

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 22, 2020 – 3:30 PM
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Gary Foster, Vice-Chair

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Invocation: Commissioner Rillastine Wilkins
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Roll Call
- 5) Approval of Agenda
- 6) Approval of the Regular and Closed Session
Minutes of September 8, 2020
- 7) Presentations:
Director of Public Health Kathy Moore – COVID-19
- 8) Public Comment (on an agenda item)
- 9) Communication: Bay County Resolution urging the President of the United States, the
Senate and Congress to provide financial assistance to aid states and local
governments
- 10) Committee/Board Reports
 - A) Transportation
 - B) Ways & Means

*Board Work Session
September 22, 2020
2:30 p.m. via Zoom
HEALTHWEST
Public Invited to Attend*

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

I want to express my thanks to the accounting department's budget team and the entire accounting department for their diligent and tireless efforts in preparing the budgets while keeping the day to day operations running smoothly.

September is the United Way's *Lakeshore Month of Caring*. This year they will be working in local cemeteries to clean the gravesites of fallen vets.

Moxie the Mastadon is celebrating one year of greeting people at the Lakeshore Museum Center. In honor of her birthday, 20 "mini" mastadons have been hidden around downtown Muskegon for one year.

12) Administrator's Report

Approve the acceptance of the \$20,000 Howmet grant for Veterans Services.

13) Old Business

14) New Business

15) Public Comment

16) Final Board Comments

17) Adjournment

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BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

RESOLUTION

BY: COMMISSIONER KIM J. COONAN, 4TH DISTRICT
 WHEREAS, The coronavirus pandemic and resulting recession are wreaking havoc on the United States; and
 WHEREAS, Both state and local governments are facing massive budget shortfalls resulting from the economic downturn, which will significantly affect their ability to provide crucial services; and
 WHEREAS, More than a million state and local government jobs have been lost since the Covid-19 crisis began and those jobs include but are not limited to police officers and firefighters, health care workers, emergency responders, social service providers and teachers; and
 WHEREAS, Millions more of these workers and the critical services they provide will soon be lost unless Congress and the administration act quickly to help close state and local governments' widening budget gaps; and
 WHEREAS, The Covid-19 crisis has significantly reduced tax revenues that state and local governments rely on to fund jobs and services and, with increasingly high unemployment rates, the lost wages mean a huge decline in personal income taxes; and
 WHEREAS, With nearly a third of businesses shut down at the peak of shelter-in-place rules, corporate income taxes fell; and
 WHEREAS, With few people traveling, going to movies or purchasing cars, saletax revenues are dropping at an alarming rate; and
 WHEREAS, Property tax revenues will suffer, since home prices and commercial real estate values will eventually slump; and
 WHEREAS, The crisis, however, has caused demand to soar for state and local government services and support programs; and
 WHEREAS, Hospitals are packed with Covid patients and the millions who have lost jobs are looking for unemployment, Medicaid and help with housing and other living costs; and
 WHEREAS, At a time when Americans need government help most, cash strapped local units of government as well as states across the country, have no option but to cut the help they provide; and
 WHEREAS, These outlined losses will not be recouped soon, if ever; and
 WHEREAS, Federal assistance to state and local governments is one of the most effective ways to support the economy in a downturn; Therefore, Be It
 RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners calls upon and strongly urges the President of the United States, the Senate and Congress to provide the financial assistance required to aid states and local units of government as they continue to deal with the economic long term effects of Covid-19; Be It Finally
 RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, our Federal and State Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

KIM COONAN, 4TH DISTRICT COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Comm Coonan - Federal Assistance

MOVED BY COMM. LUTZ

SUPPORTED BY COMM. KRYGIER

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			TOM RYDER	X						

VOTE TOTALS:
 ROLL CALL: X YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0
 VOICE: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____
 AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____ NO ACTION TAKEN _____

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The Transportation Committee met on September 10, 2020; it was recommended, and I move:

- TR20/09 - 32 To approve obtaining a Request for Proposals from qualified firms to provide airport management and operations services for the Muskegon County Airport.
- TR20/09 - 33 To authorize award of RFB 20-2386 for a five-year period of bulk diesel and unleaded fuel delivery for the Muskegon Area Transit System, Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon County Solid Waste, and Muskegon County Wastewater Management System to Van Manen Petroleum Group.
- TR20/09 - 34 To authorize MATS to issue a Request for Proposals for a hosted Intelligent Transportation System solution for implementation in the MATS program.

The Ways & Means Committee met on September 15, 2020, it was recommended and I move:

- WM20/09-77 To approve payment of the accounts payable of \$5,219,274.20 covering the period of August 21, 2020 through September 3, 2020 for checks as presented by the County Clerk.
- WM20/09-78 To approve the vendors outlined in the attached schedule be approved and to allow regular processing of payments for the time period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- WM20/09-79 To authorize the sale of the 2006 Chevy Cobalt VIN# 1G1AK55F467856998, 2007 Ford Taurus VIN# 1FAFP53U37A113713, 2006 Chevy Malibu VIN# 1G1ND52J52M648290, 2007 Chevy Malibu VIN# 1G1ZS58N47F270394, 2007 Chevy Impala VIN# 2G1WB55K279356728, and 2003 Chevy Impala VIN# 2G1WF52E939341320 through Miedema Auctioneering, Inc.
- WM20/09-80 To appoint Sara Hough, Human Resources Manager, as employer delegate to the 2020 Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) virtual annual conference at no cost to the County.
- WM20/09-81 To approve pursuant to Section 8 of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (State of Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011), the Board of Commissioners of the County of Muskegon hereby extends the County's exemption from the requirements of said Act for an additional year through the end of calendar year 2021.
- WM20/09-82 To authorize the sale of the 2007 Ford Taurus VIN#1FAFP53U17A113712, 2007, Ford Taurus VIN# 1FAFP53U17A113709, 2007 Chevy Malibu VIN# 1G1ZS58N17F271342, 2007 Chevy Malibu VIN# 1G1ZS58N57F272199, 2007 Ford Freestar VIN# 2FMZA51637BA16413, 2007 Ford Uplander VIN# 1GNDV23187D179434 through Miedema Auctioneering, Inc.
- WM20/09-83 To authorize the Public Defender's Office to extend the current contracts of Ed Wasiura, Mike Flynn, David Kortering, Jennie Roach, and Belinda Barbier for three months from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- WM20/09-84 To approve the one year optional renewal with Rehmann Robson as the County's independent auditor for the FY2020 audit at a cost of \$65,100 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the engagement letter.
- WM20/09-85 To amend the FY2020 budget as presented.
- WM20/09-86 To adopt the attached FY2021 County of Muskegon Appropriation Ordinance including the attached Budget Amendments, position changes, and FY2021 Capital Projects, which collectively represent the implementation of the County of Muskegon's FY2021 Operating Budget.

Muskegon County Full Board

Request for Board Approval

Requestor: Michael Baauw

Full Board Date: 09/22/2020

Requesting Department: Veterans

Budget:



Agenda Number:

Suggested Motion: *(State the following exactly as it should appear in the minutes.)*

Approve the acceptance of the \$20,000 Howmet grant for veterans services.

Summary of Request: *(General description of financing, other operational impact, possible alternatives.)*

Each year Howmet provides grant dollars for veterans services. This year Howmet granted \$20,000 to be used for uninsured veterans' dental work, house veterans, help with rent to prevent homelessness of veterans, and to assist with basic essential needs that insurance doesn't cover for veterans who have had flooding damage due to the high water tables. There are no match grant requirements.

<p>Kristen Wade, HR Director Analysis Required? No</p>	<p>Beth Dick, Finance Director/Management Analysis:</p> <p>✓ </p>
<p>Michael Homier, Corporate Counsel Analysis Required? No</p>	<p>Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator Recommendation:</p> <p>✓ </p>

Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs
165 E. Apple Ave, Suite 201
Muskegon, MI 49442

08/28/2020

James Evans
Howmet Aerospace
93 Dunwoody Court,
Midway, GA 31320

Dear James,

My name is Michael Baauw. I am the current Director of the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs. Amy Heisser and I have been in communication regarding a \$20,000 grant that we feel strongly we could meet the intentions of Howmet if we were to be awarded the grant.

Although we are a County Department, and funded with a 1/13th Mill, we are limited as to how we can spend that millage funding. The 1/13th Mill equates to approximately \$330,000 annually. This covers wages and fringes for 2 staff members, the building and utility costs, maintenance costs for Veterans Memorial Park, Soldiers and Sailors Relief, and burial costs.

The Soldiers and Sailors Relief, by state law, only are allowed to be used for War Era Veterans, and by County Advisory Committee rules, are limited per instance and per fiscal year per Veteran. Due to this, we operate a Veterans Food Bank with donated funds. This allows us to serve the Peace-Era Veterans in a similar fashion as to how we serve the War Era Veterans. In both cases, the Veteran has to show an emergent need in order to receive the services.

We provide free space to the Volunteers of America and to the Federal VA, which both organizations work on housing homeless Veterans. Both organizations have criteria that has to be met, and if the Veteran does not meet the criteria, they do not get the assistance needed.

We also partner with DTE and Consumers Energy so that we can provide HVAC upgrades to Veterans in our community.

Howmet has partnered with our organization for the past nine years by participating in our annual Veterans Job Fair. We Have worked together at getting many Veterans and their family members employed, and we actually send Veterans resumes to Howmet year-round.

We have a 12,500 (appx) Veteran population in our County, and see approximately 3,000 Veterans annually seeking assistance from us in a variety of needs. There are many needs that go unmet due to limitations that we are held to in regards to Soldiers and Sailors Relief, Peace-Era Veterans Relief, and VA / VOA requirements for eligibility.

If we were to receive additional funding through this Howmet Grant, we would use that funding to increase or services to Veterans in our community. We could help Veterans without dental insurance get necessary dental work. We could help Veterans get out of the homeless shelter and into apartments. We could help Veterans keep from becoming homeless by assisting them with their rent during this very uncertain and unprecedented time. We could help those who have had their homes flooded due to the high water tables take care of some of their bare essential needs that insurance doesn't cover. All of these are needs that Veterans have approached us with in the past 6 months that we have been unable to meet.

One thing that makes us different than a lot of organizations is that our staff (a total of 2) are fully funded by our millage funds, and we will not charge an administrative fee to any funds that we receive from this grant.... Resulting in 100% being used for the intended purpose of assisting our local Veterans.

Howmet has been a great partner with our Department, and I look forward to being able to the opportunity to increase our services to our Veterans with the assistance of Howmet. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either via e-mail or office phone (in my signature block) or via my cell phone (231-286-5182).

Sincerely,

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