

# MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Courts & Public Safety Committee

via Zoom and in-person at: Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49442

January 11, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Malinda Pego, Chair  
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Vice-Chair

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### MINUTES

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pego at 3:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Cyr, Doug Brown, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins (arrived after roll call), Malinda Pego

Excused: Marcia Hovey-Wright

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the agenda as written. [Voice Vote] **Motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021, meeting as written. [Voice Vote] **Motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS22/01 - 01 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Scolnik, to amend the FY2022 Coronavirus Public Safety Fund (2110) budget, increasing revenues and expenditures by \$14,650 from \$6,957 to \$21,607.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown

No: Malinda Pego

**Motion carried.**

CPS22/01 - 02 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Nash, to award Kelly Austin to provide cognitive behavioral services in the jail and

authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract for services with the option to renew for two subsequent years depending on availability of grant funding and mutual agreement of both parties.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

**Motion carried.**

CPS22/01 - 03 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Scolnik, to award Catholic Charities to provide cognitive behavioral services in the community and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract for services with the option to renew for two subsequent years depending on availability of grant funding and mutual agreement of both parties.

Roll Call:

Yes: Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown,  
Susie Hughes, Malinda Pego

No: None

**Motion carried.**

CPS22/01 - 04 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to add a fully grant funded hourly Specialty Court Enforcement Officer position, grade NO 2070, with a salary range of \$22.848 to \$28.755, to the Circuit Court for Recovery Court.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown, Susie Hughes,  
Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego

No: None

**Motion carried.**

CPS22/01 - 05 It was moved by Commissioner Brown, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the creation of a new hourly Juvenile Transition Center (JTC) Administrative Assistant position at pay table/grade QU-00173, \$16.63/hr - \$20.78/hr.

Roll Call:

Yes: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring,  
Charles Nash, Malinda Pego

No: None

**Motion carried.**

CPS22/01 – 06 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins to Table CPS22/01 – 06 To approve the Sole Source purchase of 10 mobile

fingerprint scanners at a cost of \$35,174.00 to the next Courts & Public Safety meeting.

Roll Call on Motion to Table:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Doug Brown, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash

No: Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Robert Scolnik, Malinda Pego

**Motion to Table failed.**

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins to Postpone CPS22/01 – 06 to the next Courts & Public Safety meeting.

Roll Call on Motion to Postpone:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash,

No: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Robert Scolnik, Malinda Pego

**Motion to Postpone failed.**

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the Sole Source purchase of 10 mobile fingerprint scanners at a cost of \$35,174.00. This is 100% grant funded using Homeland Security funding with no cost to the County.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

No: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego

**Motion failed.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lahring requested an investigation to determine whether Commissioner Hovey-Wright's COVID19 condition exposed the Board. Discussed ensued.

CPS22/01 – 07 It was moved by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Pego, to support the Muskegon County Resolution to Ensure all Constitutional Rights of Inmates at the Muskegon County Jail.

It was moved by Chairman Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Nash, to postpone the proposed Muskegon County Resolution to Ensure all Constitutional Rights of Inmates at the Muskegon County Jail until the investigative report is issued by the Michigan State Police.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown

No: Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego

**Motion to Postpone carried.**

Commissioner Cyr asked if the County could have corporate counsel make an inquiry to the State Police regarding the progress of the investigation. Corporate Counsel, Michael Homier, indicated he would do so.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.