

# *M u s k e g o n   C o u n t y*

## *Board of Commissioners*

*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**

**November 25, 2008**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Chairman Derezinski, Presiding**

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

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

2008-572    **APPROVE AGENDA**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Collins, to approve the Agenda.

**Motion Carried**

2008-573    **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2008.

**Motion Carried**

2008-574    **PRESENTATION - KEN HULKA, ROAD COMMISSION**

Ken Hulka, Road Commission Managing Director, presented the approved Road Commission budget noting decline in revenue. Mandated level of service change document was also distributed to Commissioners.

2008-575 **COMMUNICATION**

Moved by Engle, seconded by Collins, to receive and place on file the following Communication item: Lenawee County Board of Commissioners Resolution in Opposition to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards 520 Hour Standard for Police Officers.

**Motion Carried**

2008-576 **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY OFFERED BY THE YMCA**

CD/SP08/11-27

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to authorize the purchase of the property offered by the YMCA with a contribution of \$300,000 from the Public Improvement Fund and authorize payment once the Rotary Club has contributed the planned \$900,000 with the intent that this property would be solely deeded in the name of the County of Muskegon.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

2008-577 **APPROVE GH IMAGING TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL 3 PROJECT/CLIENT IDENTIFICATION SIGNS**

CD/SP08/11-28

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to approve GH Imaging to supply and install the 3 project/client identification signs for the Muskegon County Business Park - North project for their quote of \$10,610 and to approve staff to quote the electrical installation and the tree clearing necessary for the project sign at Whitehall Road and Agard Road and to hire the electrical and tree clearing contractors with the lowest responsible quote with the costs being paid by the Muskegon County Business Park - North fund, 4150-4151, and with EDA participation at 50% of the cost.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

2008-578 **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASE OF ONE 3/4 TON HEAVY DUTY PICKUP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW, TOWING PACKAGE,**

**EXTENDED CAB AND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE FOR THE PARKS**

CD/SP08/11-29

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to authorize staff to investigate purchase of one 3/4 ton heavy duty pickup truck with snow plow, towing package, extended cab and four wheel drive for the Parks or to advertise for bids for a new vehicle if a suitable used vehicle cannot be located, with costs being paid in part by insurance and in part by retained earnings from fund 2080-0691.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

2008-579 **DIRECT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO REVIEW LAND USE OF SOUTH CAMPUS PROPERTY**

CD/SP08/11-30

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee recommends, moved by Scolnik, seconded by Collins, to direct the County Administrator to review land use of south campus property south of Facilities Management building for use by Veterans' Center/Veterans' Affairs.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

2008-580 **AWARD THE BID FOR MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM CYLINDRICAL RIDING FLOOR SCRUBBER**

TR08/11-43

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, seconded by Engle, to award the bid for Muskegon Area Transit System cylindrical riding floor scrubber to Hull Lift Truck, Inc. for a price of \$19,995.00.

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2008-580 **AWARD THE BID FOR MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM  
CYLINDRICAL RIDING FLOOR SCRUBBER**

Roll Call

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

Nays: Aley

**Motion Carried**

2008-581 **DIRECT THE TRANSIT SYSTEM STAFF TO REVIEW THE PREVIOUS  
TRANSIT STUDY AND PREPARE A REPORT**

TR08/11-44

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Gill, seconded by Engle, to direct the Transit System staff to review the previous transit study and prepare a report including cost of route changes to accommodate riders to and from the colleges, work training centers, and the Sternberg Road area during evening hours.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

2008-582 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COVERING THE  
PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1 - 12, 2008**

WM08/11-172

The Ways and Means Committee Recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Wade, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,072,171.35 covering the period of November 1, 2008 through November 12, 2008, as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Gill

**Motion Carried**

2008-583 **APPROVE THAT THE NARRATIVE ON THE COUNTY'S SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES AND NON-FINANCIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES BE INCLUDED IN THE FY2009 BUDGET DOCUMENT**

WM08/11-173

The Ways and Means Committee Recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Wade, to approve that the narrative on the County's short-term initiatives and non-financial goals and objectives be included in the FY2009 budget document that will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for consideration for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Gill

**Motion Carried**

2008-584 **ADOPT THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2008 APPORTIONMENT REPORT**

WM08/11-174

The Ways and Means Committee Recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Wade, to adopt the amendment of the 2008 Apportionment Report as prepared and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Gill

**Motion Carried**

2008-585 **REAPPOINT JOYCE DEJONG, DO, TO THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER POST**

WM08/11-175

The Ways and Means Committee Recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Wade, to reappoint Joyce deJong, DO, through Sparrow Hospital, to the Chief Medical Examiner post for Muskegon County from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012 at a cost of \$312,763 for 2009, \$322,146 for 2010, \$331,810 for 2011 and \$341,764 for 2012 and authorize the County Board Chair to sign the affiliated contract.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Aley

**Motion Carried**

2008-586 **AUTHORIZE THE PROSECUTOR TO SUBMIT A CONTRACT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

WM08/11-176

The Ways and Means Committee Recommends, moved by Aley, seconded by Wade, to authorize the Prosecutor to submit a contract application to the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services for the purpose of receiving partial reimbursement function of the office, in the amount of \$51,228 and to amend the County's FY09 budget to reflect the new contract amount and to approve the necessary position transfers effective January 1, 2009.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**CHAIR'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Wade noted a copy of projects for WMRDC is available for Commissioner's review.

Vice-Chairman Snider reported on Community Corrections meeting.

Commissioner Mahoney noted the Convention and Visitor's Bureau shows Muskegon County is holding it's own despite the current economy.

Commissioner Scolnik noted Brookhaven was in the black for October.

Chairman Derezinski noted the MAC Legislative Updates of November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, were included in agenda packets.

Chairman Derezinski noted he asked Corporate Counsel to begin working with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians regarding the Casino. Corporate Counsel Williams stated he met with Counsel Green, representative of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, regarding a municipal services agreement.

Chairman Derezinski informed Commissioners that he is not interested in being Chairman of the Board in the coming term.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim Administrator Elwell reported on the Building Authority Bond Sale for the new Mental Health Facility.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

2008-587     **APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION WORDING IN SUPPORT OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

Moved by Wade, seconded by Aley, to approve the attached resolution wording in support of the Automobile Industry.

Roll Call

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

Nays: Engle, Snider

### Motion Carried

Commissioner Buzzell commended Chairman Derezinski on his leadership during his years as Chairman of the Board.

### Public Participation

James Riley urged serious scrutiny in consideration of the Contract with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians regarding the casino.

Brian Chapman reported on progress and urged commitment by the Board regarding Sesquicentennial plans.

Mark Mangione addressed the Board urging stringent review of contractors on the Mental Health Project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Karen D. Buie, County Clerk

WHERE, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners urges the government to provide assistance in the form of a loan to the Automobile Industry; and

WHEREAS, the automotive industry is vital to our national security as well as our nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the domestic auto industry is in the process of reinventing itself to become more competitive and more efficient while creating jobs for American workers; thus it is imperative for the twenty-five billion dollar loan program to be instituted as quickly as possible by the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, failure of the major auto industry manufacturers would have a devastating impact on our national economy and, in particular, on Muskegon County businesses and the residents who work in the industry; and

WHEREAS, failure of any of the domestic auto manufacturers would cause severe erosion of Michigan's tax base resulting in drastic additional budget cuts to School Districts, Cities, and Counties in Michigan

WHEREAS, it would be extremely detrimental to the citizens of Muskegon County if this assistance was not provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS requests, and strongly urges our Congressional Representative to request government assistance to the auto industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the United States Congressman and Senators representing Muskegon County as well as the leadership of both the United States House of Representatives and Senate.