

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Ways & Means Committee

April 1, 2021  
5:22 p.m. via Zoom

Kim Cyr, Chair  
Doug Brown, Vice-Chair

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cyr at 5:22 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Doug Brown (Muskegon), Marcia Hovey-Wright (Muskegon), Susie Hughes (Muskegon Township), Zach Lahring (Muskegon), Charles Nash (Muskegon), Malinda Pego (Muskegon), Bob Scolnik (Norton Shores), Rillastine Wilkins (Muskegon), Kim Cyr (Twin Lake)

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Brown, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting as written.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr

No: None Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM21/03 - 36 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Chairman Scolnik, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$9,522,460.92 covering the period of March 5, 2021 through March 18, 2021 for checks and P Card and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments for the period covering February 1 through February 28, 2021 as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Kim Cyr

No: None Motion carried.

WM21/03 - 37 It was moved by Chairman Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the continuation of the local surcharge rate of \$2.75 from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and authorize Muskegon Central Dispatch to provide proper notification of this to the State 9-1-1 Committee.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kim Cyr

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

WM21/03 - 38 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to authorize Human Resources to adopt the increase in the maximum employee contribution for the Dependent Care FSA from \$5,000 to \$10,500 for calendar year 2021 as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act. The maximum will revert back to a \$5,000 cap for calendar year 2022.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kim Cyr

No: None Motion carried.

WM21/03 - 39 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to allow the County Information Technology Department to go out for a Request for Bids for up to 100 laptops/tablets pending grant funding.

It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Cyr to Table motion WM21/03 - 39 until the May 4, 2021 Ways & Means Meeting and to have more information provided by the IT Director.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Robert Scolnik, Kim Cyr

No: None Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

WM21/03 – 40 It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to remove Districts 5, 7, 8 and 9 from Muskegon County and pursue legal counsel to become our own county with independent government from Muskegon County.

Roll Call:

Yes: Malinda Pego, Zach Lahring

No: Robert Scolnik, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Kim Cyr,  
Rillastine Wilkins Motion failed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several citizens addressed the Board in support of the motion brought forth by Commissioner Pego, and opposing the comments expressed by Board members that they felt offensive.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Lahring commented on the ease for the public to comment on remote meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.