

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
March 5, 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 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Charles Buzzell, Bill Gill (arrived at 3:48 p.m.), Kenneth Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wade, to approve the minutes February 17, 2009, as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM09/03 - 25 It was moved by Engle, supported by Derezinski, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$3,934,474.92 covering the period of February 11, 2009 through February 24, 2009, as presented by the County Clerk. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/03 - 26 It was moved by Engle, supported by Snider, to enter into a one-year contract with Official Payments Corporation to provide over-the-counter credit card processing services in our Parks, Solid Waste, Public Works and Treasurer's departments and authorize the Board Chair to sign contract. Furthermore, authorize the charging of a 2.85% convenience fee for tax credit card payments. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/03 - 27 It was moved by Scolnik, supported by Derezinski, to approve the payment from the Public Improvement Fund of \$6,200.00 to reimburse Mr. James Branscum and/or Chrysalis Senior Care Properties, LLC, whichever one reimbursed Tellatin, Short, Hansen & Clark, Inc., for an appraisal of the Brookhaven properties at 1890 Apple Avenue for the benefit of Muskegon County. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/03 - 28 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to approve the County Clerk's purchase of a notebook computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 using funds already available in the County Clerk's budget. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/03 - 29 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Snider, to approve the Equalization Department's request to remove the two year time limit for the two part time Appraisal Technician positions (G09205 and G09206) and make them permanent part time positions. *MOTION CARRIED.*

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Engle requested an update on the performance standards and quantitative value comparisons with other counties staff were directed to acquire. Ms. Dick, Budget Manager, noted she received six responses out of 12 she requested. She continues to compile data and will provide a written report when complete.

Commissioner Snider inquired as to the next scheduled budget update. Ms. Dick noted nothing was scheduled to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik questioned the wastewater system as a whole with the closing of Sappi for six months. Mr. John Warner, Public Works Deputy Director, noted this temporary closure would not endanger the system.

Commissioner Nash commended the Equalization Department for their community involvement and education regarding the equalization/assessment reviews.

Commissioner Nash discussed information he received from a receive SMART meeting. He will provide copies and additional information to Commissioners as appropriate.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.