

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

Board of Commissioners

*Bill Gill, Chairman
Don Aley
Charles Buzzell
Marvin Engle
Louis A. McMurray
Robert Scolnik*

*James Derezinski, Vice-Chairman
I. John Snider
Roger C. Wade
Nancy A. Waters
Stephen Wisniewski*

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Regular Meeting

**November 22, 2005
3:40 p.m.**

Chairman Gill, Presiding

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Gill. The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Commissioner Snider.

Roll Call

Present: Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade, Waters, Wisniewski

Absent: None

2005-668 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

Moved by Snider, seconded by Derezinski, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2005.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Engle, Waters, Wisniewski, Snider, Scolnik, Wade, McMurray, Gill, Aley, Derezinski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-669 **PRESENTATION - UNITED WAY**

Christian Toebe, of the Purchasing Department and Chair of the 2005 United Way Steering Committee, presented the 2005 United Way Campaign Results. Overall, the County raised nearly \$103,000. The traveling trophies were awarded to the Sheriff Department and the Treasurers Office.

2005-670 **COMMUNICATION**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Snider, to receive and place on file the following Communications:

- A. City of Muskegon-Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate-ADAC Plastics
- B. City of Muskegon Special Use Permit Hearing
- C. Washtenaw County Resolution re: Opposition to House Bill 5124

Motion Carried

2005-671 **APPROVE MDOT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION 2002-0072/Z5/R1**
TR05/11-41

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Wisniewski, to approve MDOT Project Authorization 2002-0072/Z5/R1 with the Muskegon Area Transit System providing for a one year extension of federal and state capital funding, and to authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract revision.

Roll Call

Ayes: McMurray, Scolnik, Waters, Wisniewski, Snider, Wade, Aley, Derezinski, Gill, Engle, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-672 **AUTHORIZE THE MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL ROSA PARKS TRIBUTE DAY**

TR05/11-42

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Wisniewski, to authorize the Muskegon Area Transit System to participate in the National Rosa Parks Tribute Day on December 1, 2005, and to authorize, as a part of the planned activities, free fares on all MATS buses during the event.

Roll Call

Ayes: McMurray, Scolnik, Waters, Wisniewski, Snider, Wade, Aley, Derezinski, Gill, Engle, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Commissioner Scolnik noted the buses will be running at no charge on December 1, 2005, as a tribute to Rosa Parks. Also, although Friday is a County Holiday, the buses will be running on Friday, November 25, 2005, for a reasonable fee.

2005-673 **AUTHORIZE HIRING ELDEN J. NEDEAU & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO COMPLETE AN APPRAISAL OF 125 E. SOUTHERN AVENUE**

CDSP05/11-17

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Snider, to authorize hiring Elden J. Nedeau & Associates, Inc. to complete an appraisal of 125 E. Southern Avenue (County Mental Health Center) for the total amount of \$4,000. Such appraisal to establish both current market and rent value of said real property.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, McMurray, Snider, Waters, Aley, Buzzell, Engle, Gill, Scolnik, Wade, Wisniewski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-674 **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION EFFORTS**

CDSP05/11-18

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Snider, to adopt the resolution supporting regional collaboration efforts in our area.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, McMurray, Snider, Waters, Aley, Buzzell, Engle, Gill, Scolnik, Wade, Wisniewski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-675 **ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

CDSP05/11-19

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Snider, that the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners establish a subcommittee of the Board to work with the Downtown Muskegon Development Corporation on the downtown redevelopment project.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, McMurray, Snider, Waters, Aley, Buzzell, Engle, Gill, Scolnik, Wade, Wisniewski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-676 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COVERING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 26, 2005 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2005**

WM05/11-115

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Aley, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$4,488,649.67 covering the period of October 26, 2005 through November 10, 2005, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Wisniewski, Scolnik, Engle, McMurray, Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Snider, Wade

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2005-677 **ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2005 APPORTIONMENT REPORT**
WM05/11-116

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Aley, to adopt the amendments to the 2005 Apportionment Report as prepared and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Wisniewski, Scolnik, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-678 **EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE ANNUAL MLK UNITY DAY BREAKFAST**
WM05/11-117

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Aley, to authorize Muskegon County Administration to expend budgeted funds (not to exceed \$1,500) to help defray the costs of the annual MLK Unity Day breakfast.

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Wisniewski, Scolnik, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2005-679 **AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE FIXED RATE HOLD AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK**

WM05/11-118

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Aley, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Fixed Rate Hold Agreement with National City Bank of the Midwest, on behalf of Muskegon Central Dispatch, moving the Phase III loan in the amount of \$2,200,000 from November 30, 2005 to June 20, 2006, and changing the interest rate from 4.96% to 5.32%.

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Wisniewski, Scolnik, Engle, Gill, McMurray, Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Gill noted the MAC Legislative Updates for November 4, & 14, 2005, are included in agenda packets.

2005-680 **APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Waters, to appoint Roger Wade to Local Emergency Planning Committee through December 31, 2006.

Motion Carried

2005-681 **APPOINTMENTS TO ONE MUSKEGON COMMITTEE**

The Chairman recommends, moved by McMurray, seconded by Waters, to appoint Bill Gill, Don Aley, Bob Scolnik and John Snider to the Downtown Development Task Force through December 31, 2006.

Roll Call

Ayes: Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Snider, Waters, Engle, McMurray, Gill, Scolnik, Wade, Wisniewski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2005-682 APPROVE SETTLEMENT CONTRACT WITH SEIU LOCAL 517M

The Administrator recommends, moved by Derezinski, seconded by Engle, to approve the contract settlement with SEIU Local 517M representing the Public Works Unit and authorize the County Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign the agreement subsequent to signatures being obtained from union representatives.

Roll Call

Ayes: Waters, Wisniewski, Wade, Snider, Scolnik, McMurray, Aley, Buzzell, Derezinski, Engle, Gill

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Audience Participation

Delores Cole, Muskegon Community Solidarity, addressed the Board regarding sign age on the Health Department building and the Johnny O Harris Building. Administrator Borushko noted the budget has improved since the original request for improved sign age was made and following completion of the audit, Administration will invite Ms. Cole to attend the meeting to address this issue. It is anticipated to be addressed at a December 2005 meeting.

Ted Davis, Muskegon Community Solidarity, addressed the Board regarding recent Board Policy changes, specifically regarding the term of the Chairman of the Board.

Jackie Darnell, President of the local NAACP, inquired about the mission of the Board members appointed to the Downtown Development Task Force. It was noted, the appointments are very new and they will know more once they attend a meeting of the Task Force and will report back to Mr. Darnell at that time.

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Audience Participation

Paul Billings addressed the Board regarding the Freedom of Information Act on AIDS awareness. Mr. Billings sited disproportionate spending of County funds on AIDS awareness for the black community.

Robert Smith, student from Mona Shore High School, was in attendance.

Commissioner McMurray requested a copy of an opinion from former Corporate Counsel as to what constitutes a Newspaper, be provided to Mr. Billings. Commissioner McMurray also inquired regarding funds for AIDS awareness distributed to the Catholic Church in light of the separation of Church and State.

Nell Williams addressed the Board regarding open meeting for the change of Board Rules as well as notice of meetings and provision of agendas for the attending public.

Chairman Gill introduced Reverend John Baker and his wife. Reverend Baker is new to Muskegon at the John Wesley Zion Church.

Adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

Karen D. Buie, County Clerk

KDB/jmp