

**Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
July 7, 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 3:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wade, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009, as written. *Motion Carried.*

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- WM09/07 - 78 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Wade, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,669,127.63 covering the period of June 10, 2009 through June 30, 2009, as presented by the County Clerk. *Motion Carried.*
- WM09/07 - 79 It was moved by Snider, supported by Wade, to adopt the License Agreement for the Use of Heritage Landing for the years 2009 and 2010. *Motion Carried.*
- WM09/07 - 80 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to approve the implementation of the Retirement Incentive program offering all county employees eligible for regular retirement benefits the option of either 1) Adding up to 3 years of service toward their retiree medical eligibility or 2) Increase their vacation leave balance by 200 hours (additional hours will not be subject to the respective maximum allowed); during a retirement window of August 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 with a subsequent budget savings strategy from the resulting retirements to be included in the FY2010 budget. *Motion Carried.*

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- WM09/07 - 81 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners as obligator of the Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 phase III loan through National City Bank, authorizes a principal payment using the balance of the holding account. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 82 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the release of bids for janitorial services for various county buildings. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 83 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Snider, to approve the Resolution establishing a Policy to Require Tax Sharing Agreements as a Condition for County Participation in New or Amended Tax Increment Financial Proposals. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 84 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Snider, to increase the contract to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber by \$14,238.56 from \$79,090.00 to \$93,328.56 for consulting services for oversight, required testing, and certification of comparison of the asbestos abatement on the Oak Avenue renovation project. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 85 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Buzzell, to approve the FY2010 Budget Hearing Schedule. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 86 It was moved by Wade, supported by Mahoney, to waive the hiring freeze to allow the County Clerk to fill the vacant Deputy County Clerk position X25501 at the Step 1 of the salary range NX00280 (\$46,521- \$58,964). Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 87 It was moved by Buzzell, supported by Wade, to waive the board policy on credit cards and approve the issuance of a restricted credit card to be used for job training programs through the Department of Employment and Training. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 88 It was moved by Wade, supported by Mahoney, to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan renewal quote which is an overall decrease of 16.7% from current rates and will be in effect from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Motion Carried.
- WM09/07 - 89 It was moved by Snider, supported by Nash, to establish for the employee classes of BD, EE, JF, ND, NF, NS, NU, NW, NX, NZ, XF, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XZ and ZE, that employees hired on or after September 1, 2009, the County will provide a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) type plan, whereby the

County would contribute 3% of gross wages; and Establish for the employee classes of BD, EE, JF, ND, NF, NS, NU, NW, NX, NZ, XF, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XZ and ZE, that employees hired on or after September 1, 2009, the County will provide the MERS defined contribution plan with a 3% employer and 3% employee contribution of gross wages. Motion Carried.

WM09/07 - 90 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Nash, to designate, effective October 1, 2009, Muskegon County Medical Plans 2A and 2P for non-bargaining employees to choose from. Each non-bargaining employee enrolled in Muskegon County Medical Plans 2A or 2P shall pay 6% of the monthly medical premium equivalent effective October 1, 2009. The monthly medical contribution amount will increase to 7% of the monthly premium equivalent effective January 1, 2010. Motion Carried.

WM09/07 - 91 It was moved by Wade, supported by Engle, to authorize staff to solicit proposals for a consultant to aid Muskegon County in asbestos and lead-containing paint identification and abatement on the first and second floors of the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice prior to the commencement of remodeling activities. Motion Carried.

WM09/07 - 92 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Engle, to authorize staff to bid the alarm/security system upgrade for the first and second floors of the Hall of Justice renovations project as soon as the plans and specifications are complete. Motion Carried.

WM09/07 - 93 It was moved by Snider, supported by Scolnik, to authorize staff to bid the office furnishings which will be needed for the renovated first and second floors of the Hall of Justice. Motion Carried.

WM09/07 - 94 It was moved by Wade, supported by Buzzell, to receive and adopt the modified County of Muskegon Anti-Harassment Policy. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Derezinski questioned the status of the equipment/furniture that is being replaced with the remodeling projects regarding storage or on-line auction. Administrator Ms. Hammersley will follow-up to ensure items that can be sold, will be sold as opposed to placing in storage.

Commissioner Scolnik questioned the actual overall rate decrease from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in their recent quote. Ms. Groeneveld, Human Resources Director, noted the rate decrease is due in part to the fixed cost reductions of the County. Commissioner Nash commented on the need for the request for more bids as the bidding brings about healthy competition.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.