

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
June 4, 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 Nash at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Lewis Collins, Marvin Engle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wade, supported by Snider, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009, as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

PRESENTATION - Honeywell Energy Audit

Mr. Dick Williams and Mr. Drew Causey from Honeywell presented information and recommendations to the Board regarding their recent energy audit.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM09/06 - 64 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Wade, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$4,579,798.44 covering the period of May 13, 2009 through May 29, 2009, as presented by the County Clerk. Motion Carried.

WM09/06 - 65 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Snider, to accept and place on file the Single Audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 as presented by Finance and Management Services. Motion Carried.

WM09/06 - 66 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Snider, to approve the change in hours of the District Court Clerk - Full time position #D15011 to District Court Clerk - Hourly position effective June 15th. Motion Carried.

WM09/06 - 67 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Wade, to approve submission of the Prosecutor's FY2010 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract application in the amount of \$343,876. Motion Carried.

WM09/06 - 68 It was moved by Snider, supported by Buzzell, to authorize the Deputy Director of Public Works, John Warner, to be the treasurer of the Muskegon Area Municipal Stormwater Committee and to authorize the Accounting Department to establish a fund for the Committee finances which shall not be subject to standard County fees such as audit fees, administrative fees, etc.

It was moved by McMurray, supported by Gill, to table motion WM09/06 - 68.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Gill, McMurray, Nash

Nays: Buzzell, Derezinski, Mahoney, Scolnik, Snider, Wade
Motion to Table Defeated.

Original Motion Carried.

WM09/06 - 69 It was moved by Scolnik, supported by Mahoney, to approve a contract with Constellation, an alternative natural gas supplier, for up to a 12 month period commencing July 1, 2009, if an acceptable fixed rate for the product can be negotiated by June 16 between the company and the County. Upon agreement, authorize the County Administrator to sign the contract. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik discussed the Wastewater electricity usage and wondered if they could utilize wood burning to cut their \$2 million annual electricity bill. Mr. Dick Williams, Honeywell, noted it could be a possibility and they would be willing to review that area of the energy audit as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mahoney noted there is a Hilts Landing walk-through tour scheduled for Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 a.m. to noon with a picnic lunch to follow. He asked Commissioners to let him know if they were interested and would be attending.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Mayme Malmquist addressed the Board regarding the late fee for her purchase of a dog license and her discussions with Public Health staff. Commissioners were sympathetic to her plight and noted recommended changes are in the works for next year and that they would continue to review the current policy.

Commissioner Nash also noted her concerns were honored and he asked the Administrator to investigate the Public Health staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.