

**Muskegon County
Human Services Committee Meeting
October 1, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Charles Nash, Chair

Marcia Hovey-Wright, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hovey-Wright at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik

Also

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Mr. James Kelly, MSU Extension Director, spoke in support of motion HS19/-10 – 28. He provided an update on the many services provided by the MSU Extension staff. He also apprised the Board of the availability of on-line resources.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS19/10 - 26 It was moved by Commissioner Snider, supported by Commissioner Foster, to authorize VFW Post 446 to place the proposed VFW Post 446 Monument Bench and Memorial Monument in Veterans Memorial Park on the same concrete pad as the monument opposite of the Purple Heart Monument on the South end of the Park, with the understanding that the County of Muskegon will incur no costs in the design, manufacture, placement, and perpetual care of the Monument. Motion carried.

HS19/10 – 27 It was moved by Commissioner Snider, supported by Commissioner Foster, to authorize Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs staff to apply for the 2020 State of Michigan County Veteran Service Fund Grant. Motion carried.

HS19/10 – 28 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster, to accept the “Agreement for Extension Services” submitted by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension for FY2020 programs and services; and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

HS19/10 – 29 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Snider, to authorize Public Health to accept a \$15,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County to purchase two Spot Vision Screeners with no increase in the general fund appropriation. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Hughes noted she has seen many “Lock it Up” marketing campaign billboards around town and feels they are very well done and was hopeful the campaign would be successful.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kathy Moore, Public Health Director, provided an update to the Board on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). She noted while there are no known cases in Muskegon County, the Public Health Department continues to partner with stakeholders, local schools, the Lakeshore Chamber, etc., to provide education and to remain proactive. If a positive case in an animal or human were to occur in Muskegon County, the community would be informed via press release, email, social media, flyers, and website notices.

Ms. Moore also informed the Board that one response was received for snow removal services relative to the Senior Millage. Staff at Senior Resources and the Senior Activities Committee continue to discuss this needed service.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright reminded folks in the audience to remove hats prior to entering the Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.