

**Muskegon County  
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting  
January 12, 2010  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

**Bill Gill, Chair**

**I. John Snider, II, Vice-Chair**

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gill at 3:30 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

**PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Snider presented a Tribute to the Reeths-Puffer High School Marching Band for their first place honors in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wade, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS10/01 - 01      It was moved by Snider, supported by Collins, to create a Sobriety Court Grant line-item for Byrne Memorial Federal Grant for a 2-year period, commencing on October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011 to be split equally between the two fiscal years as follows:  
Fund 1170 - Sobriety Court    Org. 1364    US Dept of Justice BJA Grant; Personnel - \$158,748; Fringe Benefits - \$56,432; Travel - \$3,588; Consultants/Contract - \$281,920; Total - \$500,688 with no match requirements. Motion Carried.

- CPS10/01 - 02      It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to enter into a contract with a private contractor to provide surveillance services on a part-time basis to the Sobriety Court as a part of the expansion of the Sobriety Court in an amount not to exceed \$49,920 for the two year period of the grant (\$24,960 per year).  
Motion Carried.
- CPS10/01 - 03      It was moved by Collins, supported by Snider, to accept the grant award for funding under the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program administered through the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO/MDCGP) for the grant period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$26,400 to support the treatment and services of the 60<sup>th</sup> District Court Sobriety Court Program and to authorize County Board Chair and Judges Closz and Wierengo to sign the contract between West Michigan Therapy and Muskegon County 60<sup>th</sup> District Court and to adjust the Sobriety Court budget (1170-1361) accordingly.      Motion Carried.
- CPS10/01 - 04      It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to accept the grant award for funding under the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) administered through the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the grant period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$65,000 to support the position of the Case Manager and treatment for program participants in the 60<sup>th</sup> District Court Sobriety Court Program and to authorize the County Board Chair and Judges Closz and Wierengo to sign the contract between West Michigan Therapy and 60<sup>th</sup> District Court and to adjust the Sobriety Court budget (1170-1363) accordingly.      Motion Carried.
- CPS10/01 - 05      It was moved by Snider, supported by Collins, to allow District Court Administration to sign the Project Agreement with Western Michigan University for a period from October 16, 2009 through July 15, 2011 at costs of \$50,000, to be paid in three payments. WMU will provide in-depth data analysis of the Sobriety Court Program and will monitor program performance, participate feedback and cost effectiveness of the program. WMU will also complete the quarterly reviews for the National Institute of Justice Evaluation in accordance with the Government Performance and

Reporting (GPRA) and bi-annual Program Performance Report.  
This is funded in whole by the grant with no matching funds.  
Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 06 It was moved by Collins, supported by Snider, to award RFP 10-1687 bid for District Court Sobriety Court drug screening, treatment and ancillary services to West Michigan Therapy for the term of January 12, 2010 through September 30, 2011 at a cost of \$182,000 paid from Sobriety Court BJA Grant Budget 1170-1364 and allow County Board Chair and Judges Cloz and Wierengo to sign the contract. Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 07 It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to approve a new position of Case Manager (salary table NX00100 \$33,399-\$42,326) for Sobriety Court (fund 1170) at Step 1 as a part of the expansion of the Sobriety Court funded by the United States Department of Justice, through the FY09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant for Problem Solving Courts (2009-SC-B9-0047) grant and with Civil Filing Fees for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. In accordance with the Board approved Grants Policy, continuation of the position will be contingent upon grant or other non General Fund funding at the conclusion of the Sobriety Court grant (2009-SC-B9-0047). Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 08 It was moved by Collins, supported by Snider, to approve a new position of Probation Officer (salary table NO00260 \$39,193-\$49,635) for Sobriety Court (fund 1170) at Step 1 as a part of the expansion of the Sobriety Court funded by the United States Department of Justice, through the FY09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant for Problem Solving Courts (2009-SC-B9-0047) grant and Civil Filing Fees for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. In accordance with the Board approved Grants Policy, continuation of the position will be contingent upon grant or other non General Fund funding at the conclusion of the Sobriety Court grant (2009-SC-B9-0047). Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 09 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Snider, to authorize the County of Muskegon to apply for radios and other technology for use in the fields by the Road Patrol from the State of Michigan

FY2010 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,000 with the cash match of \$1,500 coming from the Forfeiture Fund of the Sheriff's Department. Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 10 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to begin the County's bid process to provide local and long distance telephone service for inmates at the Muskegon County Jail. Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 11 It was moved by Collins, supported by Snider, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to begin the County's bid process to provide a replacement jail video system. Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 12 It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to change the funding for Sheriff Deputy #SO5030 from Wastewater fund 5920-5060 100% to Wastewater 5920-5060 50% and Sheriff Operations 1010-0301 50% effective 1/3/10. Motion Carried.

CPS10/01 - 13 It was moved by Collins, supported by Snider, to waive the hiring freeze and allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the vacant Sheriff Deputy position #S05002 at step 1. Motion Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Snider requested an update on the Sobriety Court. Judge Wierengo provided information regarding the recent grant received for the Sobriety Court in the amount of \$500,000 for two years. Mr. Ron Malone, Chief District Court Probation Officer, provided information on the program and their successful independent evaluation audit.

Commissioners requested further program information and evaluation results. Mr. Malone will provide same.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Dennis McKee, Consumers Energy representative, spoke of the recent article in the *Muskegon Chronicle*, and noted the article lead to speculation of the Muskegon plant closing. He assured those in attendance that nothing has been decided about the Muskegon plant and that plans currently include the continued operation of the Muskegon plant. Commissioner Gill requested Mr. McKee provide his contact for a possible future Board Planning session topic/discussion.

Ms. Patsy Petty presented information to the Commissioners and those in attendance regarding Black History month and the upcoming scheduled Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum February event and Veterans Recognition Night being held February 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. She encouraged all to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.