

**Muskegon County
Board of Commissioners**
*Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI 49442*

*Benjamin E. Cross, Chairman
Marvin Engle
Gary Foster
Susie Hughes
Kenneth Mahoney*

*Charles Nash, Vice Chair
Robert Scolnik
I. John Snider II
Rillastine R. Wilkins*

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Full Board Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Chairman Benjamin E. Cross, Presiding

The Full Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Cross. The invocation was given by Director Jim Keck, First Priority of Muskegon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wilkins and recited in unison.

Roll Call

Present: Benjamin E. Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes,
Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II,
Rillastine Wilkins

Also Present: Mark E. Eisenbarth, Administrator
Marcia L. Wilkes, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Jeanne Pezet, Administrative Secretary
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel

2018-103 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the agenda.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

2018-104 **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD AND CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS OF MARCH 13, 2018**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the Full Board and Closed Session Meetings of March 13, 2018.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

2018-105 **AWARD HERITAGE LANDING PENINSULA EROSION REPAIRS TO RIVERWORKS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THEIR LOW BID OF \$65,600.00, TO BE COVERED WITH FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT**

CD/SP18/03-05

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to award Heritage Landing peninsula erosion repairs to Riverworks Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$65,600.00, to be covered with funding from the Public Improvement Fund, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-106 **ADOPT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL TO PROVIDE A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF HERITAGE LANDING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 FOR THE MICHIGAN IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

CD/SP18/03-06

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to adopt the License Agreement with the Michigan Irish Music Festival to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing Thursday, September 13 through Sunday, September 16, 2018 for the Michigan Irish Music Festival; and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-107 **ADOPT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL OF MUSKEGON COUNTY FOR USE OF THE UNION DEPOT GROUNDS FOR A BEVERAGE AND ENTERTAINMENT TENT JULY 18-22, 2018, DURING THE REBEL ROAD MOTORCYCLE RALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

CD/SP18/03-07

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to adopt the license agreement with the Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County for use of the Union Depot grounds for a beverage and entertainment tent July 18-22, 2018, during the Rebel Road motorcycle rally and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-108 **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING PHASE FOR A NEW PIONEER PARK BATHHOUSE/RESTROOM AND PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

CD/SP18/03-08

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize staff to prepare Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the Architecture & Engineering phase for a new Pioneer Park Bathhouse/Restroom and Parks Maintenance Building.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-109 **APPROVE UP TO 8 ADDITIONAL PART-TIME, SEASONAL PARK RANGER/DOCK SECURITY POSITIONS FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AT THE TS-105 PAY SCALE AT \$10.50 - \$11.00 PER HOUR**

CD/SP18/03-09

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve up to 8 additional part-time, seasonal Park Ranger/Dock Security positions for the Parks Department at the TS-105 pay scale at \$10.50 - \$11.00 per hour.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: Susie Hughes

Motion Carried

2018-110 **APPROVE RON ADAMS AS CARETAKER AT MOORE COUNTY PARK, PER THE TERMS OUTLINED IN THE CONTRACT AND APPROVE AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR THE MOORE COUNTY PARK CARETAKER POSITION FOR \$1,000**

CD/SP18/03-10

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve Ron Adams as caretaker at Moore County Park, per the terms outlined in the contract and approve an annual stipend for the Moore County Park caretaker position for \$1,000.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-111 **AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A MDNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF MUSKEGON FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AT THE MUSKEGON COUNTY RECREATION AREA, LOCATED ON COUNTY PROPERTY NORTH OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

CD/SP18/03-11

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the Public Works Department to submit a MDNR Recreation Passport Grant application on behalf of the County of Muskegon for mountain biking trail development at the Muskegon County Recreation Area, located on County property north of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-112 **APPROVE THE CHARTER OPERATOR RATES AND FEES AND MODIFY THE AIRPORT RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE**

TR18/03-08

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the Charter Operator Rates and Fees and modify the Airport Rates and Fees Schedule.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-113 **APPROVE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN, CONTRACT NO. 2018-0308 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND MDOT AERONAUTICS, PROVIDING \$2,000 IN FUNDS TO OFFSET AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL TRAINING COSTS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED RESOLUTION**

TR18/03-09

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve, and authorize the Chairman to sign, Contract No. 2018-0308 between the County and MDOT Aeronautics, providing \$2,000 in funds to offset Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting personnel training costs, and further authorize the Clerk to execute the required resolution.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-114 **SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO FUND A REGIONAL MULTI-MODAL COLLABORATION STUDY**

TR18/03-10

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to submit an application for grant funding to the Federal Highway Administration to fund a Regional Multi-Modal Collaboration Study.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-115 **APPROVE THE AWARD OF RFP 18-2287 FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF AD-HOC ENGINE-RELATED DIAGNOSTIC AND REPAIR SERVICES ON DIESEL AND CNG VEHICLES WITH CUMMINS ENGINES TO CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE**

TR18/03-11

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the award of RFP 18-2287 for a Two-Year Period of Ad-Hoc Engine-Related Diagnostic and Repair Services on Diesel and CNG Vehicles with Cummins Engines to Cummins Sales and Service.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-116 **AUTHORIZE MATS TO PURCHASE SIX (6) SMALL BUSES FROM HOEKSTRA TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EXTENDED PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$482,410, WITH GRANT FUNDING TO COVER 100% OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE**

TR18/03-12

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to authorize MATS to purchase six (6) small buses from Hoekstra Transportation through the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program for a price not to exceed \$482,410, with grant funding to cover 100% of the cost of the purchase.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-117 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$13,483,772.36, COVERING THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 16, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2018 FOR CHECKS AND FEBRUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018 FOR EFT PAYMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM18/03-32

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$13,483,772.36, covering the period of February 16, 2018 through March 8, 2018 for checks and February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 for EFT payments, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-118 **EXERCISE A ONE YEAR OPTIONAL RENEWAL OF THE ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

WM18/03-33

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to exercise a one year optional renewal of the Enterprise Fleet Management contract and authorize the Board Chair to sign the renewal agreement.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-119 **AUTHORIZE THE LEASING OF VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE SERVICES AND PARKS AS OUTLINED IN THE FY2018 APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THROUGH THE ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

WM18/03-34

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to authorize the leasing of vehicles for Public Health, Office Services and Parks as outlined in the FY2018 Approved Capital Improvement Plan through the Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-120 **APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL PAYROLL SPECIALIST POSITION (GU-00240 \$16.68-\$24.06/HR) AND DELETION OF THE PAYROLL SPECIALIST POSITION G57701 UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE INCUMBENT IN JUNE 2018**

WM18/03-35

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve the immediate creation of an additional Payroll Specialist position (GU-00240 \$16.68-\$24.06/hr) and deletion of the Payroll Specialist position G57701 upon the retirement of the incumbent in June 2018.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: None

Motion Carried

2018-121 **AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES RFP 18-2290 BE AWARDED TO GOODTEMPS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT, WITH THE OPTION OF TWO (2) SUBSEQUENT ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSIONS**

WM18/03-36

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to authorize the Temporary Staffing Services RFP 18-2290 be awarded to GoodTemps for a one (1) year contract, with the option of two (2) subsequent one (1) year extensions.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine Wilkins, Benjamin E. Cross

No: Susie Hughes

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

2018-122 **REAPPOINT JANET THOMAS TO AN UNDESIGNATED SLOT OF THE HEALTHWEST BOARD WITH A TERM THROUGH 3/31/21**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to reappoint Janet Thomas to an undesignated slot of the HealthWest Board with a term through 3/31/21.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

2018-123 **REAPPOINT SCOTT DRIER TO THE PUBLIC SLOT OF THE LAND BANK AUTHORITY WITH A TERM THROUGH 12/31/2020**

The Chairman recommends, moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to reappoint Scott Drier to the Public Slot of the Land Bank Authority with a term through 12/31/2020.

Commissioner Scolnik asked who is Scott Drier. Chairman Cross noted the recommendation came from the Land Bank committee. Commissioner Mahoney noted Mr. Drier is a Contractor and this is a reappointment. Commissioner Hughes noted Mr. Drier gets a lot of the business from the Land Bank and after the property is sold and it seems to be a conflict of interest.

Voice vote **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Engle reported on the Fair Board, noting the County Fair is already in the CVB schedule for the last week of July.

Commissioner Hughes reported attending an orientation for the Lakeshore Museum. She encouraged everyone to get out to see the Bee Exhibit with kids and grandkids.

Commissioner Wilkins distributed to Commissioners a report from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) regarding opportunity zones.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Eisenbarth invited everyone to attend the upcoming Board Work Session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5th in this Board Room prior to the Ways and Means Committee Meeting. Both meetings are open to the public and the subject of the Work Session is: 800 MHZ Communication Infrastructure.

2018-124 **WAIVE SITE PLAN REVIEW BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE INTER DYNE SYSTEMS EXPANSION PROJECT OF NORTON SHORES, AND TO AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT WAIVER**

The Administrator recommends, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to waive site plan review by the Architectural Review Committee for the Inter Dyne Systems expansion project of Norton Shores, and to authorize Board Chair to execute appropriate documents to implement waiver.

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Administrator Eisenbarth introduced Mike Baauw, Veterans Services Program Coordinator, to report on Veterans' Affair Funding. (See attached PowerPoint) It was noted the current programs are funded through 2019 with the current millage. Commissioner Hughes noted the Public Act 214 would also bring funding up to 1/10th of a mill.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Eling, registered non-partisan voter and Director of West Michigan Veterans Service Center and West Michigan Veterans Inc., the non-profit that has administered the Muskegon County Veterans Affairs for the past 24 years, addressed the Board to present educational information for the importance of the renewal of the Veterans millage that expires December 1, of this year. Mr. Eling requested that the County Board of Commissioners place before the voters, the request for the renewal of the Veterans millage as well as the request for funding of the Specialty Treatment Court millage as presented by District Court Administrator, Patrick Finnegan to be placed on the August 2018 ballot or on the November 2018 ballot. Mr. Eling indicated that the past 24 years have built the trust of the voters for Veteran services. Mr. Eling indicated that Muskegon County has the only certified Specialty Treatment Court in the State of Michigan and it saves lives. (Mr. Eling was notified that his two minutes for Public Comment had expired.)

Commissioner Engle asked Mr. Eling if members of the audience have been informed that Mr. Eling's company is in breach of contract with Muskegon County and that on two occasions in the last year the Veterans Board had asked that this Board terminate his contract. (Chairman Cross gavelled the audience and Board Members back into order and indicated this was not happening here and now.)

Joe Kemp, Muskegon Township Trustee, addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 723 and House Bill 4362 which would require the State to reimburse local units for funds lost in regard to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. Mr. Kemp noted it's a good law but it is detrimental to the local units. Mr. Kemp asked everyone to contact their legislators to get these bills through to reimburse the local units.

The following people also addressed the Board in support of a Veteran's/Specialty Courts millage to go to the voters and in support of Dave Eling: John Carey, Glenn Sheathelm, Gary Britton, Brock Rosema, Daniel Rabidoux (indicated the Veterans Court saved his life), Chuck Stark, John Casazza.

Nancy Beeman also addressed the Board as the creator of the Muskegon County's Modern Day Warrior Memorial, which the Board approved to be placed at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Muskegon County. Ms. Beeman noted her committee raised all the money within a month and a half but the place setting has not yet been approved by the Veteran's Advisory Council. The Veteran's Advisory Council made this very political and personal. This was not political, it was heartfelt and a gift to the County.

Jennifer Hernandez, new Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Hernandez fills the vacancy of Dave Kieft, Jr. who accepted the position of Manistee County Administrator.

Marvin Engle addressed the Board indicating that there was a lot of misinformation being put out to this group. Mr. Engle noted he never heard anyone on the Board indicating they would stop doing things for the veterans – that is not true.

2018-125 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HUGHES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NASH, TO ADJOURN**

Voice vote.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Marcia L. Wilkes, Chief Deputy County Clerk

MLW/jmp

To be approved at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.



Department of Veterans Affairs



Future Funding Options
(short summary recap from
1-23-18 presentation)



Department of Veterans Affairs

According the VA's Summary of Expenditures (GDX) for FY2016:

- 13,009 Veterans in Muskegon County
- \$71,677,000 total spent by VA in Muskegon County
- \$45,725,000 in Compensation and Pension Benefits spent by VA in Muskegon County

According the VA's Summary of Expenditures (GDX) for FY2015:

- 13,266 Veterans in Muskegon County
- \$71,137,000 total spent by VA in Muskegon County
- \$41,743,000 in Compensation and Pension Benefits spent by VA in Muskegon County





Department of Veterans Affairs

Muskegon County Veterans in our offices in FY 2017:

- More than 3,400 Veterans
- Nearly 130 Veterans used the Food Bank
- Nearly 200 Peace-time era Veterans received general assistance (food bank, gas cards, utility, rent, bills)
- Nearly 120 Veterans received Food Vouchers
- 174 Veterans received Soldiers/Sailors Relief
- Nearly 2,000 Veterans utilized our Service Officers
- Nearly 150 Veterans utilized the Volunteers of America for Housing Assistance
- Nearly 200 Veterans utilized the Volunteers of America for Jobs Assistance
- Women Injured in Combat (WINC) just added to our services in November, 2017 – no statistics yet.
- 104 Veterans received Burial Assistance
- 9 Veterans Families received Burial Markers





Department of Veterans Affairs

How our Department is funded today:

- General Assistance and Food Bank for all Veterans to include Peace-time era Veterans is funded by donations received by WMVI
- Service Officers are provided at NO COST by DAV and VFW (\$140,000 value)
- Housing and Jobs assistance are provided at NO COST by Volunteers of America (\$140,000 value)
- Military Sexual Trauma Support provided at NO COST by WINC (\$70,000 value)
- General Funds and DTE EEA program funds cover the costs of the Veterans Services and Programs Coordinator
- Administrative costs, to include WMVI staff (3 employees), building rent, janitorial, equipment maintenance, Insurance, Veterans Memorial Park maintenance, Burial Assistance, Burial Markers, and Soldiers/Sailors Relief are funded by a 1/13th mill. (this required Voter Approval to expand the use of funds collected under PA 214)





Department of Veterans Affairs

How we will need to be funded after the County resumes the management of the Department (currently managed by WMVI)



- Service Officers will be provided at NO COST by DAV and VFW (\$140,000 value)
- Housing and Jobs assistance will be provided at NO COST by Volunteers of America (\$140,000 value)
- Military Sexual Trauma Support will be provided at NO COST by WINC (\$70,000 value)
- Pursue VA Work-study and other Volunteer initiatives
- Administrative costs, to include 2 full time employees with fringes / benefits and 1 hourly employee without fringes / benefits, building rent, janitorial, equipment maintenance, Insurance, Veterans Memorial Park maintenance, Burial Assistance, Burial Markers, and Soldiers/Sailors Relief, General Assistance to include Food Vouchers for All Veterans including Peace-time era Veterans will need to be funded by a 1/10th mill
- Supported by Veterans Advisory Committee



Department of Veterans Affairs



- Public Act 214 of 1899 states that the County SHALL levy up to 1/10th of a mill to support Soldiers/Sailors relief
- Public Act 214 of 1899 also states that that the balance of what was levied may be transmitted to the General Fund (or in Muskegon’s case, the Veterans Fund)
- Corporate Counsel has provided opinion on funding the Department of Veterans Affairs. You received a copy on 1/23/18
- The majority (90+%) of the Counties in Michigan operate under the General Fund and levy the 1/10th of a mill under PA 214



Department of Veterans Affairs

Summary

- Moving forward, in order to provide all of the identical services as are currently being provided, including the General Assistance / Food Bank we will need to increase our budget from 1/13th mill to 1/10th mill
- We can go before the voters and request a millage renewal with increase, which may or may not pass. If the millage passes, the Department can operate fully funded by the millage
- The Board of Commissioners can follow PA 214 and levy 1/10th mill without voter approval to continue the operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. If this is enacted, the Department will operate under the General Fund and the levied funds not used for Soldiers/Sailors Relief will be transferred to the Veterans Fund at the end of each fiscal year





Department of Veterans Affairs

Summary

- How long is the Department currently funded for? Through FY2019
- Will either future funding option continue services? YES
- Will either future funding option result in less services? NO





Department of Veterans Affairs



QUESTIONS?