

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ways & Means Committee

June 22, 2021
4:00 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 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL w/LOCATION

Present: Doug Brown (Laketon Township), Marcia Hovey-Wright (Muskegon), Susie Hughes (Muskegon), Zach Lahring (Muskegon), Charles Nash (Muskegon), Malinda Pego (Muskegon), Bob Scolnik (Muskegon), Rillastine Wilkins (Muskegon), Kim Cyr (Muskegon)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brown, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 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

Karen Palmer addressed the board regarding elections the services of the County Clerk.

BUDGET REPORT placed on file by Commissioner Cyr.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM21/06 - 60 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$15,815,297.75 covering the period of May 21, 2021 through June 10, 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.

WM21/06 - 61 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the resolution pledging the county's full faith and credit for the Montague Drainage District bond, series 2021 (General Obligation, Limited Tax) for an amount not to exceed \$1.8 million dollars.

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.

WM21/06 - 62 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the bond ordinance and notice of sale resolution for the Channel Crossing project and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the same.

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.

WM21/60 - 63 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the letter to the Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Muskegon County, expressing the County's approval of abandoning the unpaved northernmost portion of Hilton Park Road in Egelston Township, and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

WM21/06 - 64 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to amend FY2021 DTE Test and Tune Budget (1010-0175) expenditure budget, increasing it by \$250,000 from \$2,688,254 to \$2,938,254 and revenue budget, increasing it by \$262,500 from \$2,887,065 to \$3,149,565 to cover current and anticipated projects through the end of the fiscal year.

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 carried.

WM21/06 - 65 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the County Clerk's Office to purchase a contactless self-check-in kiosk from Jury Systems Incorporated in the amount of \$5,725.34 to be paid from the Juror Show Cause assigned fund balance in the General Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to postpone WM21/06-65 to the next Ways and Means committee meeting.

Roll Call to Postpone:

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

No: Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright

Motion to postpone failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to call the question.

Roll Call to call the question (2/3 vote required):

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

No: Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego

Motion carried.

Roll Call on WM21/06 – 65 original motion:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik

No: Doug Brown, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Kim Cyr

Motion carried.

WM21/06 – 66

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, Supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to authorize the County Clerk to spend up to \$25,000 using a Pre-Qualified Vendor List for professional services to provide the mandated functions required to conduct the August 3rd and November 2nd elections for Muskegon County and to amend the Elections budget (1010-0191) accordingly.

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright to call the question.

Roll Call to call the question (2/3 vote required):

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins,

No: Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr

Motion failed.

Roll Call on WM21/06 – 66 original motion:

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

No: Doug Brown, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Kim Cyr

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WM21/06 – 67

It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Pego, to end the workshare program immediately.

Roll Call:

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

No: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes
Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

WM21/06 – 68 It was moved by Chairman Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Pego, to pass the Resolution to Rescind the Emergency Declaration.

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.

WM21/06 – 69 It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Pego, to continue using Zoom after the emergency order ends.

Roll Call:

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

No: Robert Scolnik, Charles Nash Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Finance Director Beth Dick addressed the Board regarding the total amount of Drain bonds that the County had pledged its full faith and credit on. That total is \$13.4 million inclusive.

Chris Kajala, Karen Palmer, and Tammy Barnard addressed the Board regarding decisions made by the board.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Lahring requested a copy of a settlement agreement.

Commissioner Pego recommended Clerk Waters attend a week-long training.

Commissioner Hughes commented that she has provided a neighborhood library in her area and would love to receive donations.

Chairman Scolnik commented that he has received many complaints about the gypsy moth problems in Muskegon County. Public Works Director Matthew Farrar addressed the board and indicated the County will be reaching out to each municipality regarding spraying next spring.

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins to go into closed session.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION HELD

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to go into open session.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.