

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Ways & Means Committee

July 20, 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 4:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting as written. [Voice Vote] **Motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A citizen addressed the board regarding WM21/07-75.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM21/07 - 74 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$3,313,058.68 covering the period of June 23, 2021 through July 8, 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.**

It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to add a friendly amendment to WM21/07-75. The amendment would read, "to make the approval contingent upon the Water Resources Commissioner signing the agreement."

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

WM21/07 - 75 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Wolf Lake Resolution, authorizing the preliminary lake level study and further authorizing Corporate Counsel and the Water Resources Commissioner to cause a preliminary lake study and take the matter to Muskegon County Circuit Court to formalize the established lake level of Wolf Lake pursuant to MCL 324.30704 contingent upon the Water Resources Commissioner signing the agreement.

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lahring inquired regarding the tolling agreement with Doug Hughes. Administrator Eisenbarth replied that the attorneys are setting up dates the first week in August.

Commissioner Pego addressed the issue of the doors to the Hall of Justice being locked at 5:00 p.m. which violates the Open Meetings Act and does not allow for access into the public meetings. Corporate counsel agreed. Administrator Eisenbarth addressed this issue by suggesting the Sheriff's department be available at the doors until the meetings end or move meeting start times to 3:00 p.m.

WM21/07 – 76 It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Hughes to have all Committee and Board Meetings start at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yes: Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kim Cyr

No: Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Charles Nash

**Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A citizen addressed the board regarding the Wolf Lake water levels.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.