

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ways & Means Committee

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

Kim Cyr, Chair
Doug Brown, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

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 future 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 to Table 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.