

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 1, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**



Bill Gill, Chair

I. John Snider, II, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Lewis Collins, Kenneth Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: All Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009, meeting as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS09/09 - 58 It was moved by Wade, supported by Buzzell, to authorize the Circuit Court, through its Chief Judge, the Honorable John C. Ruck, to enter into contracts with five attorneys to be designated as public defenders and eight attorneys to be designated as contract attorneys as follows, effective October 1, 2009:

Public Defenders: Al E. Swanson, Jr. - \$130,000; Fred J. Lesica - \$130,000; Joseph Fisher - \$45,000; Fredric F. Balgooyen - \$47,258;

Contract Attorneys: Gary Veurink - \$45,000; Edna Kass - \$45,000; Chad Catalino - \$45,000; Michael Walsh - \$45,000; David Kortering - \$45,000; David Williams - \$45,000; Thoa Du - \$45,000; Karen Groenhut - \$45,000. Motion Carried.

- CPS09/09 - 59 It was moved by Nash, supported by Wade, to authorize the Board Chair and Circuit Court Administrator to enter into an agreement with Muskegon Public Schools to provide contractual Family Division Liaison services to the school system in the amount of \$67,427.52 and fund 2152-1430 in the FY10 budget accordingly.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 60 It was moved by Nash, supported by Engle, to approve the Agreement for Court Officer Services for use by the Circuit Court in appointing applicants to the list of Court Officers as provided in MCR 3.106.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 61 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to approve the FY2010 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget and authorize the Board Chair to sign the document for submission to the State of Michigan.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 62 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to approve the Board Chair to sign an employment agreement with Alan Myrmel in the amount of \$61,200 to provide the services of the Family Division Liaison.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 63 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to authorize the District Court, through its Chief Judge, Honorable Andrew Wierengo to enter into a one year contract with the five attorneys as designated as public defenders effective October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010: Belinda Barbier - \$45,000; Brian Hosticka - \$45,000; James Marek - \$45,000; Manda Mitteer - \$45,000; Joseph Fisher - \$20,000.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 64 It was moved by Nash, supported by Engle, to approve waiving the hiring freeze to allow the Prosecutor to fill Legal Secretary position #G49003 effective immediately.
Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 65 It was moved by Collins, supported by Wade, to authorize the Prosecutor to accept the Victims of Crime Act Grant from the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health in the amount of \$67,164 with the local match requirement provided by volunteer hours, to adjust the County budget to reflect the grant award and to affix the signature of the Chairman of the Board to two copies of the Agreement.
Motion Carried.

- CPS09/09 - 66 It was moved by Nash, supported by Buzzell, to authorize the Prosecutor to accept the FY2010 Crime Victims Rights Funding Agreement in the amount of \$160,577 from the Crime Victim Services Commission and to affix the signature of the Chairman of the Board to two copies of the Agreement. Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 67 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Wade, to approve the Prosecutor's three-year Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, CS/PA-10-61002 and to affix the signature of the Chairman of the Board to two copies of the Agreement. Motion Carried.
- CPS09/09 - 68 It was moved by Nash, supported by Collins, to grant permission to the Sheriff's Office to submit the annual application to the Office of Highway Safety Planning for Secondary Road Patrol for 2009/2010 in the amount of \$219,776.00, State's allocation of \$179,670.00 and General Fund match of \$40,106.00. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- CPS09/09 - 69 It was moved by Bill, supported by Derezinski, to support a Resolution in recognition of James Jackson, D.O., for his 50 years of service to the Muskegon community. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Derezinski reminded those present of the County sponsored blood drive being held on September 8th from 10:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Derezinski noted he was given a tour of the Family Court by Ms. Pat Steele, Circuit Court Administrator, and Mr. Paul Wishka, Deputy Family Division Administrator, and was quite impressed with the operations of this division. He encouraged other Commissioners to also take a tour of this department.

Commissioner Nash encouraged Commissioners to contact legislators in opposition to any budgetary cuts to Muskegon County. He noted the Michigan Association of Counties Appropriations Committee also would be working with local legislators in opposition to budgetary cuts for the state.

Commissioner Snider requested an annual report from the Prosecutor regarding the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement as has been done in the past.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:21p.m.