

M u s k e g o n C o u n t y

B o a r d o f C o m m i s s i o n e r s

*James Derezinski, Chairman
Don Aley
Charles Buzzell
Lew Collins
Marvin Engle
Bill Gill*

*I. John Snider, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Mahoney
Louis A. McMurray
Robert Scolnik
Roger C. Wade*

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Regular Meeting

**August 21, 2008
5:45 p.m.**

Chairman Derezinski, Presiding

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Derezinski. The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Commissioner Aley.

Roll Call

Present: Aley, Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Excused: Engle

Absent: None

2008-389 **APPROVE AGENDA**

Moved by Mahoney, seconded by Scolnik, to approve the Agenda without item 8.C.

Motion Carried

2008-390 **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2008**

Moved by Mahoney, seconded by Buzzell, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008.

Motion Carried

2008-391 **ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF WEST MICHIGAN**

CD/SP08/08-17

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to accept the proposal from the Land Conservancy of West Michigan to help in the acquisition of the Dekker and Rottman properties adjacent to Meinert Park.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Aley, Derezinski, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-392 **ADOPT THE BUSINESS PARK NORTH SITE CONDOMINIUM DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

CD/SP08/08-18

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to adopt the Business Park North Site Condominium documents and exhibits and authorize the Chairman to execute the escrow agreement.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Aley, Derezinski, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-393 **ADOPT THE APPRAISED PRICES FOR THE LOTS IN THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BUSINESS PARK - NORTH AS THE OFFICIAL ASKING PRICES**

CD/SP08/08-19

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to adopt the appraised prices for the lots in the Muskegon County Business Park - North as the official asking prices for the lots plus \$2,546 per acre fixed cost for utility development (which gets paid back to the Public Improvement Fund) and allow staff to negotiate the sale price per lot and bring each prospective deal to the Board for approval prior to closing the sale.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Aley, Derezinski, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-394 **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3124
EAST LAKETON AVENUE**

CD/SP08/08-20

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to authorize the purchase of real property located at 3124 East Laketon Avenue from Tony and Catherine Dowdy in the amount of \$125,000.00 and further authorize the Community Development Director to sign all documents and take actions needed to close this transaction.

Roll Call

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Aley, Derezsinski, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-395 **APPROVE MDOT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION 2007-0264\Z11**

TR08/08-31

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, seconded by Snider, to approve MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0264\Z11 with the Muskegon Area Transit System providing \$20,000 in federal funds and state toll credits for travel training efforts, and to authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract.

Roll Call

Ayes: Wade, Snider, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Derezsinski, Collins, Buzzell, Aley

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-396 **APPROVE MDOT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION 2007-0264\Z12**

TR08/08-31

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, seconded by Snider, to approve MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0264\Z12 with the Muskegon Area Transit System providing federal and state funds in the amount of \$10,000 for marketing efforts, and to authorize the Chairperson to execute the contract.

Roll Call

Ayes: Wade, Snider, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Derezsinski, Collins, Buzzell, Aley

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-397 **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT, INCREASING BY \$2,500, THE AIRPORT'S AGREEMENT WITH SIXEL CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

TR08/08-31

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, seconded by Snider, to approve an amendment, as authorized by the County Administrator, increasing by \$2,500, the Airport's agreement with Sixel Consulting Group, Inc., in order to prepare a comprehensive market analysis and historical traffic overview to be used in an attempt to attract new air carrier service.

Roll Call

Ayes: Wade, Snider, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Derezinski, Collins, Buzzell, Aley

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-398 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COVERING THE PERIOD OF JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2008**

WM08/08-122

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,283,585.18 covering the period of July 30, 2008 through August 12, 2008, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-399 **APPROVE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE FY2009 PROPOSED MUSKEGON COUNTY BUDGET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 AT 3:30 P.M. AT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM**

WM08/08-123

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to approve setting the Public Hearing date for the FY2009 Proposed Muskegon County Budget for Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners room on the 4th floor of the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice and to authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation on or before August 27, 2008.

Roll Call

Ayes: Gill, Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-400 **WRITE OFF WASTEWATER BAD DEBT**

WM08/08-124

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to write off Wastewater bad debt in the Wastewater fund (5920) of \$1,579.47 for McClure's Septic Service.

Roll Call

Ayes: Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

2008-401 **ISSUE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE AUGUST 2008 AS BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH**

WM08/08-125

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, that this Board issue a resolution in support of the state proclamation to designate August 2008 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

Roll Call

Ayes: Gill, Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-402 **APPROVE THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER'S REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRING FREEZE AND FILL THE VACANT YOUTH SPECIALIST POSITION**

WM08/08-126

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to approve the Juvenile Detention Center's request to waive the hiring freeze and fill the vacant Youth Specialist position #'s G97022 and G97006.

Roll Call

Ayes: Gill, Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-403 **GRANT PERMISSION TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR THE
2008/2009 ORV ENFORCEMENT GRANT**

WM08/08-127

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to grant permission to the Sheriff's Office to apply for the 2008/2009 ORV enforcement grant through the State of Michigan, DNR for \$17,540.00.

Roll Call

Ayes: Gill, Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-404 **THAT THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AS WRITTEN BELOW BE ADOPTED
AND PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

WM08/08-128

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, that the ballot language as written below be adopted and placed on the November ballot for an advisory referendum vote:

Do you agree with the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners' Resolution supporting the development of a casino at or near the former Great Lakes Downs property, located near the intersection of Interstate 96 and US 31?

Yes

No

Roll Call

Ayes: Gill, Derezinski, Collins, Aley, Snider, Wade, Scolnik, McMurray, Mahoney, Buzzell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2008-405 **APPROVE THE PATRICIA BAILEY AND HELEN ALEXANDER'S
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT**

WM08/08-129

The Ways and Means Committee recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Snider, to approve the Patricia Bailey and Helen Alexander's workers' compensation settlement by way of a lump sum settlement, as recommended by Corporate Counsel.

Roll Call

Ayes: Aley, Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Mahoney, McMurray, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Nays: Gill

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Buzzell spoke as Liaison for the Road Commission regarding solutions for transportation.

Chairman Derezinski noted the MAC Legislative Update for August 8, 2008, is included in the agenda packets.

Chairman Derezinski urged open communication among Commissioners and with Elected Officials. It was suggested that this become an item to add to the Strategic Planning meetings. It was suggested that regular, perhaps quarterly meetings, be scheduled with Elected Officials.

Commissioner McMurray asked about communication where most people send email but not all Commissioners have computers.

Discussion ensued regarding a Search Committee for a new Administrator. The Committee will consist of Ken Mahoney as Chairman and member Commissioners Gill and Snider. The Committee will bring information back to the full board for consideration.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Commissioner Scolnik invited all to a concert at Ross Park, Friday, August 22, 2008, to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Norton Shores as a City. Picnic at 6:00 p.m., concert at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation

None.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Karen D. Buie, County Clerk