1) Call to Order
2) Invocation: Pastor Wally Reams, Central Assembly of God
3) Pledge of Allegiance
4) Roll Call
5) Approval of Agenda
6) Approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2019 (Revised) and February 26, 2019
7) Public Comment (on an agenda item)
8) Communication
   - Alger County Resolution: Support of Revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003
9) Presentations:
   A. HAZMAT Introductions (Rich Warner, Emergency Services Manager)
   B. Muskegon County Drain Commission Annual Report & Project Update (Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner)
10) Committee/Board Reports
    A. Courts & Public Safety Committee
    B. Human Services Committee
    C. Ways & Means Committee

Public Comment
Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Comment or at any time by suspension of the rules. All persons must address the commission and state their name for the record. Comments shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public comment period by a vote of a majority of the commission.
11) Chairman's Report/Committee Liaison Reports
   A. Solid Waste Planning Committee Appointment (term through 3/31/20)
      • Leo Evans – City Slot
   B. Muskegon's St. Patrick's Day Parade: Saturday, March 16th – 11:00 a.m.
      Downtown Muskegon

12) Administrator's Report
   A. Request Authorization to Proceed with the MATS Service Reduction Proposal
   B. Convention Center Update

13) Old Business

14) New Business

15) Public Comment

16) Adjournment

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**Board Work Session**
March 12th – 2:30 PM
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace
Jury Room – 6th Floor
Review of Procurement Policy
Section 5.1 (Prevailing Wage Policy)
Public is Welcome to Attend

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AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT POLICY FOR ACCESS TO OPEN MEETINGS OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES OR SUBCOMMITTEES

The County of Muskegon will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities who want to attend the meeting upon 24-hours' notice to the County of Muskegon. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County of Muskegon by writing or calling:
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ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2019-02

WHEREAS, Health care costs continue to rise for all Americans and, for some Americans, this increase can be devastating; and
WHEREAS, Medicare is the focus of many lawmakers who portray it as an "entitlement" program that costs the Treasury too much money. Technically, the term "entitlement" is correct but it has an unfortunate connotation; and
WHEREAS, Medicare is an essential medical plan that millions of seniors and disabled individuals depend upon to stay alive. Medicare is not a gift, as the term "entitlement" suggests. Many of the beneficiaries have worked their entire adult life and paid into the system in order to receive this crucial medical plan; and
WHEREAS, Due to spiraling costs largely associated with the price of prescription medications, our elected officials find themselves passing on increased costs to those who can least afford that increase, namely senior citizens and disabled individuals who are on Medicare's Part D drug program; and
WHEREAS, When Congress enacted The Medicare Prescription Drug Bill they enacted a law that does not allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for drug price the way Medicaid and the Veterans Administration does; and
WHEREAS, One economist, Dean Baker, estimates that Medicare could have saved approximately $332 billion dollars between 2006 and 2013 (approximately $50 billion a year) had the Department of Health and Human Services been permitted to negotiate prices of drugs with the drug companies, as federal agencies do in other programs; and
WHEREAS, Rising prescription drug costs have been the primary reason for the increase in health benefit costs; and
WHEREAS, The increasing cost of prescription drugs and outrageous profits made by pharmaceutical companies is a systemic problem that significantly affects our state and our nation. It deserves non-partisan effort; and
WHEREAS, We must prevent our elected officials from balancing the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it, the elderly and disabled. Increases in premiums and drug costs are unacceptable ways to deal with a flawed Medicare Prescription Drug Bill; and
WHEREAS, We must preserve the Medicare program as it currently exists and to do so requires immediate action to cut unnecessary costs, particularly in the area of prescription drug coverage; and
WHEREAS, We must revise the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper, drugs from Canada and elsewhere; and
WHEREAS, We cannot allow the previously approved bill to stand as adopted at the risk of having the Medicare program be the cause of a staggeringly increasing deficit which will require tax increases or cuts to the rest of the government, nor can we allow the continuance of price increases to our citizens causing many of them to contemplate discontinuing medically necessary drugs in order to pay their bills, heat their houses and have food on the table; Therefore, Be It
RESOLVED, That the Alger County Board of Commissioners goes on record urging our Legislators to immediately commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere; Be It Further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our area Federal and State Legislators, the National Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other Michigan counties.
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: February 19, 2019
The Courts & Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

CPS19/03 - 10 To authorize the Board Chair to approve the sole RFP bid submitted for the JTC kitchen upgrade from Northside Heating and Cooling in the amount of $73,337.25, to be paid from the remaining Jail/JTC project funds. The upgrades specifically include a commercial stove/oven combo, vent hood, and necessary mechanical work, at the Muskegon County Family Court- Juvenile Transition Center.

CPS19/03 - 11 To authorize the Prosecutor to accept the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant from the Michigan State Police in the amount of $14,000.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

CPS19/03 – 12 To accept the FY2019 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to authorize the Sheriff sign the agreement.

CPS19/03 – 13 To approve the funding increase in the amount of $31,800.00 from the Office of Highway Safety Planning for the Secondary Road Patrol Program; and to adjust the budget accordingly.

CPS19/03 – 14 To accept and sign the FY19 Byrne JAG – WEMET grant (MSP #JAG 70834-7-WEMET-19) in the amount of $14,000.00 and amend the budget accordingly.

CPS19/03 – 15 To approve the increase to the Sheriff’s purchase order with Concierge Corrections to a total amount of $150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) to cover reimbursement costs for inmate medical bills.

CPS19/03 – 16 To authorize the Sheriff’s Office to apply for the 2019 calendar year Marine Safety grant in the amount of $193,969.00 for personnel and operating costs with a 25% match requirement.
The Human Services Committee met on March 5, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

**HS19/03 - 05** To authorize the County of Muskegon Department of Veterans Affairs staff to provide the Muskegon County Clerk with the following Veterans Millage Renewal language to be included on the August, 2019 primary election ballot:

Shall the millage approved by Muskegon County voters in 1994 and renewed in 1998 and 2008 for the purpose of providing funds to equip, operate, maintain and defray debt service and provide support and assistance to Veterans through a County Department of Veteran Affairs be renewed and continued (and the limitation continue be maintained) by an amount not to exceed 1/13th mill ($0.077 per $1,000) on taxable value on all property in the County of Muskegon, for an additional period of ten (10) years, being 2019 through 2028, inclusive, resulting in an annual estimated revenue of $330,534 for 2019?

**HS19/03 – 06** To authorize Public Health to participate in the WIC Project FRESH Program as the state authorized WIC Market Master, and to enter into agreements with the participating farmers; further authorize the Public Health Director to sign Market Master and related Project Fresh agreements, with no change in the general fund appropriation.
The Ways & Means Committee met on March 7, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

WM19/03 - 22  To approve payment of the accounts payable of $13,745,881.93, covering the period of February 8, 2019 through February 21, 2019 for checks and January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 for P-Card and EFT payments, as presented by the County Clerk.

WM19/03 – 23  To approve entering into a 5 year purchase of service agreement (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024) with Cobblestone Software with HealthWest and the County of Muskegon to assist in contract management process and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement; the County’s portion of the cost ranges from $8,735.24 in year 1 to $7,377.85 in year 5; and to amend the budget accordingly for year 1.

WM19/03 – 24  To approve submittal of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purchase of an E-One ECOLOGIC firefighting foam testing system in the amount of $31,662.

WM19/03 – 25  To approve the request from the County Clerk to purchase a web based software upgrade for the Jury System, Inc., software at a cost of $22,325 to be utilized by the 14th Circuit Court and the 60th District Court and amend the budget accordingly.

WM19/03 – 26  To approve the easement agreement with the Michigan State Police and Kent County to grant them the right to construct and maintain a tower at Moore Park and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

WM19/03 – 27  To award the MATS solicitation for 120 concrete benches to Petersen Manufacturing in the amount of $54,996.00, pending MDOT concurrence.
REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

COMMITTEE
Full Board

BUDGETED NON-BUDGETED PARTIALLY BUDGETED

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT
Transit

COMMITTEE DATE
March 12, 2019

REQUESTOR SIGNATURE
Bob Lukens

SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)

In January, staff prepared a MATS service elimination proposal, to be implemented on April 1, 2019. The proposal recommended the elimination of two routes from the MATS fixed route bus program in order to reduce operating expenses in the current year. The proposed eliminations are outlined in the attached service proposal. Additional implementation steps and route changes will continue to be developed in advance of and in the course of the upcoming Route Study and Comprehensive Operational Analysis project.

MATS is required by the Federal Transit Administration to solicit public input on major service changes or fare increases. A public comment period was held from February 1 to February 15, 2019, with a Public Hearing regarding the proposal held on February 19, 2019. Information from the public comment period and hearing was provided to the Board for consideration.

Staff requests Board authorization to proceed with the MATS service reduction proposal, eliminating Route 20 and Route 45, effective April 1, 2019.

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)

Move to authorize staff to proceed with the MATS service reduction proposal, eliminating Route 20 and Route 45, effective April 1, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)

HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:

CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:

If motion originates from a Statutory Board, Authority or Advisory Committee, please provide the date the motion was approved by that Board/Authority/Committee

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Background

A. The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) operates fixed route and demand-response public transit service throughout Muskegon County. These services are funded primarily by federal and state grants, local community contributions, and fares paid by passengers of the system.

B. The cost of providing public transportation services continues to increase. Through the economic downturn earlier this decade, MATS expanded services to provide additional mobility options to the community. Now, with the improving economic conditions of the past few years, system ridership is returning to pre-recession levels and the fare revenues that MATS relies on to support the system are not keeping pace with the local match need and expenditure levels. MATS is operating with a significant budget deficit that must be addressed.

C. MATS will be undertaking a comprehensive system study in 2019 to assist in identifying long-term changes to the system. In the meantime, while this effort is undertaken, MATS is proposing to take action to reduce operating expenses through the elimination of two bus routes as identified in this proposal.
1) **Remove Route 20 – Apple 1 from Service, Effective April 1, 2019.**

MATS has operated Route 20 – Apple 1 for many years. This route provides a clockwise loop from downtown Muskegon to the area east of US-31, serving the Apple Avenue corridor outbound and Evanston Ave./Catherine Ave. corridors inbound. Service departs the Herman Ivory Terminal at :20 minutes after each hour and is operated from 6:35am to 5:54pm Monday through Friday. Notable destinations served by the route include the Hall of Justice, Hartford Terrace, Heathwest, Great Lakes Fresh Market, Cherry Health, MAISD transitional classroom, Career Tech Center, MCC, Baker College, Quail Meadows, Arbor Crossings, CVS, Pine Grove Manor, Parkwoods Apartments, and the Secretary of State.

Nearly all of the major intersections or destinations on Route 20 - Apple 1 are also serviced by Route 25 – Apple 2, which operates along the same corridors in a counter-clockwise direction. Most users of Route 20 – Apple 1 will have access to continued public transportation service via the Route 25 – Apple 2 route, albeit with a different bus stop location, schedule and trip plan. Users of the MAISD transitional classroom facility and Career Tech Center will be required to walk a short distance to the nearest alternate bus stop, returning their access to what was available prior to May 2017.

Elimination of this route is estimated to save MATS $40,000 in the remainder of FY2019 and a greater amount in FY2020 and beyond.

2) **Remove Route 45 – Peck Sanford from Service, Effective April 1, 2019.**

MATS has operated two buses on the Peck/Sanford corridor for many years. Route 45 – Peck Sanford represents one of the two buses operating identical routing on the Peck Street and Sanford Street corridors. The Route 45 – Peck Sanford departs the Herman Ivory Terminal at :50 minutes after each hour and is operated from 6:50am to 6:01pm Monday through Friday. This route provides a north/south link between downtown Muskegon and downtown Muskegon Heights, with service to the Jackson Hill and South Heights areas. Notable destinations served by the route include Hackley Library, Catholic Charities, Jefferson Towers, Muskegon High School, Muskegon Heights High School, Mercy Hospital Hackley Campus, Women’s Rescue Mission, Heathwest’s Club Interactions, Bayview Towers, the Hall of Justice, and Heathwest. All of these locations are also serviced by Route 40 – Peck Sanford, 30 minutes offset in scheduled departure times. Users of Route 45 – Peck Sanford will have continued access to public transportation service via the Route 40 – Peck Sanford, albeit with a different schedule and trip plan. Users needing to travel this corridor after 5:10pm when Route 40 ends will need to find alternate routing via Route 15 – Sixth or other options to reach their destination.

Elimination of this route is estimated to save MATS $40,000 in the remainder of FY2019 and a greater amount in FY2020 and beyond.