

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee  
May 2, 2019  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice  
990 Terrace  
Muskegon, MI**

**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, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Ken Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: I. John Snider, II

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2019, as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM19/05 - 48      It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$10,689,928.71, covering the period of April 12, 2019 through April 18, 2019 for checks and March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 for P-Card and EFT payments, as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM19/05 – 49      It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the attached budget amendment associated with the issuance of pension obligation bonds retroactively back to December 20, 2018 the date of the bond closing. Motion carried.

WM19/05 – 50 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the contract extension through September 30, 2019 for Advanced Printing & Graphics for offset printing services and to authorize staff to seek bids/quotes for these services beginning October 1, 2019. Motion carried.

WM19/05 – 51 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize Sale of Property agreement between Muskegon County and Tim Meldrum for a parcel located at 7875 Whitehall Road for \$75,000 with the proceeds from the sale being deposited in the Public Improvement Fund, and for the Board Chair to sign the sale agreement.

**ROLL CALL**

Yes: Wilkins  
No: Foster, Hovey-Wright, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik

Excused: Snider Motion defeated.

WM19/05 – 52 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the extension of the current agreement with Cherry Health for a period of 90 days and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the amended agreement. Motion carried.

WM19/05 – 53 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the transfer of the Carpenter Brothers Property, parcels 61-24-205-319-0001-00 and 61-24-205-342-0009-00 to the City of Muskegon for one dollar, and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the appropriate documents to execute the transfer. Motion carried.

Mr. Leo Evans, City of Muskegon Public Works, was introduced. He noted the City intends to utilize the additional parcels for an additional storm water filtration system.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hovey-Wright inquired about prior discussion regarding televising the Board of Commissioner meetings.

Mr. Eisenbarth, County Administrator, noted a Board Work Session will be scheduled in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Wilkins apprised those present of a recent article in the *County News*, published by the National Association of Counties, regarding \$600 million available for rural broadband from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She asked if the County would be initiating grant requests.

Mr. Matt Farrar, Public Works Director, noted he will discuss with West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission staff to determine their interest.

Commissioner Lahring noted there is no fiber in the Township or Village of Ravenna causing the election to be run utilizing 4G technology. He noted there are slow internet speeds also in Moorland and Egelston areas.

Commissioner Mahoney requested a Tribute to Jason Fitzpatrick who recently earned the high order rank of Eagle Scout.

WM19/05 – 54      It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve a Tribute to Jason Fitzpatrick for his achievement of the Eagle Scout Rank. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Nancy A. Waters addressed the Board and noted all city, township and village clerks would have open hours during the upcoming weekend, Saturday or Sunday for registering new voters and distributing absentee ballots for the Tuesday, May 7 election. She noted this is the first election process where same day voter registration and same day voting will be utilized. She also informed Commissioners that the voter registration for the same day voting must be obtained from the Clerk's office and not at the polling locations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.