

# MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Courts & Public Safety Committee

via Zoom and in-person at: Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49442

September 7, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

Malinda Pego, Chair  
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Vice-Chair

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### MINUTES

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pego at 3:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Malinda Pego (Charles Nash arrived after meeting commenced at 3:21 p.m.)

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting as written. [Voice Vote] **Motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS21/09 - 48 It was moved by Commissioner Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the Sheriff's Office to accept for the Fiscal Year 2022 the Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) in the amount of \$76,320.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: Zach Lahring

**Motion carried.**

CPS21/09 - 49 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the purchase of 43 Body Worn Cameras through Watch Guard Video for the Sheriff's Office and to amend the budget accordingly. The project amount is quoted at \$68,732.00.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Malinda Pego

No: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring

**Motion carried.**

CPS21/09 - 50 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Brown, to accept the RFP from Newaygo County Emergency Services to write the update for the Muskegon County Hazard Mitigation Plan and have corporate counsel draft the contract using FEMA grant agreement guidelines.

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

CPS21/09 - 51 It was moved by Commissioner Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept and consent to allow Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, the county's corporate counsel, to sign a Conflict of Interest Waiver to draft a contract between the Muskegon County Emergency Management Department and the Newaygo County Emergency Department regarding the Muskegon County Hazard Mitigation Plan and waive any conflict arising from representation as Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC represents both counties in several unrelated matters and authorize the County Administrator to sign the waiver.

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

CPS21/09 - 52 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement with the West Michigan Hazardous Materials Association effective from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2024.

Roll Call:

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

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

It was moved Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lahring to add a friendly amendment to CPS21/09-53. The amendment would remove the paragraph stating, "THEREFORE, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners instructs it's chair, clerk, and staff to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all county commissioners, or their equivalents, in each of the counties in the United States including the 83 counties in the state of Michigan and all other states, inviting that they consider whether passing a similar resolution might be in the best interest of their own people.

(Voice Vote)

**Motion carried.**

CPS21/09 – 53      It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Cyr, to postpone CPS21/09-53 until the September 14, 2021 Full Board Meeting, to approve the Resolution to promote general welfare in Muskegon County; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Roll Call:

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

No: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Water Resources Commissioner Brenda Moore commented on the staff present at the Committee Meeting.

Sheriff Poulin thanked the board for participating in the Support Services event and commented on the success of the event.

4 citizens thanked the committee for their dialogue regarding the resolution

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.