

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Human Services Committee

AGENDA

May 4, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Marcia Hovey-Wright, Chair

Zach Lahring, Vice-Chair

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (w/location)
3. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2021
4. Public Comment (on an agenda item)
5. Presentation: MSU Extension Director, James Kelly – Annual Report
6. Items for Consideration
Commissioner Pego - HS21/05 – 11 To adopt the Muskegon County Resolution Opposing Vaccine Passports
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Public Comment
10. Final Board Comment
11. Adjourn (call of the Chair)

*Board Work Session
(Discussion ONLY)
Senior Millage Grants Administrator
begins at 3:30 p.m. today*

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 the majority of the Commission.

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April 1, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Marcia Hovey-Wright, Chair
Zach Lahring, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hovey-Wright at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Doug Brown (Muskegon), Kim Cyr (Twin Lake), Susie Hughes (Muskegon Township), Zach Lahring (Muskegon), Charles Nash (Muskegon), Malinda Pego (Muskegon), Bob Scolnik (Norton Shores), Rillastine Wilkins (Muskegon), Marcia Hovey-Wright (Muskegon)

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021, meeting as written. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Yes: Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: None Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Derouin addressed the board regarding marijuana sales.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS21/04 - 08 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve additional FY21 Senior Millage funding in the amount of \$7,500 for Disability Network transportation through September 30, 2021.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: None Motion carried.

HS21/04 - 09 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the 2021 Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in the amount of \$35,178 effective January 1, 2021 to September 15, 2021.

Roll Call:

Yes: Zach Lahring, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Susie Hughes, Kim Cyr,
Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: Malinda Pego
(Commissioner Charles Nash had technical difficulties and was unable to vote)

Motion carried.

HS21/04 - 10 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to enter into a 3-year contract agreement with Senior Resources for senior millage grants administration services effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. With friendly amendment stating –

It was agreed upon by Commissioner Wilkins and Commissioner Lahring to add a friendly amendment to HS21/04 – 10 as follows: Conditioned upon reaching an agreement with Senior Resources upon an allocation of funds.

Roll Call on Amendment to HS21/04 – 10 re: allocation of funds:

Yes: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring,
Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: Malinda Pego

Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Pego, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to amend the contract from 3 years to 1 year.

Roll Call on Amendment to HS21/04 – 10 to reduce contract to 1 year:

Yes: Malinda Pego

No: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash,
Marcia Hovey-Wright

Motion failed.

Roll Call on HS21/04 – 10 w/Amendment re: allocation of funds:

Yes: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash,
Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: Malinda Pego

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HS21/04 – 11 It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Pego, to revoke the Local State of Emergency Order that was passed last night, March 31, 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Scolnik, on a call for the question to end debate:

Roll Call on calling the question:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Marcia Hovey-Wright

No: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego (2/3 vote required) Motion failed.

Roll Call on HS21/04 - 11:

Yes: Doug Brown, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego

No: Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright

Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several citizens addressed the Board to express their opinions of mask efficacy and the State of Emergency. Alan Jager asked the Board if the Senior Millage funding was means tested. Sean Mullally hopes that the Board would consider keeping the virtual access to meetings for the public. Marianne Darnell spoke on racism.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Muskegon County Resolution Regarding Vaccine Passports within the Boundaries of Muskegon County

Resolution #2021-01

WHEREAS, medical records and information are private and fall under HIPAA protections; and

WHEREAS, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS, so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS, all currently available COVID-19 is authorized for emergency use, and therefore must remain voluntary under the Nuremberg Trial Codes; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County Department of Public Health seeks to ensure that every resident in Muskegon County who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines are not mandated; and

WHEREAS, no COVID-19 vaccine is required by law; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County Department of Public Health and MDHHS acknowledges there are many instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, requiring COVID-19 vaccine passports for taking part in everyday life such as, but not limited to, attending a sporting event, patronizing a restaurant, or going to a movie theater would create two classes of citizens based on vaccination; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

WHEREAS, vaccine passports do not take into consideration the large number of citizens who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 and are therefore naturally immune; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, MDHHS, and the Muskegon County Department of Public Health acknowledge that it is possible for vaccinated individuals to contract and spread COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because vaccinated individuals could be able to contract and spread COVID-19, a space where only vaccinated individuals are present holds the same risk as a space where individuals are both vaccinated and unvaccinated; and

WHEREAS, vaccine passports are thus highly discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of the residents of Muskegon County and the free flow of commerce.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Muskegon County does not support, endorse or enforce mandatory vaccines or vaccine passports in government buildings, public spaces, businesses or places of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its _____, 2021, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner _____, support by Commissioner _____, the aforementioned resolution.

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on _____, 2021.

Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon

Date

