

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
January 8, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**



Lewis Collins, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Collins at 3:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Ken Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Roger Wade

Excused: John Snider

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wade, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008, meeting as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM09/01 - 01 It was moved by Wade, supported by Engle, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$6,064,944.09 covering the period of December 10, 2008 through December 30, 2008, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Mahoney, McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Wade

Nays: Gill

MOTION CARRIED.

WM09/01 - 02 It was moved by Wade, supported by Engle, to purchase signs, material and artwork from United Sign Company for signs at the Business Park - North at a cost of \$1,130.55 to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney,
McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Wade

MOTION CARRIED.

WM09/01 - 03

It was moved by Engle, supported by Buzzell, to approve the total amount of Phase I from Environmental Resources Management of \$62,000.00 for the Environmental Due Diligence of Block 213, Apple Avenue, City of Muskegon, with \$8,500.00 previously approved leaving a balance of \$53,500.00 and authorize the balance to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney,
McMurray, Scolnik, Wade

Abstain:Nash

MOTION CARRIED.

WM09/01 - 04

It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the payment of property taxes in the amount of \$2,479.86 from the Public Improvement Fund for the tax year 2008 for the property located at 793 W. Western and 1390 Henry Street.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney,
McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Wade

MOTION CARRIED.

WM09/01 - 05

It was moved by Buzzell, supported by Scolnik, to waive the hiring freeze and allow the Drain Commissioner to fill the vacant Deputy Drain Commissioner, position #X27001.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Gill, Mahoney,
McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Wade

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Engle discussed the need for staff to investigate all County Departments for savings options to include the County Airport and the feasibility of the maintenance of the airport being handled by a private firm.

Chairman Mahoney will add to next Board Planning session agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

WM09/01 - 06 It was moved by Scolnik, supported by Wade, to direct staff to investigate the feasibility of laptop computers being purchased by the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners for those Commissioners to assist with documentation review and information sharing/management. *MOTION CARRIED.*

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jim Riley approached the Board and complimented them on the Board/County website and discussed the need for Committee meeting agendas and minutes to be included in the information being provided. Mr. Elwell noted Information System staff are currently working on that very issue and that should be resolved within a day or two.

Mr. Riley also inquired about the Airport Citizens Advisory Committee. Commissioner Gill noted that was still being reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.