

M u s k e g o n C o u n t y

Board of Commissioners

*Paul T. Baade, Chairman
Douglas Bennett
Charles Buzzell
James Derezinski
Marvin Engle
Louis A. McMurray*

*Bill Gill, Vice-Chairman
Robert Scolnik
I. John Snider
Nancy A. Waters
Stephen Wisniewski*

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Regular Meeting

**January 27, 2004
3:30 P.M.**

Chairman Paul Baade, Presiding

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Baade. The pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison followed by the invocation given by Reverend Isaac Bass.

Roll Call

Present:: Baade, Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters

Excused: Buzzell, Wisniewski

Absent: None

2004-26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2004**

Moved by Engle, supported by Snider, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 5, and the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2004.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-27 **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WASTEWATER SYSTEMS CDBG CLOSEOUT**

The Administrator recommends, moved by Gill, supported by Bennett, to open the Public Hearing regarding Wastewater Systems CDBG Closeout.

Motion Carried

2004-28 **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**

It was noted that neither the Clerk's office nor Administration received any written or verbal communication regarding Wastewater Systems CDBG Closeout. Moved by Gill, supported by Derezinski, to close the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried

2004-29 **PRESENTATION**

Chairman Baade and Vice-Chairman Gill presented Bernie McKenzie, FIA Board Member, with a clock and a resolution in recognition of his service on the FIA Board.

2004-30 **PRESENTATION**

Charlotte Thompson, Extension Director, noted Robin France, Extension Educator, was unable to make it through the snow and will be introduced at a future meeting. Ms. France is filling a part-time shared position for early childhood provider and school nutrition.

Coleen Boyer, Extension Horticulture Agent reported on her researched conducted on development of the emerald ash borers in the area. An informational session on the emerald ash borer will be held on February 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Egelston Township Hall. This pest has to potential to be to ash trees what the Dutch elm disease was to elm trees.

Commissioner Water's noted the lunchtime learning session on Living Wills had a good turnout of 15 people, from seven county departments, in attendance for the excellent presentation by Charlotte Thompson.

2004-31 **APPROVE THE FY2005 STATE APPLICATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**

TR04/01-01

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, supported by Scolnik, to approve the FY2005 state application for transit operating and capital assistance, to authorize the Resolution of Intent to apply for financial assistance, to name the County Administrator as the Transportation Coordinator, and to publish the public notice.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-32 **HAVE CORPORATE COUNSEL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INTERVENE WITH THE CITY OF MUSKEGON IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE L.C. WALKER ARENA AND LAKESHORE BASKETBALL, LLC**

TR04/01-02

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, supported by Scolnik, to have Corporate Counsel and County Administrator intervene with the City of Muskegon in the negotiations between the L.C. Walker Arena and Lakeshore Basketball, LLC regarding a lease agreement and arena property.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-33 **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING OUT THE WASTEWATER EXPANSION CDBG PROJECT**

TR04/01-03

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, supported by Scolnik, to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, for the purpose of closing out the Wastewater Expansion CDBG Project.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-34 **AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT A LEFT TURN LANE BE INSTALLED AT THE SOLID WASTE SITE ENTRANCE**

CD/SP-04/1-1

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by McMurray, supported by Gill, to authorize the Board Chair to send a letter to the County Road Commission requesting that a left turn lane be installed at the Solid Waste site entrance.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: Bennett

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Baade noted the MAC Legislative Updates for January 9 and 16, 2004, are included in the agenda packet.

2004-35 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

The Chairman recommends, moved by Snider, supported by Derezinski, to approve the following citizen appointments.

1. Tom Maloy, County Museum Board - 1/1/04 - 12/31/06
2. Charles Larson, Airport Advisory Board - 1/1/04 - 12/31/04
3. Ron Gossett, Airport Advisory Board - 1/1/04 - 12/31/04

Roll Call

Ayes: Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Bennett, Derezinski, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2004-36 APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COVERING THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2004

The Administrator recommends, moved by Derezinski, supported by Waters, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$4,976,918.22, covering the period of December 31, 2003 through January 13, 2004, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Buzzell, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Wisniewski, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-37 RE-CLASSIFY POSITION NO. X26802, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO "DEPUTY DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR WASTEWATER"

The Administrator recommends, moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to re-classify Position No. X26802, Deputy Director of Public Works, to "Deputy Director Public Works for Wastewater".

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2004-37 **RE-CLASSIFY POSITION NO. X26802, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO "DEPUTY DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR WASTEWATER"**

Roll Call

Ayes: McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2004-38 **AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CORPORATE JET CENTER**

The Administrator recommends, moved by Engle, supported by Derezinski, to authorize execution of five-year lease agreement with Corporate Jet Center for the rental of hangar situated at 4860 Paul Court, Muskegon, Michigan, in the form attached. This motion supercedes and modifies prior motion approved by Board in February 3 [Item # 03-36]

Roll Call

Ayes: Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Old Business

2004-39 **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2003 MINUTES**

Moved by Snider, supported by Gill, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2003.

Roll Call

Ayes: Snider, Waters, Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business

2004-40 **PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR THE RAVENNA FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Moved by Derezinski, supported by Bennett, to prepare a resolution for the Ravenna Football Team for winning the State Championship.

Motion Carried

2004-41 **AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION FOR BRIAN MATTSON IN HONOR OF HIS SERVICES TO THE COUNTY TO BE PRESENTED AT THE COURTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

Moved by Waters, supported by Gill, that the Board authorize a resolution for Brian Mattson in honor of his services to the county to be presented at the Courts and Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 3, 2004.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Waters reported concern from the Senior Resources Committee regarding lack of County Commission Board representation. Discussion ensued regarding the conflict with the schedule for the Ways & Means Committee and the Senior Resources Committee meetings.

2004-42 **AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIGN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO THE SENIOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Moved by Engle, supported by Waters, to authorize Administration to assign a county employee to the Senior Resources Committee to represent and report back to the Muskegon County Board of Commissioner.

Motion Carried

2004-43 **BOARD AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR COMMISSIONER GILL FOR TRAVEL IN HIS ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Moved by Waters, supported by McMurray, that the Board authorize reimbursement of reasonable expenses for Commissioner Gill for travel in his role as a member of the State Mental Health Commission.

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2004-43

**BOARD AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE EXPENSES
FOR COMMISSIONER GILL FOR TRAVEL IN HIS ROLE AS A MEMBER
OF THE STATE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, McMurray, Snider, Baade

Abstain: Gill, Scolnik

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Audience Participation

Gordon Zion addressed the Board, providing information regarding Owasippe Scout Reservation. Due to declining enrollment and budget difficulties, the Chicago Counsel has determined that they must sell. A group of about 30, representing an organization of 150, who have either served or scouted or have scouts at Owasippe that have formed a 501C3 Foundation for the purpose of buying that 4800 acres from the Chicago Area Counsel and operating it year-round for young people all over the region. A number of public meetings have been held and the number of organizations in Western Michigan have an interest in availing that property is a growing list. The intention is to raise sufficient funds to buy the camp and provide an endowment for maintenance and improvement to the facilities. Mr. Zion intends to present a proposal to request financial assistance.

2004-44 **GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, go into Closed Session re: Pending Litigation/Worker's Compensation.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bennett, Derezinski, Engle, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Baade

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

Returned to Open Session at 4:57 p.m.

2004-45 **AUTHORIZE HUMAN RESOURCES TO NEGOTIATE A REDEMPTION
SETTLEMENT OF THE KAREN LANGEREIS WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CLAIM**

Moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to authorize Human Resources to negotiate a redemption settlement of the Karen Langereis Workers' Compensation claim as discussed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Waters, Bennett, Baade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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Jeanne Pezet, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Secretary

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