

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AGENDA

FULL BOARD

Hall of Justice

990 Terrace, Muskegon, MI

December 9, 2010 - 3:30 PM

Kenneth Mahoney, Chair
Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2010 (Previously Forwarded)
7. Presentations
 - A) United Way - Muskegon County Campaign
 - B) Road Commission - 2010/2011 Budget
8. Public Comment (on an agenda item)
9. Communications
10. Committee Reports
 - A. Courts & Public Safety (To Be Distributed)
 - B. Human Resources Committee (To Be Distributed)
 - C. Public Works Board (To Be Distributed)
 - D. Ways & Means Committee (Page 3)

Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Comment or at any time by suspension of the rules. All persons must address the commission and state their name for the record. Comments shall be limited to **two (2) minutes** for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public comment period by a vote of a majority of the commission.

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11. Chairman's Report/Committee Liaison Reports
 - Department of Human Services Board Appointment
12. Administrator's Report
 - Authorize Staff to Utilize Up To \$20,000 from the Strengthening Communities Grant to Engage the Services of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Public Comment (on a new topic)
16. Adjournment

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The Ways and Means Committee met on December 2, 2010, it was recommended, and I move:

- WM10/12 - 203 To approve payment of the accounts payable of \$3,835,431.30 covering the period of November 10, 2010 through November 24, 2010 as presented by the County Clerk.
- WM10/12 - 205 To authorize the Register of Deeds and County Clerk execute a Software Upgrade and Migration Agreement with Tyler Technologies to upgrade and migrate to Eagle Recorder, Eagle Clerk and Content Manager technology software and to purchase supportive hardware and peripherals to upgrade the records indexing and imaging system in an amount not to exceed \$479,512.
- WM10/12 - 207 To authorize the purchase of a distributed video/audio display system from ElectroMedia, Inc., at a cost of \$15,790.00. The cost of the upgrade will be funded from the Equipment Revolving Fund and charged to the Board of Commissioners' budget over a five-year period.
- WM10/12 - 208 To approve the contract settlement with the CMH Aide Unit and authorize the County Board Chair and County Clerk to sign the labor agreement subsequent to signatures being obtained from union representatives.
- WM10/12 - 209 To approve Contract Change Order #2R for the Hall of Justice 1st and 2nd floor remodeling project (RFB-10-1739) in the amount of an increase to the contract cost of \$11,476.36 bringing the total project cost to \$1,982,173.36 with costs being paid from the Hall of Justice remodeling fund, 4130-4131.
- WM10/12 - 210 To approve Contract Change Order #5 for the Hall of Justice 1 & 2 remodeling project in the amount of an additional \$15,155.00 bringing the total project cost to \$2,011,259.22 which is 2.4% above the original bid amount of \$1,964,000.

Removed From Agenda Prior to Vote:

- WM10/12 - 204 To accept the 60-month lease proposal from Michigan Office Solutions for the leasing of not to exceed 67 photocopier machines and authorize the Board chair to execute the lease agreement contingent upon Corporate Counsel approval of the agreement.
- WM10/12 - 206 To authorize Joseph W. Siedenstrang, Accounting Manager, to purchase nine (9) months of MERS generic service credit at a cost of \$16,709.00 as provided by the MERS Plan Document and in keeping with the County policy regarding purchase of generic service credit with 100 percent of the total actuarial cost being paid by the employee.

REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Administration		COMMITTEE DATE December 9, 2010		REQUESTOR SIGNATURE Bonnie Hammersley						
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)										
<p>Approval is requested to authorize staff to utilize up to \$20,000 from the Strengthening Communities Grant to engage the services of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise to provide technical assistance to community agencies, governmental units, faith based organizations and schools to create Violence Free Zones as a way to combat the violence that has interrupted community life in Muskegon County. Mr. Robert Woodson, Sr., the Executive Director of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, is nationally recognized for creating evidence-based programs to stop the violence in such cities as Dallas, Baltimore, Washington D.C and Milwaukee. The Strengthening Communities Grant is providing technical assistance to organizations and governmental units in the community to address our County's most pressing needs. The County Board of Commissioners approved a panel of technical assistance providers in May 2010. Mr. Woodson has been recommended by one of the approved technical assistance providers and is willing to come to Muskegon to work with the community to help stop the violence in our neighborhoods. Mr. Woodson will be able to come as early as January 12, 2011 to begin the initial meetings with interested parties and begin the technical assistance work shortly thereafter.</p>										
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)										
<p>I move to authorize staff to utilize up to \$20,000 from the Strengthening Communities Grant to engage the services of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise to work with faith based and community organizations, governmental units and schools to create Violence Free Zones in Muskegon County.</p>										
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)										
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:</u>								
<u>CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:</u>								
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Biography of Robert L. Woodson, Sr.



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For more than four decades, Robert L. Woodson, Sr., has promoted the principles of self-help and neighborhood empowerment and the importance of the institutions of civil society. Through his writings, speeches, and counsel, he has influenced thought leaders at the highest level, while providing inspiration and capacity-building assistance to neighborhood leaders in some of the most distressed communities.

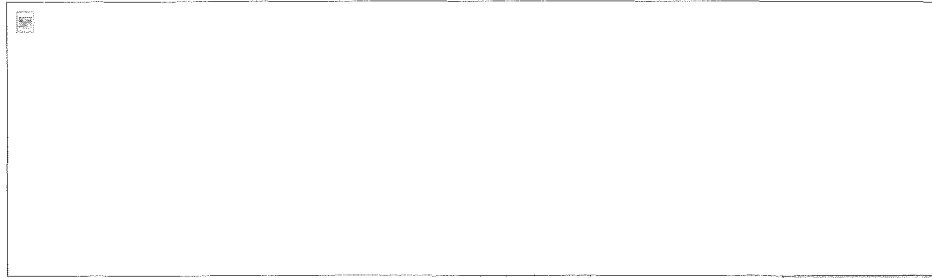
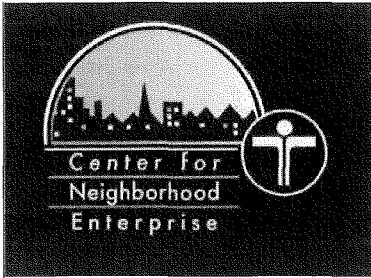
A former civil rights activist, he has dedicated his life to helping low-income people of all races address the problems of their communities, and he has effectively opposed those who use the issue of race as a weapon or a shield. In 1981 he founded the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, which has provided training and capacity-strengthening technical assistance to more than 2600 leaders of community-based groups in 39 states.

The youth violence reduction program he created called the Violence-Free Zone is effectively reducing violence in 32 of the nation's most troubled schools, with sites in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Milwaukee, and Richmond, VA.

He has profoundly influenced the way people think about the strengths of low-income people. But more than just philosophy, he has promoted measurable results and living examples that provide proof of his principles in reclaimed lives and restored communities.

Bob Woodson has been a winner of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur "genius" Award, the Bradley Prize, the Presidential Citizens Award, and many other honors and awards.

He is the author of *Youth Crime and Urban Policy, A View From the Inner City* (1981), *On the Road to Economic Freedom: An Agenda for Black Progress*, (1987), *A Summons to Life, Mediating Structures and the Prevention of Youth Crime*, (1988), and *The Triumphs of Joseph: How Today's Community Healers are Reviving Our Streets and Neighborhoods* (1998 and paperback 2008).



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and Running Rebels
Community Organization

Richmond, VA
Richmond Outreach Center



Violence-Free Zone Initiative

A Proven Model for Stopping Violence in the Schools & Creating Peace in the Community

The Violence-Free Zone is the national model of a youth violence reduction and high-risk youth mentoring program created by the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. Designed to operate in the most trouble-plagued schools in urban centers with high crime and violence, the VFZ has produced measurable decreases in violent and non-violent incidents and suspensions in more than 30 public middle and high schools across the country. The principles developed in the Violence-Free Zone model also have proved applicable to suburban and rural communities.

A study of six Milwaukee high schools by evaluators from Baylor University reported that the VFZ had measurable impacts in improved safety, reduction in suspensions and truancies, and increased academic performance. Educators and law enforcement officers from sites around the country have praised the VFZ for changing the culture of previously violent schools and reducing crime in surrounding neighborhoods (see [What They Said](#)).



Dallas VFZ leadership with high school principal



Baltimore Youth Advisor with students.

HOW IT WORKS

The goal of the Violence-Free Zone initiative is to reduce violence and disruptions in the schools and prepare students for learning. The Center selects established youth-serving organizations to be its community partners and implement the VFZ program in the schools. These organizations have the goal of stopping violence in their neighborhoods and have demonstrated that they have the trust and confidence of young people. CNE provides overall management and direction to the VFZ sites, including training in the Violence-Free Zone national model, technical assistance, administrative and financial oversight, and linkages to sources of support.

Central to the school VFZ program are the Youth Advisors--mature young adults who are from the same neighborhoods as students in the schools they serve. The Youth Advisors command trust and respect because they have faced and overcome the same challenges as the students. Carefully screened, hired, and managed by the local community-partner organization, the Youth Advisors work in the schools as hall monitors, mediators, character coaches, and role models. They also mentor the high-risk students that often are responsible for disruptions or who are facing the greatest challenges.

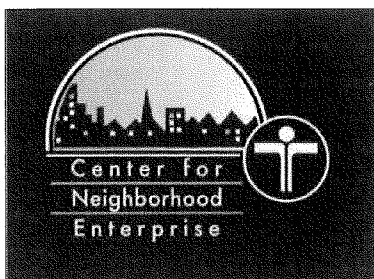
The Center has created an extensive data collection protocol and receives data from the site organizations, the schools, and police to provide a comparison of results before and after the program is initiated, and to track the progress of individual students.

ORIGINS OF THE VFZ STARTING A VFZ VFZ MANUAL

RESULTS & EVALUATIONS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Training and Technical Assistance



Leaders of the hardworking Washington, DC-area community groups that receive training and technical assistance from the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

CNE provides training, technical assistance, and linkages to sources of support to community and faith-based programs throughout the nation, and has a strong emphasis on their critical need for good financial management. With the creation of its Neighborhood Leadership Development Institute in 1990, CNE developed a comprehensive curriculum for the unique needs of these groups, addressing personal, organizational, and community development. CNE has trained to leaders of more than 2,600 grassroots organizations in 39 states since 1981 and leveraged resources for these grassroots organizations at a rate of more than 10 times what it has expended.

The Center has been a Compassion Capital Fund intermediary organization since 2003. With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF), CNE has served almost 40 faith and community based organizations in Washington, DC with technical assistance and subgrant awards. The goal of the CCF is to expand the role that faith-based and community groups play in providing social services to those in need, particularly those with the greatest needs such as at-risk youth, the homeless, elders-in-need, families and individuals in transition from welfare to work, substance abusers, ex-offenders, or promotion of healthy marriages.

CNE's core Technical Assistance focus areas are Board Development, Financial Management, Human Resources, Information Technology, Organizational Development, Program Development, and Resource Development. The Center also links the organizations together as members of CNE's Hands Across Network through which they share information and resources, discuss best practices, and participate in training workshops.

WHAT THEY SAID--LETTERS ABOUT CNE'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Southeast Ministry Executive Director Valarie Ashley (left) with CNE Technical Assistance Manager Geanie Kase.