST, AT THE RATE WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010, OF \$170.20 PER DAY**

HR11/10-80 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize the Community Mental Health Chief Operating Officer to sign the amendment to the CMH FY2010/2011 contract with Best Way Providers to postpone the termination date of the contract for ninety (90) days, or for fourteen (14) days after Pioneer Resources, Inc., is awarded a license to operate the Marcoux Home, whichever comes first, at the rate which was effective October 1, 2010, of \$170.20 per day.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-503 **AUTHORIZE CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE SUPPORTS COORDINATOR/DD POSITION #X87116 TO A SUPPORTS COORDINATOR/MI POSITION TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS IN SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS**

HR11/10-81 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize changing the title of the Supports Coordinator/DD position #X87116 to a Supports Coordinator/MI position to work with individuals in specialized residential settings for serious mental illness.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-504 **AUTHORIZE A REQUEST FOR BIDS PROCESS BY THE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH VEHICLES THAT HAVE EXCEEDED MILEAGE OR AGE LIMITS**

HR11/10-82 The Human Resources Committee recommends, moved by Plummer, seconded by Collins, to authorize a Request for Bids process by the County Purchasing Department to replace Community Mental Health vehicles that have exceeded mileage or age limits.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-505 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$8,979,426.52 COVERING THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM11/10-124 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$8,979,426.52 covering the period of September 14, 2011 through September 27, 2011 as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-506 **ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (BYRNE JAG) ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE MICHIGAN STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (SCAO) FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE 60TH DISTRICT SOBRIETY COURT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHIEF JUDGE TO SIGN THE APPLICATION**

WM11/10-125 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) administered through the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the grant period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$32,000 to provide treatment for program participants in the 60th District Sobriety Court Program and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Judge to sign the application.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-507 **ACCEPT THE FUNDING UNDER THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY (OHSP) PLANNING ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE MICHIGAN SCAO FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHIEF JUDGE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

WM11/10-126 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to accept the funding under the Office of Highway Safety (OHSP) Planning administered through the Michigan SCAO for the grant period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$20,000 and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Judge to sign the agreement.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-508 **ACCEPT THE FUNDING UNDER THE MICHIGAN DRUG COURT PROGRAM (MDCGP) ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE MICHIGAN SCAO FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000 TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE SOBRIETY COURT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHIEF JUDGE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

WM11/10-127 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to accept the funding under the Michigan Drug Court Program (MDCGP) administered through the Michigan SCAO for the grant period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$14,000 to provide services in the Sobriety Court program and to authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Judge to sign the agreement.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-509 **AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES/PURCHASING OFFICE STAFF TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST AUTHENTICATED BID FOR EACH OF THE TWENTY-FOUR (24) SURPLUS VEHICLES AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

WM11/10-128 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to authorize the Finance & Management Services/Purchasing office staff to accept the highest authenticated bid for each of the twenty-four (24) surplus vehicles and distribute the proceeds to the appropriate funds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-510 **ALLOW HUMAN RESOURCES TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR EXCESS WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE, POLICY PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012**

WM11/10-129 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to allow Human Resources to solicit bids for excess Worker's Compensation insurance, policy period beginning January 1, 2012.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-511 **AUTHORIZE CYNTHIA CHATTULANI, SUPPORTS COORDINATOR, TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) YEARS OF MERS GENERIC SERVICE CREDIT AT A COST OF \$43,801 AS PROVIDED BY THE MERS PLAN DOCUMENT AND IN KEEPING WITH THE COUNTY POLICY REGARDING PURCHASE OF GENERIC SERVICE CREDIT WITH 100 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ACTUARIAL COST BEING PAID BY THE EMPLOYEE**

WM11/10-130 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to authorize Cynthia Chattulani, Supports Coordinator, to purchase five (5) years of MERS generic service credit at a cost of \$43,801 as provided by the MERS Plan Document and in keeping with the County policy regarding purchase of generic service credit with 100 percent of the total actuarial cost being paid by the employee.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: Alan Jager

Motion Carried

2011-512 **AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INMATES OF THE JAIL**

WM11/10-131 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of health care services for inmates of the jail.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2011-513 **ACCEPT THE ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
PENDING LITIGATION**

WM11/10-132 The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Collins, seconded by Engle, to accept the attorney's recommendation regarding pending litigation.

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Mahoney introduced Ed Garner, Chairman of Muskegon Area First, who introduced Jonathan Seyferth, who is the new Business Development Manager for Muskegon Area First.

Ed Garner stated that the Board of Commissioners would be receiving an invitation to a meet and greet to be held on Friday, October 21, 2011, at 11:00 am at the Sappi property and the new owners. This event by invitation only.

The Board of Canvassers Election ballots were passed out to the Board of Commissioners. County Clerk Nancy A. Waters explained a line was drawn through the name of Shirley Privacky because she did not respond to our request for serving on this board. This would not, however, disqualify her from being elected.

2011-514 **MOVED BY PLUMMER, SECONDED BY CROSS, TO SUSPEND THE
RULES TO ALLOW PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE TO SPEAK.**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Kurt Troutman and Linda Whalen both thanked the Board for considering them for the position of Muskegon County Board of Canvassers.

2011-515 **MOVED BY SNIDER, SECONDED BY LONGMIRE, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

The ballots were counted in open session. Linda Whalen (Democrat) and Shirley Privacky (Republican) were elected to the Muskegon County Board of Canvassers. The remaining nominees all agreed to serve as alternates: Florence Shriver (Democrat), Kurt Troutman (Democrat), Richard Seeley (Republican) and Paula Vandebosch (Republican).

Chairman Mahoney announced that the great pumpkin roll in Montague was a grand success. Approximately 900 pumpkins were rolled down the big hill.

Commissioner Scolink stated that the helicopter at the Viet Nam Memorial has been repainted by the local Viet Nam Veteran's group.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2011-516 **MOVED BY PLUMMER, SECONDED BY CROSS, TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RIGHT TO WORK. (See pages 282 & 283 to see this Resolution)**

Discussion followed.

2011-517 **MOVED BY CROSS, SECONDED BY LONGMIRE TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ALLOW PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE TO SPEAK ON THIS RESOLUTION.**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Doug Bennett, a former county commissioner for 5 ½ years and former state representative for 6 years, stated his support of the resolution.

Mark Mangione also shared his support for the right to work resolution.

2011-518 **MOVED BY SNIDER, SECONDED BY ENGLE, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

2011-519 **MOVED BY SCOLINK, SECONDED BY SNIDER, TO TABLE ADOPTION OF RIGHT TO WORK RESOLUTION.**

Roll Call

Ayes: Alan Jager, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider

Nays: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Anthony Longmire, Scott Plummer, Rillastine Wilkins, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney

Motion Failed

2011-516 **MOVED BY PLUMMER, SECONDED BY CROSS, TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RIGHT TO WORK.**

Roll Call

Ayes: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Anthony Longmire, Chairman Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Robert Scolnik, Vice Chairman I. John Snider

Motion Carried

Commissioner Snider explained his no vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on a new topic)

Kurt Troutman, MCC Instructor, stated that he had several students who were in the audience and would like to interview commissioners following the meeting. The students in attendance were: Dawn Coffee, Mike Magnuson, II, Todd Nestell, Connor Kurant, Brennan Havermans, Jessica Lupien, and Rachel Stewart.

Chairman Mahoney thanked the followed for being in attendance: Bethann Rahn, Egleston Township Trustee; Mike Thompson, Egelston Township Supervisor; Deb Ackerman, Egelston Township Treasurer; Ed Whalen, City of Whitehall Mayor Pro Tem.

ADJOURN

2011-520 **MOVED BY PLUMMER , SECONDED BY SNIDER, TO ADJOURN.**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW:mlw

Approved at the Full Board Meeting of October 25, 2011.

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING RIGHT TO WORK

Commissioner Plummner moves to adopt the following Resolution

WHEREAS, there is and always has been a citizens right to employment, and

WHEREAS, for over eighty years there has been a right for employees to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employers, and

WHEREAS, under well-settled Michigan law, employees cannot be compelled to join a union before their employment, and

WHEREAS, when a group of employees certified as the exclusive bargaining agent, all of them benefit from their efforts, it is only fair that each of them contribute a fair share of the cost the union incurs to secure those benefits, and

WHEREAS, where employees represented by unions are required by law to represent and bargain on their behalf with employees regardless of whether they join the union so it is unfair to exempt them from the sharing in the cost inherent in respective collective bargaining

WHEREAS, the costs of bargaining should be borne by all members of the group and withheld from their compensation just as income taxes which support our governmental activities are withheld, and

WHEREAS, under law collective bargaining units cannot use dues for partisan political activities without the consent of members so the right of members preserve their individual freedom of choice, and

WHEREAS, statistics show that the states which have adopted so-called and misnomered Right to Work laws have no demonstrable effect upon the establishment of new business growth or in employment

WHEREAS, in the so called Right to Work proposal, the objective is to cripple or destroy collective bargaining by exempting employees from paying the fair share of the costs of collective bargaining.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Muskegon County Board of Commissioner goes on record in support of everyone's right to work and engage in collective bargaining without fear or favor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where a group of employees have chosen to organize for collective bargaining, all employees in the group should bear their fair share of the costs to do so, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current laws and regulations regarding public and private employment need not be revised since they already preserve the rights of employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Representatives and State Senator representing this county and the Governor of this State.