MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FULL BOARD
AGENDA

March 21, 2019 – 3:30 PM
Hall of Justice
990 Terrace, Muskegon, MI

Susie Hughes, Chair
Gary Foster, Vice-Chair

1) Call to Order
2) Invocation: Dr. Rob Renberg, Anchor Point Bible Church
3) Pledge of Allegiance
4) Roll Call
5) Approval of Agenda
6) Approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2019
7) Public Comment (on an agenda item)
8) Communication
   - Cheboygan County Resolution: Support of Revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003
9) Presentations:
   - Muskegon County Land Bank Authority - Tim Burgess, Land Bank Coordinator
10) Committee/Board Reports
    A. Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
    B. Transportation 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. 2019 Nest Box Clean Out Day: Saturday, March 23rd – 9 a.m. to noon
       Muskegon County Wastewater Management System
   B. 4th Annual Pooches & People Picnic: Saturday, April 13th – 10:00 a.m.
       Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice

12) Administrator’s Report
   A. Convention Center Update
   B. LEAN Training
   C. Paid Medical Leave Act
   D. **PFAS Update**
   E. **Authorize the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to Provide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training to Muskegon County Employees**

13) Old Business
14) New Business
15) Public Comment
16) Adjournment
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 Medicare Prescription Drug Bill they enacted a law that does not allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for drug prices, 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 cause many to contemplate discontinuing medically necessary drugs in order to pay their bills, heat their houses and have food on the table; Therefore, Be It Further
RESOLVED That the Cheboygan 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.

John B. Wallace, Chairperson
Cheboygan County Board

I, Karen L. Brewster, Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on March 12, 2019.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Cheboygan on the 12th day of March 2019 at Cheboygan, Michigan.

Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register
The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee met on March 19, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

CD/SP19/03 – 03 To adopt the License Agreement with the Michigan Irish Music Festival to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing, Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15, 2019 for the Michigan Irish Music Festival, and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

CD/SP19/03 – 04 To adopt the License Agreement with Unity Christian Events/Alive On the Lakeshore to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing, August 7 – 10, 2019 for the Unity Christian Music Festival, and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

CD/SP19/03 – 05 To adopt the License Agreement with iHeartRadio/WMUS to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing, August 17, 2019 for “Moosefest”, and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

CD/SP19/03 – 06 To approve a Resolution for Charles Hodson on his retirement as Band Director for Reeths-Puffer Schools.
The Transportation Committee met on March 19, 2019; it was recommended, and I move:

**TR19/03-13** To approve a contract with ARFF Specialists to provide Airport Rescue and Firefighting “Live Burn” training in the amount of $9,250.00. Also to approve and authorize the Chair to execute MDOT Aeronautics ARFF grant 2019-0262 in the amount of $2,000. Further, authorize the Clerk to execute the required resolution. This expense is funded in the Airport’s approved FY2019 operating budget (5810-0536-805.010).

**TR19/03-14** To award Professional Environmental and Hydrogeological Consultant Services Wood PLC, per RFQu 19-2321 and authorize the Chair to sign a professional services agreement.
The Ways & Means Committee met on March 19, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

WM19/03 - 28 To approve payment of the accounts payable of $6,197,586.82, covering the period of February 22, 2019 through March 8, 2019 for checks as presented by the County Clerk.

WM19/03 – 29 To authorize the County Clerk to purchase 91 modems, at a cost of $199 per unit for a total cost of $18,109, with the new 4G upgrade for use by the local clerks on all election equipment with modem capability.

WM19/03 – 30 To authorize Emergency Management staff to submit a “letter of intent” to the State of Michigan and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to apply for the Hazard Mitigation grant to pay for the cost of updating the Muskegon County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WM19/03 – 31 To approve renewal of Assessment Administration Services provided by the Equalization Department to the Township of Egelston and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement prepared by the Equalization Department to provide the services.

WM19/03 – 32 To approve to change the funding of Administrative Analyst position X04001 to 100% Accounting (1010-0201) effective March 31, 2019.

WM19/03 – 33 To approve the solicitation of proposals for office supplies.
Project Overview

This project will connect six homes in the City of Norton Shores to the municipal water distribution system. The homes to be connected are in the vicinity of the Muskegon County Airport which used PFAS containing firefighting foam, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration. These homes have drinking water well PFAS levels that exceed the regulatory limit of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) of combined PFOS and PFOA.

In cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the County of Muskegon is testing drinking water wells in areas downgradient of where PFAS containing firefighting foam was known to be used. The MDEQ initially identified an area to begin sampling (Study Area) which resulted in sampling of 23 homes. As of March 14, 2019, 114 homes have been sampled and results received for 105 of them. Of the 105 drinking water wells sample results in the Study Area, six have exceedances of combined PFOS and PFOA above the regulatory limit of 70 ppt. The six homes with regulatory exceedances are indicated by red dots on the attached map.

Project Purpose

To permanently abate the potential threat to public health related to PFAS in well drinking water, the City of Norton Shores is applying for a grant to connect the six homes with combined PFOS and PFOA exceedances to the municipal water system. The proposed project will:

1. Pay the water system connection charge costs ("Connection Charge"),
2. Connect a service line to the existing water main and extend the service line to the property line ("Tap Fee"),
3. Install a water line from the property line to the home ("Water Service"),
4. Connect water service line to the existing plumbing system in the home ("Internal Plumbing"), and
5. Abandon the existing drinking water wells ("Well Abandon").
Capacity of the Public Water System

The current maximum day demand of the public water system is 9.15 million gallons per day (mgd) with the projected 2036 maximum daily demand of 10.2 mgd. The firm capacity of the system is 15 mgd. The six additional residential connections are projected to increase demand by 0.0013 mgd. Firm pumping, distribution, and storage capacity is adequate.¹

Project Cost

The cost of this proposed project is $112,000.16 as outlined below:

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Sub $71,721.16
Contingency $9,417
Subtotal $81,138.16
Eng/Legal/Admin $30,862
Total $112,000.16

The cost for the connection charge and tap fee are fixed. The water tap from main to the property line will be performed by the City of Norton Shores Water Department. The water service, internal plumbing, and well abandonment will be competitively bid. Plans, specifications, bidding services, inspection, legal, project oversight, and grant administration will be performed by the County of Muskegon’s Public Works Department.

Time Frame

Due to the impact to public health, this project will proceed once grant funding is assured. Currently, these residents are receiving bottled water and point of use filters certified to remove PFOS and PFOA. Preliminary engineering work has begun in anticipation of grant award.

Other Impacts

Muskegon County in cooperation with the MDEQ continues to sample drinking water wells in the Study Area which continues to expand based on sample results. The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners will hire a consultant on March 21, 2019 to perform hydrogeological services at and around the Study Area. After the consultant is hired, Muskegon County, with input from the consultant and MDEQ, will proceed with a hydrogeological study to more precisely determine the fate and transport of the PFAS compounds and develop a response plan. The estimated cost of this initial study is $1.2 million.

The current Study Area identified by MDEQ has approximately 133 drinking water wells. This project proposes to connect the six homes with exceedances to the municipal water system. Should new regulatory limits on PFAS be implemented by an agency with authority, or if further investigation warrants expanding the Study Area, that would cause the need to connect all residents in the current Study Area to the municipal water system, an additional $4.2 million would be necessary.
REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT
Administration

COMMITTEE DATE
March 21, 2019

REQUESTOR SIGNATURE
Mark Eisenbarth

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

To address the racial disparities faced by many in Muskegon County, the Community Foundation is offering a minimum of $25,000 in grants for programs or projects that implement strategies that can help celebrate diversity, create equity and foster inclusion.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights conducted Racial Equity training for County Directors, Elected Officials and Commissioners on February 13, 2019. Muskegon County employees interact with thousands of Muskegon County residents on any given month. By partnering with the Community Foundation, and in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Administration would like to expand Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training through a Racial Equity lens to all County employees.

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

Move to authorize the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, as the service provider selected by the Community Foundation grant, to provide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training to all Muskegon County employees.

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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