

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Human Services Committee

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.