

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
January 7, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:44 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Marcia Hovey-Wright

Also

Present: Beth Dick, Finance Director/County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/01 - 01      It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Prosecutor to accept the FY2020 STOP Violence Against Women Grant, to approve the creation of a full-time Senior Assistant Prosecutor (pay table NX-00421 \$37.501-\$47.702/hr), and approve the funding transfer of the Administrative Services Manager position X04301 from 40% 1010-

0229 60% 2800-0232 to 35% 1010-0229, 60% 2800-0232 and 5% new STOP Grant fund. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 02 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to purchase a new copier/printer from Boss for the purchase price of \$7,650.00 with a \$49.00/month fee for parts, labor, and toner. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 03 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes, to accept the FY2020 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to have the Sheriff sign the agreement. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 04 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the reclassification of the Clerk II FT (position G20022 pay table GU-00070, \$12.68-\$15.48/hr) to a Departmental Clerk (pay table GU-00138, \$12.47-17.49/hr) and place the incumbent at step 8 with an effective date upon approval. [No-Lahring] Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 05 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve authorizing the Sheriff's Office to utilize the best option between the cooperatives: National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO) or Oakland County's Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) as the bidding source for the purchase award to WatchGuard Video. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 06 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to accept and sign the FY20 Byrne JAG – WEMET grant (MSP #JAG 70834 WEMET-20) in the amount of \$15,000.00 and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 07 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Chairman Hughes, to award Kelly Austin to provide cognitive behavioral services in the jail and authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign the contract for services with the option to renew for two subsequent years depending on availability of grant funding and mutual agreement by both parties. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 08 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to award Catholic Charities to provide cognitive behavioral services in the community and authorize the

County Board Chairperson to sign the contract for services with the option to renew for two subsequent years depending on availability of grant funding and mutual agreement by both parties. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Foster requested an update from the Sheriff on the vehicle acquired from the Kent County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Poulin noted the vehicle has been received and came equipped with more equipment than was expected. He noted staff are still getting familiar with the vehicle at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board: Carolyn Juricki, Larry Houseman, Bill Johnson, Rosie Belberd, and Ann Derouin.

### **FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
February 4, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wilkins at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright

Excused: John Snider, II

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/01 - 09      It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Prosecutor to accept the Innovation in Supervision Initiative Grant and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 10      It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to make position labor changes in accordance with the MIDC grant

funding as presented in the table above and amend the budget accordingly. Effective January 5, 2020. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 11 It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the funding increase in the amount of \$31,800.00 with the county's total allocation for FY2020 being \$166,950.00 from the Office of Highway Safety Planning for the Secondary Road Patrol Program and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

CPS20/01 – 12 It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Sheriff's Office to accept their portion of the Innovations in Supervision Initiative Grant and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board: Michael Howser

#### **FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
March 3, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator  
Linda Sue Schutter, Administrative Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Vice-Chair Foster, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/03 – 13      It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections and accept the FY20 Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$153,325.00. Motion carried.

- CPS20/03 – 14 It was moved by Vice-Chair Foster, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to replace one (1) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria with the assistance of Emergency Services, use MiDeal pricing or the bidding process and to lease the Ford AWD Interceptor SUV police vehicle from Ford Credit or a leasing company most advantageous to the County and amend the budget accordingly. [No-Lahring] Motion carried.
- CPS20/03 – 15 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to lease three (3) road ready Ford AWD Interceptor SUV's with all equipment and lettering with the assistance of the Board approved Sheriff vehicle maintenance provider. Further authorize the Sheriff's Office to lease these police interceptors from Ford Motor Credit or a leasing company most advantageous to the County for a term of five (5) years with a \$1.00 buyout at the termination of the lease. Motion carried.
- CPS20/03 – 16 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to amend contracts with attorneys Belinda Barbier and Mike Flynn for neglect/abuse and juvenile delinquency conflict attorney services. Ms. Barbier's amended contract will be for \$30,000 annually and Mr. Flynn's contract will be for \$23,000 annually. Motion carried.
- CPS20/03 – 17 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to replace a Legal Secretary I position with a Legal Secretary II position effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Houseman addressed the Board regarding decisions brought before the Board that he felt were not given a fair chance to be considered, namely Second Amendment and Sanctuary Counties.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.



CPS20/05 – 19 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the Sheriff's Office accepting the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY20 Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant (2020-H1466-MI-VD), if awarded. The amount of the grant request is \$58,008.00 or the amount awarded. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Yes: III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, III  
No: None Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Mark Eisenbarth informed the Board regarding the Order of the Muskegon County Courts regarding requirement of face masks in the County Building for anyone conducting judicial business. Director of Public Health Kathy Moore addressed the Board regarding the Governor's Executive Order 2020-70. Discussion ensued.

CPS20/05 – 20 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to address the 15% of people entering the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice that the courts' order does not cover to require face masks. Motion carried.

Administrator Mark Eisenbarth informed the Board that a draft COVID-19 Response Plan to return to work will be provided to the Board for review by Friday, May 8, 2020. Mr. Eisenbarth hopes to bring it to the Full Board under his report on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Administrator Mark Eisenbarth inquired of the Board whether they preferred Zoom or WebEx services. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Barnes – Commented on District 5.

Ann Derouin – Commented on the redundancy for a mask order; was frustrated with WebEx; and encouraged the continuation of Zoom. Added it was a great meeting with Zoom as far as the public participating.

Sean Campbell – Commented that he preferred Zoom and had problems with WebEx; he will refuse to wear a mask; limited government.

Michael Haversen – Commented he preferred Zoom. Inquired whether the county building was answered. Mr. Eisenbarth responded it is by appointment only.

Commissioner Hovey-Wright commented that the peak of the COVID-19 has not hit yet and that we should not open.

James Kelly, Director of MSU Extension Office, addressed the board regarding MSU's use of Zoom, told the commissioners how great it is, informed them of some security guidelines, and offered to provide assistance in the use of Zoom.

Discussion ensued between commissioners regarding Zoom and WebEx.

#### **FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
June 2, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 4:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright

Zach Lahring joined the meeting shortly after roll call

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting as written.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

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

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/06 – 21 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept the Marine Safety grant (MS20-67) in the amount of \$70,300.00 for personnel and operating costs for the 2020 calendar year.

Roll Call:

Yes: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, III  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/06 – 22 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the request to apply for \$196,200 from the Office of Community Corrections in Lansing for FY 2021.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, III  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/06 – 23 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to apply for a renewal of the MIDC (Michigan Indigent Defense Commission) grant for FY21.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, III  
No: None Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Hughes thanked the sheriff for his department's efforts at the rally held at the Hall of Justice on Sunday afternoon. Many commissioners concurred.

Commissioner Mahoney thanked the public for their efforts at the rally held at the Hall of Justice Sunday afternoon.

Commissioner Lahring inquired of the sheriff regarding the death in the jail last week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sheriff Poulin provided the amount of the Marine Safety grant from 2019 upon Commissioner Nash's request.

Commissioner Mahoney shared that the quilting group in Montague is selling masks for \$3.

**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 4:25 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
July 7, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:52 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/07 – 24      It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, 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: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, I. John Snider, II

No: None Motion carried.



Roll Call:

Yes: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/07 – 29A It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster, to amend CPS20/07-29 to add the verbiage to apply and accept the grant if granted by the Department of Treasury.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, I. John Snider, II  
No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CPS20/07 – 29 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the application for grant funding to pay hazard pay premiums to eligible first responders within the Sheriff's Office.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/07 – 30 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the Sheriff's Office applying for the 2020 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services ) Grant. COPS-CPD-MICROGRANTS-2020.

Roll Call:

Yes: Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Hughes informed the Board that she recently toured the marijuana facility on Dangl and let them know they are all welcome to tour the facility.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Derouin commented regarding the COVID numbers.

Jennifer Hodges thanked the Board for supporting the sheriff's motion for the grant funding on Senate Bill 690.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Wilkins inquired regarding the sheriff and FIST.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
August 6, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II,

Rillastine Wilkins had technical difficulties and arrived after the attendance roll call

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/08 – 31 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Muskegon, City of Muskegon Heights and the County of Muskegon for the FY20 Justice Assistance Grant Award Program and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Memorandum.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the August Public Works meeting will be held via Zoom due to the Governor's recent order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Ford SUV Police Interceptor (1FM5K8ARXHGD57616) with the assistance of Emergency Services, use MiDeal pricing or the bidding process and to lease the Ford AWD Interceptor SUV police vehicle from Ford Credit

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

No: Zach Lahring

Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **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 5:00 p.m.

**MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Courts & Public Safety Committee**

October 8, 2020  
3:30 p.m. via WebEx

I. John Snider, II, Chair  
Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 4:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting as written. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/10 - 34 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to utilize the Sheriff's contracted vehicle maintenance provider to broker selling the used Watch Guard (4RE-STD-GPS) in-car video units. Motion carried.

CPS20/10 - 35 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to request permission to accept through the 2020 Michigan State Police – Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) reimbursement for up to 34.83% of the Muskegon County Emergency Services Director's salary and fringe benefits.

Roll Call:

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

No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/10 - 36 It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve acceptance of the FY2021 Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$56,079.00. (PT-21-32). Motion carried.

CPS20/10 - 37      It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Chairman Hughes, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement with the West Michigan Hazardous Materials Association effective from October 13, 2020 to September 30, 2021.      Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lahring made a motion to continue hybrid meetings allowing for Commissioners to choose attending either in-person or virtually. Motion not supported.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Barnes addressed the board reminding them of his request for a countywide ordinance for golf carts.

Jennifer Hodges, Muskegon Township Supervisor, would prefer to regulate their own ordinances regarding golf carts and thinks that the neighboring municipalities should do the same. Muskegon Township is against a countywide ordinance.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Foster stated that the golf cart ordinance is trying to come in with the State, most townships will write their own or have the option to write-in. This will make it easier on the DNR and the Sheriff for writing tickets. MTA will hopefully get on board quickly and bring something to the County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
November 5, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Snider at 4:14 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also

Present: Beth Dick, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020, meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/11 – 38      It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Chairman Hughes to accept the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC) and Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Emergency Services/Management, and authorize the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

CPS20/11 – 39      It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright to approve obtaining Requests for Proposals for the secure enclosure of the Control Center at the Juvenile Transition Center utilizing approximately \$30,000 in general fund savings

carried over from FY2020 to fund the project in FY2021 and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

CPS20/11 – 40 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster to approve a three year contract with Securus Technology to provide inmate communications in the Muskegon County Jail. This contract will generate a \$50,000 one-time signing bonus and guarantee revenue of \$170,000 per year until November 2023. Additional revenue will be generated from the Secure-view tablets.

Yes: Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/11 – 41 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster to approve the awarding of contracts to Belinda Barbier, Jennie Roach, and Amanda Heys-Westendorp for \$25,000 each to represent children on neglect/abuse cases and cover any delinquency conflict cases not handled by the Public Defender office and award contracts to David Kortering, Ed Wasiura, and Michael Flynn for \$19,166.67 each to represent parents on neglect/abuse cases for the time period December 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Yes: Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

CPS20/11 – 42 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright to approve the contract with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) for the provision of public criminal defense services, accept a grant for that purpose in the amount of approximately \$2,283,304.70, and authorize the County Administrator to sign said contract and amend the budget accordingly.

Yes: Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Zach Lahring, I. John Snider, II  
No: None Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**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 4:36 p.m.

**Muskegon County  
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting  
December 1, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**I. John Snider, II, Chair**

**Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wilkins at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash,  
Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins  
(Zach Lahring joined the meeting after roll call due to technical difficulties)  
(Marcia Hovey-Wright was unable to join the meeting due to technical  
difficulties)

Also

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Scolnik, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020, meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

CPS20/12 – 44      It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney to authorize the creation of an Assistant Public Defender I position at pay table/grade NX-00288 \$25,332/hr - \$33.755/hr within the Muskegon County Public Defenders.

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

No: Zach Lahring

Motion carried.

CPS20/12 – 45 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Scolnik to authorize the creation of two (2) Assistant Public Defender II positions at pay table/grade NX-00308, \$29.233/hr - \$37.161/hr, within the Muskegon County Public Defenders.

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

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CPS20/12 – 46 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes to authorize the creation of a Legal Secretary 1 position at pay table/grade GU-00160, \$15.16/hr - \$18.70/hr, within the Muskegon County Public Defenders.

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

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CPS20/12 – 47 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney to reorganize the Muskegon County Public Defenders by promoting RJ Winter into the position Assistant Public Defender III, X09401, Step 1, \$38.251, effective December 18, 2020.

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

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CPS20/12 – 48 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Hughes to reorganize the Muskegon County Public Defenders by promoting Kendrah Robinson from Assistant Public Defender I, Step 5, \$30.669/hr, to Assistant Public Defender II, X09301, Step 3, \$32.176/hr, effective December 18, 2020.

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

No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CPS20/12 – 49 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Hughes to advance Nicholas Gowings from Assistant Public Defender I at pay Step 2, \$26.57/hr, to Assistant Public Defender I at pay step 5, \$30.669/hr effective December 18, 2020.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**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 3:45 p.m.