

**Muskegon County
Human Services Committee Meeting
August 6, 2020
3:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

Charles Nash, Chair

Marcia Hovey-Wright, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Nash at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Pastor Tim Cross conveyed to the Board his frustrations regarding the removal of the snow plowing from the Senior Millage.

Amy Florea addressed the Board regarding the Senior Activities Committee and making recommendations to the Board.

Joan Raap encouraged Administration to send the administration of the grants out for bid.

Steve Warmington wonders if the seniors are getting what they need and if the administrators of the funds should be able to apply for grants. He would like to see the motions tabled.

Christopher Cross expressed his frustration over the reduction in snow plowing in the budget.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS20/08 – 16 It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by, Commissioner Wilkins, to extend the senior millage grants administration services contract with Senior Resources of West Michigan through December 31, 2020.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

HS20/08 – 17 It was moved by Hovey-Wright, to approve 3 senior millage funding awards totaling \$337,400 for FY21, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 as recommended by the Senior Activities Committee to Senior Resources of West Michigan for the cost of Medicare Medicaid Assistant Program, In-Home Care and Supports Coordination; and to authorize the designated Senior Millage Grants Administrator, Senior Resources, to proceed with the administration of the programs.

It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster, to table motion #HW20/08 – 17 for 30 days.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

HS20/08 – 18 It was moved by Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve 38 senior millage funding awards totaling \$1,661,357 for FY21, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 as recommended by the Senior Activities Committee; and to authorize the designated Senior Millage Grants Administrator, Senior Resources to proceed with the administration of the programs.

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to table motion #HW20/08 – 18 for 30 days.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

HS20/08 – 19 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Foster, to authorize Public Health to contract with Mercy Health for expanded COVID-19 testing in Muskegon County for the 14 month period of August 2020 through September 2021; and further authorize the County Administrator to serve as the liaison to finalize the details of the agreement.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

HS20/08 – 20 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to authorize Public Health to reconfigure the workspaces for Public Health Nursing, WIC, and Customer Service and add workspace at the building front entrance with an estimated cost not to exceed \$15,604.36, with no change in the general fund appropriation.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Florea would like to help to inform the commissioners regarding the Senior Activities Committee and Senior Resources.

Lisa Tyler would like to work with the county and looks forward to the upcoming work session.

Kristen Collee addressed the Board regarding Age Well Services.

Tony Barnes inquired of the Board why they would task them to do this and then pull the reigns back. He is looking forward to the work session as well.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Hughes complimented Commissioner Nash on running a complicated meeting.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright looks forward to the work session and thinks they have done a good job and their services are top notch.

Chairman Hughes reiterated that County Administration will be holding the work session.

Commissioner Nash commented regarding the need for discussions and enforcement regarding conflicts of interest.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright commented that the Board made a conscious decision to let them do both.

Commissioner Mahoney stated that after Labor Day the cross channel process for the water will begin. “A positive note we’re working on.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.