

**Muskegon County  
Ways & Means Committee Meeting  
May 19, 2009  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**



**Lewis Collins, Chair**

**Charles Nash, Vice-Chair**

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Collins at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: James Derezinski

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Nash, supported by Engle, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009, as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

Commissioner Nash did, however, note the Rules were suspended to allow for Mr. Riley to address the Board under motion #WM09/05 - 54.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

WM09/05 - 57 It was moved by Snider, supported by Wade, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$21,240,748.53 covering the period of May 2, 2009 through May 12, 2009, as presented by the County Clerk. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 58 It was moved by Engle, supported by Wade, to approve the increase in architectural fee by \$4,365.00 from \$215,000.00 to 219,365.00 for the renovation project of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Hall of Justice. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 59 It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to adopt the resolution setting June 9, 2009, as the date for the Truth in Taxation public hearing for the purpose of discussing and receiving testimony regarding the proposed tentative levy of 5.6984 mills for Muskegon County general operating in July 2009, the proposed

tentative levy of 0.3221 mills for Lakeshore Museum Center operating in December 2009, the proposed tentative levy of 0.0752 mill for Department of Veterans Affairs operating in December 2009, the proposed tentative levy of 0.3000 mills for Muskegon County Central Dispatch operating in December 2009 and the proposed tentative levy of 0.3000 mills for Quality of Life Bond repayment in December 2009. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 60 It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2010 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program application in the amount of \$2,039,400. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 61 It was moved by Snider, supported by Wade, to write off Wastewater bad debt in the Wastewater fund (5920) of \$835 for Stateside Delivery, Inc. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 62 It was moved by Buzzell, supported by Mahoney, to waive the hiring freeze and allow the Drain Commission to fill the open position for Drain Inspector, Position #N28001. *MOTION CARRIED.*

WM09/05 - 63 It was moved by Nash, supported by Snider, to approve the Juvenile Detention Center's request to waive the hiring freeze and fill the vacant Shift Supervisor position, #N46503. *MOTION CARRIED.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Scolnik noted the float is filled for the three parades for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. He also noted he continues to receive donations daily.

Commissioner Scolnik noted he attended a concert at Brookhaven from the Air Force Flight Band. The concert was well attended and appeared to be a wonderful experience for the residents and those in attendance. Commissioner Scolnik had discussions with Mr. Gary Davis, Brookhaven Administrator, and was informed they are expecting to receive an approximate 4 percent cut to Medicaid in the Governor's recent Executive Order to their budget. He noted the estimated impact on Brookhaven would be \$30,000 to \$35,00 in monthly revenue.

Commissioner Gill asked Commissioner Scolnik about employment at Brookhaven. Commissioner Scolnik apprised those present that positions at Brookhaven are now being filled more timely with the new HR Director, thus allowing them to utilize temporary agencies less. Commissioner Gill asked him to look at the hiring practices concerning the "look of America".

Commissioner Engle questioned if anyone had heard updated news regarding the worsening predictions of the State budget and the cuts to County budgets. Commissioner Mahoney noted he heard new estimates were in and were not good but that the County revenue sharing is still okay.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.