

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Ways & Means Committee

May 18, 2021  
4:00 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 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Malinda Pego joined the meeting late (Muskegon)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting as written.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Hughes, to open the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT HELD**

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to close the public hearing on the Community Development Grant.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Derouin addressed the Board regarding the Truth and Taxation motion.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM21/05 - 51      It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,669,212.82 covering the period of April 16, 2021 through May 6, 2021 for checks 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.

WM21/05 - 52      It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the attached Truth In Taxation public hearing schedule and to adopt the attached resolution setting June 15, 2021 as the date for the Truth In Taxation public hearing for the purpose of discussing and receiving testimony regarding the proposed tentative levy of 5.6601 mills for Muskegon County general operating in July 2021, the proposed tentative levy of 0.3198 mills for Lakeshore Museum Center operating in December 2021, the proposed tentative levy of 0.0746 mills for Department of Veterans Affairs operating in December 2021, the proposed tentative levy of 0.2979 mills for Muskegon County Central Dispatch operating in December 2021 and the proposed tentative levy of .4966 mills for PA 39 of 1976 (Activities or Services for Older Persons Act) in December 2021.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

WM21/05 - 53      It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Human Resources Department to select Morgan Stanley as the 457 Retirement Plan Broker for a five (5) year period through May 31, 2026.

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.

WM21/05 - 54 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve creating one (1) new position for an Info Systems Tech II position at pay table/grade NX-00210 (\$22.393 - \$28.188/hr.) and allow IT to post position with Human Resources and amend the budget accordingly.

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Hughes spoke about the IT department and the great job they have done and wanted to thank the entire department.

Commissioner Brown addressed the circuit court administrator regarding the AS400 and asked if they are still using it. She answered yes.

Commissioner Lahring commented regarding the closed captioning on Facebook.

Commissioner Nash is hoping that with the new funds coming to counties that we focus on bringing technology to the rural areas. Commissioner Hovey-Wright agreed.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright questioned about computers and phones at the airport. Administrator Eisenbarth answered the question.

Commissioner Hughes asked about the IT overlap with staff at the airport. Administrator Eisenbarth answered the question.

Commissioner Scolnik commented that many of these things were addressed at the review meeting and commended Commissioner Cyr.

Commissioner Nash asked about the F3 contract. Administrator Eisenbarth indicated that Administration would send a copy out to the commissioners.

Administrator Eisenbarth let the board know that he will be off Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for the wedding of his son.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.