

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

October 5, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pego at 3:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator (via Zoom);
Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting as written. (Voice Vote) **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS21/10 - 54 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept through the FY22 Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) Initial Grant Agreement.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

CPS21/10 - 55 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept through the FY21 Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) reimbursement for up to 32.86% of the Muskegon County Emergency Services Director's Salary and fringe benefits.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

CPS21/10 - 56 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department to initiate the proposal process for cognitive behavioral services in the Muskegon County Jail and in the community and allow the Sheriff's Department to enter into a contract with the most qualified vendor.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CPS21/10 – 57 It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Scolnik, to amend the flag policy that only the state flag, national flag, county flag, and POW flag be flown on any county property.

Roll Call:

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

No: Marcia Hovey-Wright

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Michael Poulin addressed the Board regarding equipment storage and asked the Board to honor the 5-year lease agreement with the fair board which was renewed in November 2020.

Commissioner Nash stated that we are moving too fast regarding the sheriff's storage needs and commented on the rent. He suggested having the sheriff pay rent to stay there.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Hughes understands the sheriff's predicament and commented on fixing the roof at the Water Resource Commission and it would be useful for the sheriff.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright thinks we should also reconsider the 30 days and that she believes they are receiving mixed information.

Chairman Scolnik commented regarding the tour at the space at the airport and that Emergency Management has most the space. He also stated the sheriff doesn't own the equipment, the County

owns the equipment. Storage of this equipment needs to be above freezing. It is very expensive equipment and it deserves to be protected.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright commented how if he paid the rent it would go to the airport. It's just moving the money from one pot to the other. It doesn't reduce what the citizens pay.

Commissioner Wilkins we need to sit down and come up with a solution that is amicable to everyone.

Commissioner Lahring stated no one is asking the sheriff to move out of the airport property. He explained there is no charge back. The fair board voted to request that piece of property. Barn #5 has leaked for years. He commented regarding the building at the Water Resource Recovery Center. The sheriff's mounted posse will be allowed to keep their equipment at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Nash stated that the County has offer to pay multiple times at the fairgrounds. He believes the roof should be fixed at the fairgrounds and stay there and do what makes sense.

Commissioner Lahring stated he why does it not make sense to move him into a better building.

Commissioner Rillastine Wilkins would like a Proclamation for the Muskegon Heights High School in celebration of 100 years (the board concurred).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.