

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
July 16, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Montague City Hall
8778 Ferry Street
Montague, MI**



Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, Ken Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Roger Wade

Excused: James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2009, meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda item CD/SP09/07 - 21 was removed from the agenda prior to consideration.

To approve the Resolution accepting the Michigan DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund grant offer number TF08-029 in the amount of \$428,300 for the acquisition of approximately 95 acres of land adjacent to Meinert County Park and authorize the Board Chair to execute the grant agreement with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP09/07 - 20 It was moved by Nash, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Fair Board to be the custodians of the Muskegon County Fairgrounds and to negotiate agreements, with County Board final approval of said agreements, to utilize the horse barns that are vacant.

Commissioner Snider noted his concern with the Fair Board lease in that there is no County Board representation on the Fair Board. He also requested the Fair Board provide their annual audit findings to the County Board for review.

Commissioner Nash noted his same concerns and discussed the need for County oversight on the County Fair Board. He requested further review of the lease between the County of Muskegon and the Muskegon Fair Board.

Commissioner Buzzell discussed the possibility of a liaison from the County Board to the Muskegon Fair Board.

Motion Carried.

CD/SP09/07 - 22 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to authorize staff to bid the sale of the lodge building at Blue Lake Park to be sold to the highest bidder and removed from the site at the bidders expense with proceeds from the sale going to Parks fund 2080-0691.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Buzzell discussed an e-mail he received from a constituent regarding the City of Lansing filing suit against AriaLink for not living up to their contract agreement. He suggested Ms. Bonnie Hammersley, County Administrator, and Mr. Ted Williams, Corporate Counsel, review the lawsuit and report back to the Board and the sender of the e-mail.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

City of Montague Mayor Henry Roesler, Jr., welcomed the Commissioners and directed them to various points of interest in the community.

Mr. Norm Ullman invited Commissioners to take in the local sights and to participate in upcoming events throughout the community like the Wooden Boat Show on July 18th, the Celebrate White Lake festivities and the Friday night Cruise Night.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.