

**Muskegon County  
Board of Commissioners**  
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI 49442

*Robert Scolnik, Chairman  
Doug Brown  
Kim Cyr  
Marcia Hovey-Wright  
Susie Hughes*

*Charles Nash, Vice-Chair  
Zach Lahring  
Malinda Pego  
Rillastine R. Wilkins*

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**Electronic/Zoom Full Board Meeting**

Thursday, July 15, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

The Electronic/Zoom Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Scolnik via Zoom. The Invocation was given by Pastor Tim Cross. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Nash.

**Roll Call and Location of Board Members:**

Present: Doug Brown, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Kim Cyr, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Zach Lahring, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Malinda Pego, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan  
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Hall of Justice, Michigan

Excused: Rillastine R. Wilkins

Also

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator  
Beth Dick, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator  
Kristin Barnhill, Executive Assistant  
Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator  
Linda M. Larsen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Linda Sue Schutter, Deputy County Clerk  
Alexander Thibodeau, Corporate Counsel

**2021- 278 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Vice-Chair Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the agenda.

Voice vote.

**Motion Carried**

**2021-279     APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2021**

Moved by Vice-Chair Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes of June 29, 2021.

Voice vote.

**Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)**

None.

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

**2021-280     ACCEPT THE 2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CONSORTIUM (WMRMC) AND THE MUSKEGON COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES/MANAGEMENT, AND DIRECT THE BOARD CHAIR AND APPROPRIATE STAFF TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

CPS21/07-37

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to accept the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC) and the Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Emergency Services/Management, and direct the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement.

Roll Call:

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

No:              None

Excused:       Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-281 ALLOW MUSKEGON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SOLICIT AN RFP TO CONTRACT A VENDOR TO UPDATE THE MUSKEGON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

CPS21/07-38

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to allow Muskegon County Emergency Services to solicit an RFP to contract a vendor to update the Muskegon County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-282 APPROVE THE PROSECUTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FY2022 CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,871.00 AND AFFIX THE SIGNATURE OF THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO THE LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

CPS21/07-39

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for and accept the FY2022 Crime Victim Rights Grant in the amount of \$325,871.00 and affix the signature of the Board Chairperson to the letter of authorization required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-283 APPROVE THE PROSECUTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FY2022 CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,608.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN**

CPS21/07-40

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for and accept the FY2022 Crime Victim Rights Navigator Pilot Program grant in the amount of \$77,608.00 and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins **Motion Carried**

**2021-284 AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION OF BOARD MOTION 2021-145 (WM-21/03-31) TO INCLUDE THE REQUESTED RFP VENDOR TO "MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND SYSTEM UPGRADES"**

CPS21/07-41

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to authorize the modification of Board Motion 2021-145 (WM- 21/03-31) to include the requested RFP Vendor to "make recommendations for equipment replacement and system upgrades".

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins **Motion Carried**

**2021-285 APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MUSKEGON, CITY OF MUSKEGON HEIGHTS AND THE COUNTY OF MUSKEGON FOR THE FY21 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM**

CPS21/07-42

The Courts and Public Safety Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Muskegon, City of Muskegon Heights and the County of Muskegon for the FY21 Justice Assistance Grant Award Program and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the Memorandum.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-286 AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT THE GREAT LAKES BEACH MONITORING GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,014; AND TO CONTRACT WITH GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY - ANNIS WATER RESOURCE INSTITUTE NOT TO EXCEED \$8,320 FOR RELATED SAMPLING AND TESTING SERVICES, WITH NO EFFECT ON COUNTY GENERAL FUND; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS**

HS21/07-12

The Human Services Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to authorize Public Health to accept the Great Lakes Beach Monitoring Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy in the amount of \$9,014; and to contract with Grand Valley State University - Annis Water Resource Institute not to exceed \$8,320 for related sampling and testing services, with no effect on county general fund; and further authorize Public Health Director to sign the agreements.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-287 AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,200 AND TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022; SUBCONTRACT WITH GVSU ANNIS WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE (AWRI) TO CONDUCT FY21 AND FY22 INLAND BEACH MONITORING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,773; AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE RELATED AMENDMENTS WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY AND GVSU ANNIS WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE**

HS21/07-13

The Human Services Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to authorize Public Health to accept additional funding in the amount of \$19,200 and to extend the effective date until December 31, 2022; subcontract with GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) to conduct FY21 and FY22 Inland Beach Monitoring in the amount of \$17,773; and authorize the Public Health Director to sign the related amendments with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins **Motion Carried**

**2021-288 APPROVE THE PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST CHANGE OF THE REIMBURSEMENT COST PER UNIT FOR THE SAFE SENIORS TASK FORCE AND COLLABORATIVE TO \$47.07 TO SUPPORT 4110 UNITS OF SERVICE, AND MAKE IT RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 1, 2020**

HS21/07-14

The Human Services Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, seconded by Vice-Chair Nash, to approve the Prosecutor's request change of the reimbursement Cost Per Unit for the Safe Seniors Task Force and Collaborative to \$47.07 to support 4110 units of service, and make it retroactive to October 1, 2020.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins **Motion Carried**

**2021-289 APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$11,861,331.85 COVERING THE PERIOD OF JUNE 11, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2021 FOR CHECKS AND P CARD AND EFT PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD COVERING MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 2021 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM21/07-70

The Ways & Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Cyr, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$11,861,331.85 covering the period of June 11, 2021 through June 24, 2021 for checks and P Card and EFT payments for the period covering May 1 through May 31, 2021 as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-290 APPROVE RENEWAL OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY OF MUSKEGON AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PREPARED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES**

WM21/07-71

The Ways & Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Cyr, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve renewal of Assessment Administration Services provided by the Equalization Department to the City of Muskegon and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement prepared by the Equalization Department to provide the services.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-291 AUTHORIZE MUSKEGON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERSONNEL TO APPLY FOR THE FY2022 STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE FUND GRANT**

WM21/07-72

The Ways & Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Cyr, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs personnel to apply for the FY2022 State of Michigan County Veteran Service Fund Grant.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**

**2021-292 APPROVE THE MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS CASINO IN MUSKEGON COUNTY URGING GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER, THE MICHIGAN SENATE, AND THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE THE TRIBE'S REQUEST TO BUILD THEIR CASINO IN MUSKEGON COUNTY**

WM21/07-73

The Ways & Means Committee recommended, moved by Commissioner Cyr, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the Muskegon County Resolution Supporting Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino in Muskegon County urging Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Senate, and the Michigan House of Representatives to approve the tribe's request to build their casino in Muskegon County. (See attached.)

Roll Call:

Yes: Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik

No: Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring

Recused: Malinda Pego (due to conflict of interest)

Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

**Motion Carried**



### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. The 4-day annual Muskegon Bike Time event will be held July 15 – July 18 at Hot Rod Harley Davidson ending with a non-stop police escort Patriot ride Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and Rebel Road will be held July 16 – July 18 on Western Avenue. <https://muskegonbiketime.com/>
- B. The Muskegon Clippers have a home baseball game against the Michigan Monarchs at 7 o'clock on July 16th. It's a great way to see Muskegon's historic Marsh Field and some exciting and high quality baseball. Vice-Chair Nash added that the field has had upgrades in recent years. <http://muskegonclippers.com/view/clippers/>
- C. The Muskegon Astronomical Society Star Party will be held at the Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center at 702 North Maple Island Road on July 17th beginning at 9:30 p.m. Bring your telescope and enjoy. Commissioner Hughes indicated that they also have telescopes for the public to use. <http://www.stargazing.net/mas/>

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. Airport – Executive Air Agreement/Flight Level Aviation Agreement

Discussion ensued.

**2021-293 SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021, AT 3:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE EXECUTIVE AIR AGREEMENT/FLIGHT LEVEL AVIATION AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Pego, seconded by Commissioner Hughes to schedule a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. to consider the Executive Air Agreement/Flight Level Aviation Agreement.

Voice vote.

**Motion Carried**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brown indicated to the Board indicating that he and Commissioner Hughes attended a meeting facilitated by Administrator Mark Eisenbarth regarding the gypsy moth situation. The meeting was well-attended by surrounding municipalities. Mr. Eisenbarth indicated that Rob Ribbens of Public Works did a lot of work on this issue gathering information. Attendees from the municipalities indicated they will go back to their own boards to see what funding they can come up with.

**2021-294     REFER TO HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MOTION TO KEEP  
PERSONAL BUSINESS OUT OF OFFICIAL COUNTY BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Cyr, seconded by Commissioner Pego, to refer to Human Services Committee motion to keep personal business out of official county business.

Roll call:

Yes:             Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego

No:              Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik  
**Motion Failed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

One citizen addressed the board regarding Motion 2021-294 failing.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hughes shared with the Board that she put up a free library with kid's books in the Muskegon Township Park which was well-received and also has had requests for non-children's books.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Board could be updated regarding the status of Commissioner Wilkins.

**2021-295     ADJOURNED BY CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Linda M. Larsen, Chief Deputy County Clerk

LML/lss

To be approved at the Special Full Board meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.



Muskegon County Resolution Supporting Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Casino in Muskegon County

Resolution #2021-292

WHEREAS, the County of Muskegon has developed a lengthy and positive relationship with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI), whose ancestral territory included the Muskegon County area; and

WHEREAS, the LRBOI has been working for more than a decade to bring a tribal casino to the Muskegon metro area; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the United States Department of the Interior granted the LRBOI approval to construct a casino on off-reservation land in Muskegon County at the intersection of Interstate 96 and Harvey Street in Fruitport Township, MI; and

WHEREAS, the proposed casino project by the LRBOI will provide much-needed jobs for residents in Muskegon County and other West Michigan lakeshore communities, with an estimated 1,500 construction jobs and 2,200 casino jobs, including additional employment opportunities for companies providing food, beverages, supplies and services to the casino; and

WHEREAS, as Muskegon County recovers from the pandemic, the addition of the LRBOI casino will aid in bringing back small business as well as attracting new business; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County is a growing tourism destination, and this casino will bring increased tourism to Michigan from Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the proposed casino will make Muskegon County a more competitive meeting and convention destination to in-state and out-of-state events with the addition of new hotel room inventory, a casino attraction as well as meeting and entertainment space to compliment Muskegon County's new convention center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the jobs created by the casino construction and operations, specific revenues derived from the LRBOI casino will provide supplemental funding for area schools, social service organizations, and local governments, and

WHEREAS, residents of West Michigan hold out hope that residents of the Detroit area will support the growth of our Muskegon lakeshore as we provide opportunities for southeast Michigan residents to vacation, fish, boat, camp, and enjoy the beaches and to provide fun in the LRBOI casino without ever leaving the great state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, efforts to derail this long-awaited economic development project that will provide substantial benefit to the Muskegon area are detrimental to the forward economic progress the Muskegon metro area is currently experiencing; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muskegon County Board Chair urges Governor Gretchen Whitmer and both Houses of the Michigan Legislature thoroughly consider the substantial benefits and opportunities offered to Muskegon County and West Michigan residents and businesses from the proposed Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Muskegon Casino and approve the tribe's request to build their casino in Muskegon County.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

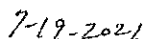
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The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its July 15, 2021, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Cyr, support by Commissioner Hughes, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik  
Nays: Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring  
Recused: Malinda Pego (due to conflict of interest)  
Excused: Rillastine Wilkins

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on July 15, 2021.

  
Nancy A. Waters, Clerk  
County of Muskegon

  
Date

