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

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Kenneth Mahoney

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Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 24, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Chairman Sabo, Presiding

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

The invocation was given by Pastor D.W. Tolbert of New Hope Baptist Church, 560 Yuba Street, Muskegon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Clerk Nancy A. Waters and recited in unison.

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

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

2015-455 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the agenda.

2015-456 **REMOVE ITEM CD/SP15/11-23 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT FOR CLARIFICATION**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to make a friendly amendment to remove item CD/SP15/11-23 from the Community Development/Strategic Planning report for clarification.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

Voice vote on #2015-455 Approval of Agenda as amended. **Motion Carried**

2015-457 **APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Moved by Commissioner Lohman seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the meeting minutes of November 10, 2015.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

Chairman Sabo noted a public comment slip had been submitted but was in regard to the item removed from the agenda so will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication items were included in the agenda and provided to Commissioners for informational purposes:

A. Bay County Resolution: Opposition to Use of Sky Lanterns in Michigan
B. Bay County Resolution: Support of Senate Bills 437 and 438 (Senate Energy Regulation)
C. Bay County Resolution: Opposition to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Similar Trade Deals if They Fail to Restructure the Misguided and Failed Policies of the Past

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Item CD/SP15/11-23 removed from agenda for clarification.

2015-458 **APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MR. MATT KISOSONDI, A TEACHER WITH ORCHARD VIEW ADULT EDUCATION WHO SPECIALIZES IN HELPING EX-OFFENDERS, WHO WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND ADULT EDUCATION AND SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

CD/SP15/11-24
The Community Development Strategic Planning Committee recommend, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve a Resolution in Support of Mr. Matt Kisosondi, a teacher with Orchard View Adult Education who specializes in helping ex-offenders, who was recently recognized by the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education and selected to receive the Outstanding Educator Award.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-459 **AUTHORIZE A LETTER BE SHARED WITH SPECTRUM HOSPITAL IN SUPPORT OF SPECTRUM HOSPITAL UTILIZING LOCAL WORKERS IN THEIR UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN MUSKEGON COUNTY**

CD/SP15/11-25

The Community Development Strategic Planning Committee recommend, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize a letter be shared with Spectrum Hospital in support of Spectrum Hospital utilizing local workers in their upcoming construction projects in Muskegon County.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-460 **ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED PROJECT LIST AS DEVELOPED BY THE MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

TR15/11-33

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 - 2020 Transportation Improvement Program resolution and proposed project list as developed by the Muskegon Area Transit System for consideration by the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-461 **AUTHORIZE MATS TO RECLASSIFY PARATRANSIT OPERATOR FULL TIME POSITION G57501 TO A CUSTOMER CARE REPRESENTATIVE FULL TIME POSITION AND TO RECRUIT AND FILL THE POSITION**

TR15/11-34

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize MATS to reclassify Paratransit Operator Full Time position G57501 to a Customer Care Representative Full Time position and to recruit and fill the position.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-462 **AUTHORIZE MATS TO TRANSFER ONE GRANT-FUNDED MODIFIED MINIVAN TO THE MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS (MAX), PENDING NECESSARY APPROVALS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION**

TR15/11-35
The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize MATS to transfer one grant-funded modified minivan to the Macatawa Area Express (MAX), pending necessary approvals of all parties involved in the transaction.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-463 **APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 TO MDOT CONTRACT #61192-126324 (AIP PROJECT #3-26-0071-3915) FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE AIRPORT'S TERMINAL AND GENERAL AVIATION RAMP RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $-118,502.42, REDUCING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM $1,201,780.40 TO $1,083,277.98, AND REDUCING THE COUNTY'S 2.5% SHARE OF THE PROJECT BY $2,963.00, FROM $30,045.00 TO $27,082.00**

TR15/11-36
The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve Contract Modification #1 to MDOT Contract #61192-126324 (AIP Project #3-26-0071-3915) for the final phase of the Airport's Terminal and General Aviation Ramp Reconstruction Project in the amount of $-118,502.42, reducing the contract amount from $1,201,780.40 to $1,083,277.98, and reducing the County's 2.5% share of the project by $2,963.00, from $30,045.00 to $27,082.00.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-464 **APPROVE A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,290.12, BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TO PROVIDE FEDERALLY MANDATED "LIVE BURN" TRAINING TO THE AIRPORT FIRE FIGHTERS**

TR15/11-37
The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve a contract in the amount of $6,290.12, between the County and Kellogg Community College, to provide Federally mandated "Live Burn" training to the Airport fire fighters.
Roll Call:
Yes: Benjamin E. Cross Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Terry J. Sabo

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-465 **APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

TR15/11-38

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the amendments to the Airport Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-466 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF $9,133,884.61 COVERING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 24, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6, 2015, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM15/11-160

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve payment of the accounts payable of $9,133,884.61 covering the period of October 24, 2015 through November 6, 2015, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

No: Susie Hughes **Motion Carried**

2015-467 **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES WITH WILLIAMS HUGHES, PLLC**

WM15/11-161

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize staff to negotiate a three-year contract for legal counsel services with Williams Hughes, PLLC.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-468 **AWARD A CONTRACT TO TRINITY HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A MERCY HEALTH LIFE COUNSELING IN THE AMOUNT OF $110,198.00 FOR THE TREATMENT OF SOBRIETY COURT PARTICIPANTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH MERCY HEALTH LIFE COUNSELING**

WM15/11-162

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to award a contract to Trinity Health Corporation D/B/A Mercy Health Life Counseling in the amount of $110,198.00 for the treatment of sobriety court participants and to authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the contract with Mercy Health life Counseling.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-469 **APPROVE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES BEING PROVIDED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FRUITPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PREPARED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY**

WM15/11-163

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve Assessment Administration Services being provided by the Equalization Department to the Township of Fruitport and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement prepared by the Equalization Department to provide the services and to amend the budget accordingly.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-470 **AUTHORIZE THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO RECLASSIFY ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR POSITION X06801 WITH A SALARY GRADE OF NX 00280 ($23.635 - $29.822 /HOUR) TO AN ASSESSMENT/ EQUALIZATION MANAGER POSITION WITH A SALARY GRADE OF NX00320 ($28.466 - $36.002/HOUR) WITH INCUMBENT FILLING RECLASSIFIED POSITION AT STEP 5 AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY**

WM15/11-164

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Equalization Department to reclassify Assessment Administration Supervisor position X06801 with a salary grade of NX 00280 ($23.635 - $29.822 /hour) to an Assessment/ Equalization Manager position with a salary grade of NX00320 ($28.466 - $36.002/hour) with incumbent filling reclassified position at step 5 and amend the budget accordingly.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-471 **ADOPT THE REVISED 2015 APPORTIONMENT REPORT AS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE MUSKEGON COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

WM15/11-165

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt the revised 2015 Apportionment Report as prepared and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-472 **AUTHORIZE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE BC/BS RATES FOR THE COVERAGE PERIOD 1/1/16 - 9/30/16, IN ADDITION PROVIDE THE REDUCED MEDICAL PLAN TO EMPLOYEES AT A FLAT INCREASE AND THE HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN AT ZERO COST**

WM15/11-166

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Human Resources Department to implement the BC/BS rates for the coverage period 1/1/16 - 9/30/16, in addition provide the Reduced Medical plan to employees at a flat increase and the High Deductible plan at zero cost.

Roll Call:

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-473 **AUTHORIZE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A 457 RETIREMENT PLAN BROKER**

WM15/11-167
The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Human Resources Department to release a Request for Proposal for a 457 Retirement Plan Broker.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Sabo reminded everyone about the Toys for Tots Challenge between County Departments from November 9th through December 11th. A collection box is available in the Administration office. Monetary donations may also be made with $5 equaling one toy.

Chairman Sabo noted several Citizen Appointment Terms will expire on December 31, 2015 and asked that anyone wishing to be appointed or knowing of someone that may wish to be appointed, please encourage them to go to:
http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/boardofcommissioners/citizens.htm to submit their application.

Chairman Sabo asked for Recommendations for Future Work Sessions be given to County Administrator, Mark Eisenbarth.

2015-474 **APPOINT MR. ED GARNER TO MUSKEGON PORT ADVISORY (FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SLOT) - TERM THROUGH 12/31/17**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to appoint Mr. Ed Garner to Muskegon Port Advisory (Foreign Trade Zone slot) - term through 12/31/17

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Engle reported that the Haunted House at the Fairgrounds had 6200 people attend and raised 7460 cans of food for the needy and $1700 raised for the Fairgrounds.

Vice Chair Cross noted that he had attended and it was great.

Commissioner Hughes reported on a conference call on the Zephyr remediation site noting there will be forums in the spring. Commissioner Hughes noted this is not about the tanks sites and that the tank sites are not leaking.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Eisenbarth reported that the Michigan Indigent Defense Commissioner (MIDC) has made arrangements in collaboration with Gideon's Promise for Public Defender Fred Johnson to attend the Indigent Defense Leadership Summit in Atlanta, Georgia in January 2016. Administrator Eisenbarth noted this reflects very well on our Public Defender. (see attached)

Administrator Eisenbarth asked Sara Damm, Muskegon County Sustainability Coordinator, to present an update on our recycling program. Ms. Damm presented a report from the Muskegon Community College Waste Sort event. (see attached) In an effort to do away with or reduce the use of plastic bottles, three water refill stations have or will be installed in the Hall of Justice to fill water cups or bottles. She recommended that all County employees take a pledge to eliminate bottled water. The office of Williams & Hughes, PLLC donated 200 bags and beverage containers to be distributed.

Commissioners agreed that recycling is important.

2015-475 **ELIMINATE THE USE OF BOTTLED WATER BY THE COMMISSIONERS ONCE THEIR CURRENT SUPPLY IS DEPLETED AND USE THE REFILL STATIONS**

Moved by Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to eliminate the use of bottled water by the Commissioners once their current supply is depleted and use the refill water station located on the fourth floor.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

2015-476 **AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE DRAIN COMMISSION TO OFFER FOR SALE A 2007 ½ TON CHEVY SILVERADO, 8 FOOT BED, 4 X 4 UTILIZING OPTIONS OTHER THAN THE MITN SITE**

The Administrator recommends, moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Office of the Drain Commission to offer for sale a 2007 ½ ton Chevy Silverado, 8 foot bed, 4 x 4 utilizing options other than the MITN site.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohman recognized audience member John Holter, Egelston Township Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Edlund Jr., (CO. R.C. ABATE Region 5) presented Commissioners with a check in the amount of $200 for Bike Time/Rebel Road Campground use.

Laura Fitzpatrick, thanked Commissioners for her appointment to the Public Health Advisory Commission and commended Sara Damm and the many other Muskegon County Departments that have participated in the Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program (MAMDP). She also indicated that the Coalition for a Drug Free America was acknowledged by the President and they have collected over 20,000 pounds of disposed medication. They have two events a year.

2015-477 **GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – RE: PENDING LITIGATION**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to go into closed session regarding pending litigation.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

Went into Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 4:44 p.m.

2015-478 **ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATE COUNSEL HUGHES**

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to accept the settlement recommendation from Corporate Counsel Hughes.

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

No: None **Motion Carried**

2015-479 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HUGHES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CROSS, TO ADJOURN**

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW/jmp

Preliminary Minutes
To be approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Public Defender Fred Johnson to Attend Indigent Defense Leadership Summit

1. John Sacks, Executive Director of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) has made arrangements in collaboration with Gideon's Promise for Public Defender Director Fred Johnson to attend the Indigent Defense Leadership Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, in January 2016.

2. Gideon's Promise was founded to improve the quality of representation for indigent clients. Their mission is to inspire, mobilize and train legal professionals to provide the highest quality defense representation to people unable to afford an attorney.

3. The Leadership Summit is designed to offer a "best-in-class" public defender training program to reform public defense to advocate for indigent defense reform it all levels of the court system.

4. The collaborative environment of the Leadership Summit encourages networking and sharing of best practices for creating client-centered offices and indigent defense reform.

5. Part of the agenda will be to examine the efforts to transition into a full-time public defender system, and the lessons that can be taken from the process.

6. The MIDC (Michigan Indigent Defense Commission) was able to secure sponsorship through Gideon's Promise for hotel, flight and conference expenses. The MIDC will cover any other expenses related to Fred Johnson's attendance at the conference.

7. The support for Muskegon County's Public Defender Office by the MIDC and Gideon's Promise is a positive step in the direction of possible state grant funding.

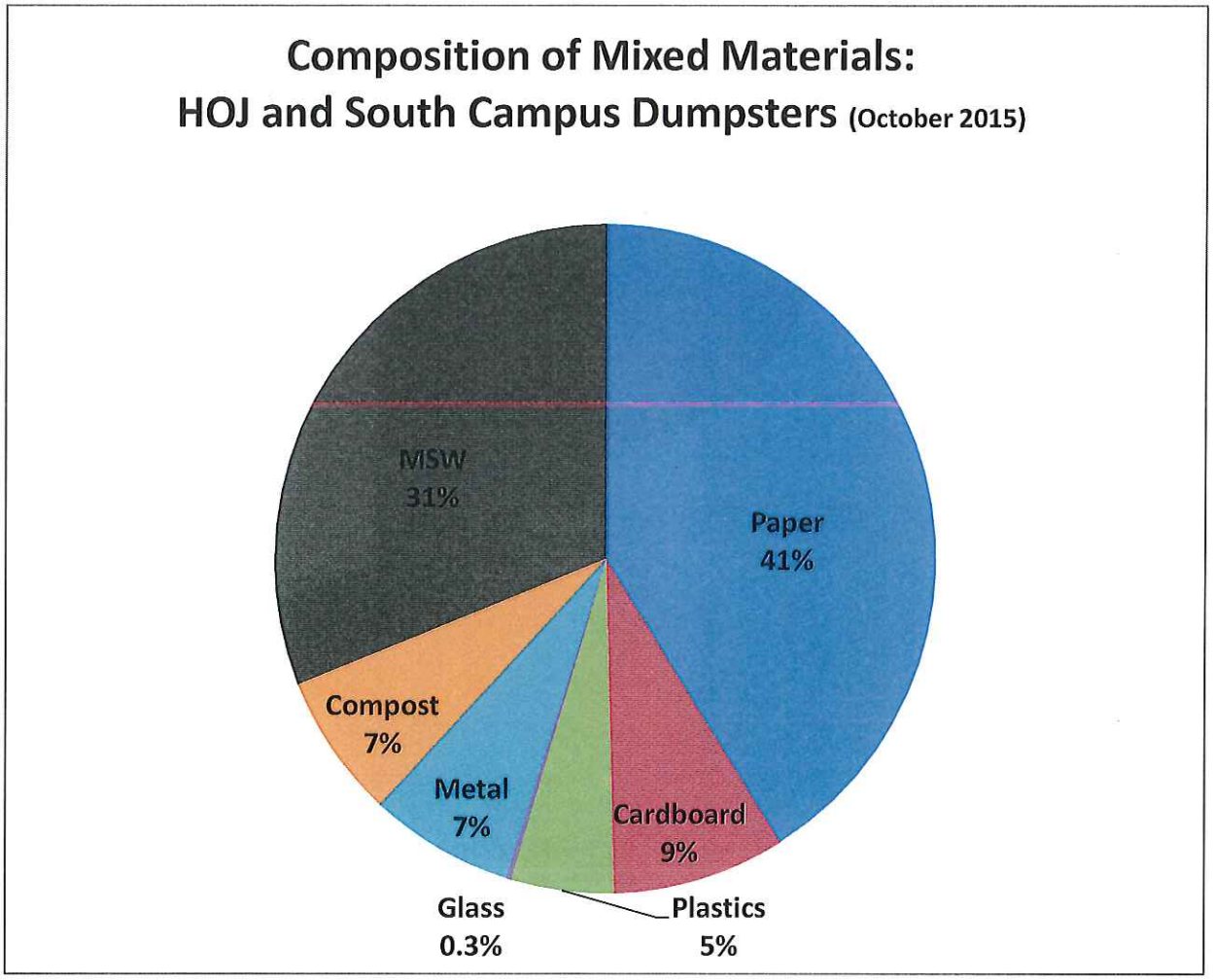
MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE WASTE SORT | 2015

Background:

Muskegon County implemented the Internal Recycling Initiative in 2013 which entailed county staff being responsible for taking the waste collected at their desk and sorting it into the centrally located "Recycling Stations". Each station has "Paper/Paperboard", "Plastics/Metals", and "Landfill Only" bins to help separate each type of material from what's meant to go into the landfill. In 2014, over 67% of our county facilities implemented this initiative. Optional presentations have been given and random visual assessments have been conducted over the past year.

Waste Sort Data:

As a way to determine how effectively we're separating and diverting our material, the Muskegon Community College Life Sciences class did a waste sort two times this past October. The results are in the below graph. All material was compiled, separated into each category, and weighed.



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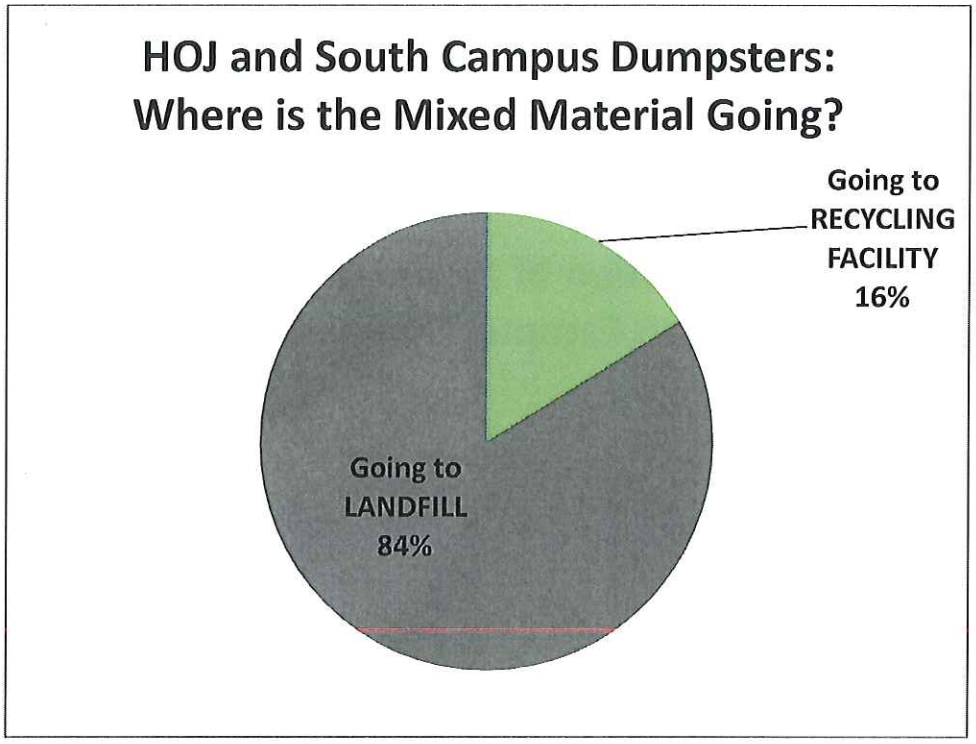
As far as what's being reported from the hauling perspective, the results are much different. The composition of the materials coming out of our facilities and going into our two 20-yd landfill dumpsters and our two 20-yd recycling dumpsters show that we SHOULD have about a 70% recycling rate if we separate our materials appropriately. However, based on what's being hauled, we're currently at a 16% recycling rate.