

**Muskegon County**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
*Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*  
*Muskegon, MI 49442*

*Susie Hughes, Chairman*  
*Marcia Hovey-Wright*  
*Zach Lahring*  
*Kenneth Mahoney*  
*Charles Nash*

*Gary Foster, Vice Chair*  
*Robert Scolnik*  
*I. John Snider II*  
*Rillastine R. Wilkins*

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**Electronic/Zoom Full Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

3:31 p.m.

Chairman Susie Hughes, Presiding

The Electronic/Zoom Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Susie Hughes via Zoom. An Invocation was given by Commissioner Mahoney. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Foster and recited in unison.

**Roll Call**

Present: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins

Absent: None

Also present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator  
Beth Dick, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator  
Kristin Barnhill, Executive Assistant  
Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk  
Linda Sue Schutter, Deputy Clerk  
Michael D. Homier, Corporate Counsel

2020-264 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the agenda.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2020-265 **APPROVE THE REGULAR FULL BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2020**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the regular minutes of June 23, 2020.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**PRESENTATION**

Director of Public Health Kathy Moore updated the Board regarding COVID-19. Numbers continue to show downward trajectory for positivity rate, however there has been a recent increase in cases. Muskegon County has less than 200 active cases at this time. The demand for testing has increased but there are less opportunities for testing.

Vice-Chair Foster inquired regarding testing in congregate-care facilities. Ms. Moore replied that the State of Michigan issued a process where the State would provide the staff for such testing.

Chairman Hughes asked about testing for Muskegon County employees. Ms. Moore replied that the Health Department can only request a test for people with symptoms to protect the public, but not to diagnose if they are asymptomatic. Further, Ms. Moore stated that if someone has had contact with a known COVID-19-positive person, they should contact the Health Department for tracing and follow-up information.

Commissioner Hughes requested that the Administrator follow-up with Human Resources to provide information to the employees in the event that a Muskegon County employee contracts the virus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)**

Chris Kaijala inquired as to where the Board is on the racism resolution.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following Communications were presented to Commissioners for informational purposes and placed on file:

- A. Arenac County Board of Commissioners Resolution to Support the Enbridge Proposed Tunnel Replacement Project.
- B. Eaton County Board of Commissioners Resolution to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis.
- C. Menominee County Board of Commissioners Resolution in Support of the 2020 Upper Peninsula State Fair.
- D. Tuscola County Resolution to Support the Enbridge Proposed Tunnel Replacement.

## **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

2020-266 **ACCEPT THE 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CONSORTIUM (WMRMC) AND THE MUSKEGON COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES/ MANAGEMENT, AND DIRECT THE BOARD CHAIR AND APPROPRIATE STAFF TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

CPS20/07 – 24

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to accept the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC) and the Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Emergency Services/ Management, and direct the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2020-267 **AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO SOLICIT BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE PRACTICE ATTORNEYS TO HANDLE NEGLECT/ ABUSE/ DELINQUENCY CASES FOR FY21**

CPS20/07 – 25

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to solicit bids/proposals for contracts with private practice attorneys to handle neglect/abuse/delinquency cases for FY21.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-268 **APPROVE THE ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PARTNERSHIP IN NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM BETWEEN EGLESTON TOWNSHIP, THE MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST BEING 50% OR \$63,302.50 AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR AND SHERIFF TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT**

CPS20/07 – 26

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the one-year extension of the agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program between Egleston Township, the Muskegon County Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners with the County's share of the cost being 50% or \$63,302.50 and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the document.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-269 **APPROVE THE ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PARTNERSHIP IN NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM BETWEEN FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP, THE MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST BEING 50% OR \$70,624.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR AND SHERIFF TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT**

CPS20/07 – 27

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the one-year extension of the agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program between Fruitland Township, the Muskegon County Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners with the County's share of the cost being 50% or \$70,624.00 and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the document.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2020-270 **APPROVE THE ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PARTNERSHIP IN NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM BETWEEN LAKETON TOWNSHIP, THE MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST BEING 50% OR \$63,831.75 AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR AND SHERIFF TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT**

CPS20/07 – 28

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the one-year extension of the agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program between Laketon Township, the Muskegon County Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners with the County's share of the cost being 50% or \$63,831.75 and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the document.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2020-271 **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO PAY HAZARD PAY PREMIUMS TO ELIGIBLE FIRST RESPONDERS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

CPS20/07 – 29

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the application for grant funding to pay hazard pay premiums to eligible first responders within the Sheriff's Office.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-272 **APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLYING FOR THE 2020 COPS (COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES) GRANT. COPS-CPD-MICROGRANTS-2020**

CPS20/07 – 30

The Courts & Public Safety Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve the Sheriff's Office applying for the 2020 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Grant. COPS-CPD-MICROGRANTS-2020.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-273 **APPROVE THE MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOLUTION TO DECLARE RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

HS20/07-15

The Human Services Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Muskegon County Resolution to Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis. (See attached.)

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: Zach Lahring **Motion Carried**

2020-274 **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE DELIVERY OF DIESEL FUEL AND UNLEADED FUEL**

TR20/07-22

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a Request for Bids for a five-year contract for the delivery of diesel fuel and unleaded fuel.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-275 **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SAFELITE AUTOGLASS TO EXTEND THE CURRENT LEASE UNTIL JULY 31, 2021**

TR20/07-23

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve an amendment to a lease agreement with Safelite AutoGlass to extend the current lease until July 31, 2021.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-276 **AUTHORIZE ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BOILER REPLACEMENT WITH FUNDING PROVIDED BY CARES ACT GRANT FUNDING**

TR20/07-24

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to authorize issuing a Request for Proposals for boiler replacement with funding provided by CARES Act grant funding.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-277 **APPROVE AWARD OF THE SWEEPER ACQUISITION PORTION OF AIP GRANT 3-26-0071-4420 TO FREDRICKSON SUPPLY LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,900.50 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT**

TR20-07/25

The Transportation Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster, to approve award of the sweeper acquisition portion of AIP grant 3-26-0071-4420 to Fredrickson Supply LLC in the amount of \$224,900.50 and authorize the Chair to execute the contract.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-278 **APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$21,083,612.96 COVERING THE PERIOD OF JUNE 6, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2020 FOR CHECKS, PCARD AND EFT PAYMENTS COVERING THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020 AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

WM20/07 – 51

The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve payment of the accounts payable of \$21,083,612.96 covering the period of June 6, 2020 through June 19, 2020 for checks, PCard and EFT payments covering the period May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 as presented by the County Clerk.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: Zach Lahring **Motion Carried**



2020-279 **APPROVE RENEWAL OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF DALTON AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PREPARED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES**

WM20/07 – 52

The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve renewal of Assessment Administration Services provided by the Equalization Department to the Township of Dalton and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement prepared by the Equalization Department to provide the services.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-280 **WAIVE THE PERSONNEL RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT PERSONNEL RULES**

WM20/07 – 53

The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to waive the Personnel Rules Review Committee and authorize the Human Resources department to maintain the current Personnel Rules.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None **Motion Carried**

2020-281 **RECLASSIFY THE VACANT BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC II/HVAC, G12601, PAY SCALE GU-00245 (\$19.88/HR - \$25.03/HR) TO A BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUILDING MECHANIC II POSITION PAY SCALE GU-00240 (\$17.35/HR - \$25.03/HR)**

WM20/07 – 54

The Ways & Means Committee recommends, moved by Commissioner Scolnik, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to reclassify the vacant Building Maintenance Mechanic II/HVAC, G12601, pay scale GU-00245 (\$19.88/hr - \$25.03/hr) to a Building Maintenance Building Mechanic II position pay scale GU-00240 (\$17.35/hr - \$25.03/hr).

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Hovey-Wright, the HealthWest board passed resolution to declare racism public health crisis and the County might want to follow the process that HealthWest is using.

A. Citizen Appointments/Reappointments

**Airport Development Committee Appointments** (terms through 12/31/2022)

- Cindy Larsen (Chamber of Commerce)
- Robert Gustafson (Public)
- Rich Houtteman (Private Sector)
- David Kendall (Private Sector)

2020-282 **APPROVE THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (TERMS THROUGH 12/31/2022) FOR CINDY LARSEN (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE), ROBERT GUSTAFSON (PUBLIC), RICH HOUTTEMAN (PRIVATE SECTOR), AND DAVID KENDALL (PRIVATE SECTOR)**

It was recommended by Chairman Hughes, moved by Vice-Chair Foster, seconded by Commissioner Nash to approve the Airport Development committee appointments (terms through 12/31/2022) for Cindy Larsen (Chamber of Commerce), Robert Gustafson (Public), Rich Houtteman (Private Sector), and David Kendall (Private sector).

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

B. The Muskegon County Youth Fair will be held July 20th – 25th at the Muskegon County Fairgrounds. This year’s theme is “Country Christmas at the Fair”. Muskegon area kids have been working hard all year and this is their opportunity to show the products of their hard work with the community.  
<https://www.muskegonfairgrounds.com/>

Commissioner Lahring updated the Board that the Fair has canceled all grandstand events, the carnival, beer tents, and concerts. The Fair has also canceled all marketing and advertising to minimize interaction, but they are allowing the public in to allow a venue for the children to compete and show their animals.

C. On July 25th, *Muskegon Community Paddle – World Record Edition* will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Fisherman’s Landing Launch & Campground. This event is free and open to anyone with a paddle craft: kayak, canoe, paddleboard or rowboat.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/muskegon-community-paddle-muskegon-lake-edition-tickets-89440921203>

## **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Deputy Administrator Beth Dick updated the Board on her research of Senate Bill 690 as it relates to CPS20/07 – 29. Ms. Dick found that no other County employees would qualify under this Senate Bill. Ms. Dick found that there is other funding that the County can apply for, one such grant is for public safety and public health payroll which has a due date of this Friday. There are other COVID-related grants available, such as landlord tenant expenses for District Court employees, that the County may be eligible for that have quick turnaround times in order to apply.

2020-283     **AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR COVID-19 RELATED FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY THAT WILL MITIGATE THE IMPACT THAT THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS HAD ON THE COUNTY’S BUDGET**

It was recommended by Administrator Mark Eisenbarth, moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney to authorize staff to submit any additional grant applications for COVID-19 related funding that is available to the County that will mitigate the impact that the COVID-19 public health emergency has had on the County’s budget.

Commissioner Lahring stated that the Board can only vote to move this motion back to committee. Chairman Hughes indicated that since this was not initiated by a committee but rather Administration, that it is allowable and supersedes Board rules.

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: Zach Lahring

**Motion Carried**

A. Future committee and full board meetings.

Administration has researched other facilities to see what might meet the needs of the Board better than Zoom. With the Governor's extension of the state of emergency to August 11, 2020, Mr. Eisenbarth recommends using Zoom until a facility can be found to accommodate the meetings, or until the limit of 10 people is expanded to 20-25.

B. Update on Senate Bill No. 690 – Funding

Administration will update the Board as grants are awarded.

C. New Executive Orders

As of today, there have been five more Executive Orders, including the extension of the state of emergency to August 11, 2020, which have been provided to the Board and shared with the public.

Chairman Hughes thanked Administration for making sure that municipalities are updated when new Executive Orders are received from the Governor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Foster asked Administration about the cost breakdown for Administration costs for the Senior Millage. Public Health Director Kathy Moore indicated she would get that information to the Board. Ms. Moore further indicated that there is a Senior Millage work-session scheduled in August.

Chairman Hughes indicated that the Senior Millage had dedicated some funds to the communities. Muskegon Charter Township has had issues in receiving this money. Public Health Director Kathy Moore indicated that there were some delays because of COVID, but the check for Muskegon Charter Township is now available.

Commissioner Mahoney indicated that Dalton Township was also having issues with receiving their Senior Millage money. Public Health Director Kathy Moore indicated that Tony Barnes, Dalton Township Supervisor, picked up that check on Monday.

Commissioner Nash asked Public Health Director Kathy Moore if municipalities could dedicate some of the Senior Millage funds for COVID testing just for seniors. Ms. Moore indicated that they could do that with authorizations from the municipality and Commissioners.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rachel Novak inquired about her previous comments to the Board about the leaves at Pioneer Park. Community Development Director Bob Lukens said he has received three proposals from engineering firms to conduct an investigation about the May 18 wash-out at Pioneer Park. Chairman Hughes indicated that the Board doesn't usually respond to public comment questions, but this is an exception.

James Kelly, MSU Extension, informed the Board that he has sent an email to the Board today with a copy of the quarterly update letting them know their activities for the last three months. MSU Extension has started virtual programming on a variety of issues such as health and nutrition in conjunction with several local groups. Chairman Hughes thanked Mr. Kelly and encouraged the Board to forward the email to their municipalities to keep them informed also.

Jennifer Hodges, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor, thanked the Board regarding the follow-up on the Senior Millage. Ms. Hodges suggested that in the future the process be clearer and that there be a system for accountability. She asked Chairman Hughes to pick up the check from the Township.

Chris Kaijala addressed the Board regarding his concern about the racism resolution that it was not shown to the public beforehand and that the Commissioners did not have any public discussion about it. Mr. Kaijala also wondered how this resolution might be beneficial in our community.

### **FINAL BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hovey-Wright indicated that the racism resolution was included in the Human Services Committee meeting packet so the public did have access to it. The resolution was not treated any differently than any other resolution or motion. Commissioner Nash also indicated that there was also an in-depth meeting with Department heads and leaders even before it was brought to Committee.

Commissioner Nash commended Administration for checking into Senate Bill 690 to find funding for COVID-related issues that will help the County.

Vice-Chair Foster asked Administration that if there was anything in Senate Bill 690 that would help fire departments to let him know.

Commissioner Lahring does not agree with the racism resolution since he does not believe that COVID has anything to do with racism and that systemic racism doesn't happen overnight. He further stated that the Board has not been controlled by Republicans since the 80s so that is where the blame lies.

2020-284 **MOVED BY COMMISSIONER NASH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAHONEY, TO ADJOURN**

Roll call:

Yes: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Rillastine R. Wilkins, Susie Hughes

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Nancy A. Waters, County Clerk

NAW/lss

To be approved at the next Full Board meeting.