

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee  
April 21, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
WebEx**

**Robert Scolnik, Chair**

**Charles Nash, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Scolnik at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Ken Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020, as written.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Robert Scolnik

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item.)**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Kathy Moore, Muskegon County Public Health Director, updated the Board on COVID-19.

Ms. Donna Vandervries, Muskegon County Equalization Director, presented to the Board regarding the proposed Ravenna TIF.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM20/04 – 29 It was moved by Commissioner Snider, supported by Commissioner Foster, to authorize the sale of the 2002 Chevy

Malibu VIN# 1G1ND52J92M948471 through Miedema Auctioneering, Inc.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Robert Scolnik  
No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 30 It was moved by Commissioner Marcia Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Nash, to delay the opening of the county's park facilities, including the campgrounds and cabins at Pioneer, Meinert and Blue Lake Parks, and the concession stand at Twin Lake Park, and all county park restroom, playground, and lodge/shelter facilities through May 15, 2020, or a time determined by state and local public health officials that these facilities are deemed safe to occupy.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Robert Scolnik  
No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 31 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the resolution adopting the 2020 equalized valuation for Muskegon County as determined and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Robert Scolnik  
No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 32 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Muskegon Area Transit System to publish the public notice regarding the FY2020 Federal Transit Administration CARES Act Operating Assistance application and to authorize staff to execute the electronic grant application.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Robert Scolnik  
No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 33 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to waive the purchasing policy requirement to obtain three quotes and approve payment of Spectrum Invoice #62319 in the amount of \$5,594.87 for testing of ballot programming and equipment to be reimbursed by the State Bureau of Elections.

Roll Call:

Yes: Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Robert Scolnik

No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 34 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, Supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the *Mutual Termination, Release and Quit Claim of Solar Energy Lease* and authorize the County Board Chair to sign same.

Roll Call:

Yes: Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Robert Scolnik

No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 35 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to authorize Public Health to expand departmental furloughs beyond the individual volunteers. In order to offset the projected deficit and stay in compliance with Executive Order 2020-42.

Roll Call:

Recused: Kenneth Mahoney

Yes: Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Robert Scolnik

No: None Motion carried.

WM20/04 – 36 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the furlough indefinitely of the MATS Paratransit Operator Hourly positions G57503, G57504, G57510, G57511, and G57513, and MATS Bus Operator Hourly positions G13001, G13003, G13004, G13022, G13024, G13025, G13033, G13035, and G13037, with this action to take effect April 25, 2020.

Roll Call:

Yes: John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. Robert Scolnik

No: None Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

WM20/04-37 It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Foster, to stop fixed bus route service with MATS

Roll Call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Zach Lahring, Robert Scolnik

No: Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider Motion failed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tony Barnes addressed the Board regarding hazard pay.

Mr. Michael H. (Indiscernible) addressed the Board regarding providing PPE's to nursing homes.

Ms. Melinda Pego addressed the Board regarding MATS.

## **FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Chairman Hughes thanked Mr. Phillips for checking with each caller individually to make sure they were able to make a public comment.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright recommended that if able that assistance be provided to acquire PPE's for nursing homes.

Commissioner Mahoney congratulated Mr. Phillips on the honors he has received for his work.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.