

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
January 12, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CPS16/01 – 01 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to utilize the Sheriff's contracted vehicle maintenance provider to broker selling used vehicles for this office; also, to apply the proceeds from the sale to purchase used vehicle(s) for the department. Motion carried.
- CPS16/01 - 02 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to accept the FY2015-16 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to authorize the Sheriff sign the agreement. Motion carried.

CPS16/01 - 03 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to accept the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Sheriff Department/Emergency Services, and direct the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

MUSKEGON COUNTY

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Board of Commissioners

Terry J. Sabo
Chair, District 8

Benjamin Cross
Vice-Chair, District 2

Marvin R. Engle
District 5

Susie Hughes
District 3

Jeff Lohman
District 7

Kenneth Mahoney
District 9

Charles Nash
District 6

Robert Scolnik
District 4

Rillastine R. Wilkins
District 1

January 27, 2016

MEETING CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Muskegon County Board of Commission Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting and Human Services Committee meeting of February 2, 2016 are cancelled.

Posted: January 27, 2016

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
March 8, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Terry J. Sabo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CPS16/03 – 04 It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve and support the utilization of a therapy dog by the Public Defender’s Office, specifically the Family Division, to benefit children represented by the office. Motion carried.
- CPS16/03 - 05 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Sheriff’s Office to apply for the 2016

calendar year Marine Safety grant in the amount of \$155,363.00 for personnel and operating costs with a 25% local match requirement. Motion carried.

CPS16/03 - 06 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to allow the Sheriff's Office to price, accept offers and purchase from suppliers, forty-four (44) Correctional Armor Vests at an anticipated amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cross reminded those present that the Public Works Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10th will be held at 3:00 PM.

Commissioner Lohman suggested, and Commissioners were in agreement, to schedule a future Board meeting in the City of Muskegon Heights as a show of support to that community.

Commissioner Lohman noted there are currently government officials from South Korea in the county who are here testing a South Korean helicopter at the Muskegon County Airport. He noted Mr. Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, is in the process of scheduling a meet and greet for Commissioners to include a tour of the hangar at the Airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
April 5, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wilkins at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/04 – 07 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Chairman Sabo, to accept Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight grant in the amount of \$61,249 and authorize the County Grants Coordinator to execute the sub-recipient monitoring agreement with the City of Muskegon and grant award contract with Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Motion carried.

CPS16/04 - 08 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the County's application to Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program for \$2,575,080 with a County direct cash match of \$643,770 already budgeted for pier improvements at Heritage Landing. Motion carried.

CPS16/04 - 09 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Chairman Sabo, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for FY2017 VOCA Grant. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 3, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/05 – 10 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Vice-Chair Cross, to award the contract to David Strait as Surveillance Officer for the 60th District Court Sobriety Court in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract. Motion carried.

CPS16/05 - 11 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Vice-Chair Cross, to approve the one-year extension of the Agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program between the Townships of Laketon and Fruitland, the Muskegon County Sheriff

and the Board of Commissioners with the County's share of cost being 50% or \$110,402.70 and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the document. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik reported on the medication disposal event held in Norton Shores and noted there was much participation. He thanked Dan Stout, Undersheriff/ Emergency Services Director and all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Mr. Stout indicated he will try to get a report of the amount of medication and Sharps turned in during the event. He also noted the medications were taken to a facility in Grand Rapids to be incinerated.

Commissioner Hughes provided hand-outs and information regarding the Zephyr site restoration. She also provided information on Eat Safe Fish, and provided a guide to Commissioners for their information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
June 7, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATIONS

New Address Assignments

Ms. Shawn Grabinski, Central Dispatch 9-1-1 Executive Director, addressed the Board and noted Central Dispatch is currently providing addresses for new home construction for some municipalities in the wake of Consumers Energy no longer providing this function. She noted it is important to her agency that addresses are issued and recorded appropriately and that duplicate addresses, and even in some instances street names, are avoided. Ms. Grabinski offered to speak to other local municipalities to offer this service.

Muskegon County Jail Update

Lt. Mark Burns, Jail Administrator, provided an update on the Muskegon County Jail. He reviewed the history of the former jail to include in 1956 when it was built the capacity was 156. In 1978, after a renovation, the capacity was increased to 244 beds. Following utilizing the lower level of the HOJ, the capacity increased to 425 beds. Lt. Burns noted there are more than 10 programs available to those incarcerated to include: anger management, substance abuse, narcotics abuse, Exit program, Thinking Matters program, Re-Formers program and an on-line education program which if completed appropriately will present the inmate with a high school diploma as opposed to a GED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CPS16/06 – 12 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed memorandum of understanding between Muskegon County, City of Muskegon and Muskegon Heights for the Justice Assistance Grant program. Motion carried.
- CPS16/06 - 13 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Engle, to award the contract to Eric D. Ridout Surveillance Officer for the 60th District Court Sobriety Court in the amount not to exceed \$12,000; and to authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the contract. Motion carried.
- CPS16/06 - 14 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the renewed agreement between the County of Muskegon and the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District to provide school/educational programming and services to JTC residents for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.
- CPS16/06 - 15 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for the FY2017 Crime Victim Rights Grant in the amount of \$200,074.00. Motion carried.
- CPS16/06 - 16 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Chairman Sabo, To 1) authorize the Sheriff to put the current Sheriff FT Captain (C01001) position into an unfunded status and 2) to move the Sheriff Deputy FT (S05019) position to a funded status with a labor distribution of 100% 1010-0355 with the intent to fill immediately. Motion carried.

CPS16/06 - 17 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept the Marine Safety grant in the amount of \$72,300 for personnel and operating costs for the 2016 calendar year and to amend the County budget accordingly. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Sabo noted his disappointment in the possibility that two youths could walk away from the Juvenile Transition Center. He requested information on how this will be prevented in the future. Mr. Oard, Youth Services Director, noted the video has been reviewed and appropriate action has been taken with staff as appropriate. He also noted he has met with the fence consultant and are looking at razor wire (inside the area) and razor wire alternatives to include tethers of the youths in the facility. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Hughes suggested further review of tethers and perhaps uniforms of a specific color to better stand out in the community. Commissioner Scolnik voiced his concern in keeping the facility as a transition center as opposed to a jail housing youths. Commissioner Engle noted the safety of the community is more important than the appearance if razor wire is recommended to be utilized.

Commissioner Nash requested an educational assessment of JTC residents. Mr. Oard noted he would analyze the information and report back to the Board.

Chairman Sabo inquired if staff were continuing to meet with the surrounding neighborhoods of the JTC. Mr. Oard noted meetings are still being held and another will be scheduled in the near future to request feedback and suggestions of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, apprised the Board that the cruise ship, Pearl Mist, will be arriving on Thursday, June 9th at approximately 8:30 a.m. at Heritage Landing. He thanked and shared his appreciation to all who had a hand in assisting with this project. Mr. Lukens also discussed the work done in securing security points and security sweeps on the days of ports of call to the Landing.

The Sea Mist will dock at approximately 8:30 a.m. and depart at approximately 7:00 p.m. She will again dock on Sunday, June 12th. There will be four visits in July and another 4 visits in August from the Pearl Mist. Excursions are planned on land for cruise ship participants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
July 5, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Concierge Corrections

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Todd Gilchrist introduced Concierge Corrections representative Mr. Anthony Garland. Mr. Garland gave a brief presentation on Concierge Corrections services. Handouts attached.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/07 – 18 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to seek proposals to

create, revise and update Muskegon County's SARA Title II Hazardous Materials Plans (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986) starting calendar year 2017. Motion carried.

CPS16/07 - 19 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to forgo the bidding process and authorize the Sheriff to negotiate an agreement with Concierge Corrections to provide inmate medical rebilling services at a commission rate not to exceed thirty-five percent and to amend the current contract with Correct Care Solutions to allow Concierge Corrections to be part of the billing process. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes noted that she attended the launch of the Sheriff's new boat.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Concierge CORRECTIONS



Corrections Facilities across the nation are burdened with Inmate Healthcare costs that consume the majority of their budgets. I'm sure your facility is no exception.

Concierge Corrections' mission is to provide relief from this burden through our Asset Recovery and Inmate Eligibility Processes.

Here's how the Asset Recovery works in a nutshell;

- We are supplied with the past 12-18 months of *Paid* Medical bills from Offsite services.
- We search our databases for Insurance Coverage or Eligibility of Coverage for each Inmate.
- Upon finding the inmate is covered or is eligible for coverage we will then begin our Recovery Process.
- The qualified claims are then paid by the responsible parties and the Monies are returned back to you.
- We are compensated based upon a percentage of what is recovered for you. If you don't get paid, neither do we.

In addition to the considerable amount of cash you can expect to recoup with the initial Asset Recovery, our services will afford a significant, sustainable impact on your health care budget going forward.

The amount of money being left on the table is powerful. We've spent years in research and practicing under applicable Federal, State and Local Laws, Statutes and Programs and have found an answer to the Health Care cost burden to Counties like yours. We'd like to be your solution.

Regards,

Matt Brown, President
Melissa White, V.P.

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Concierge
CORRECTIONS



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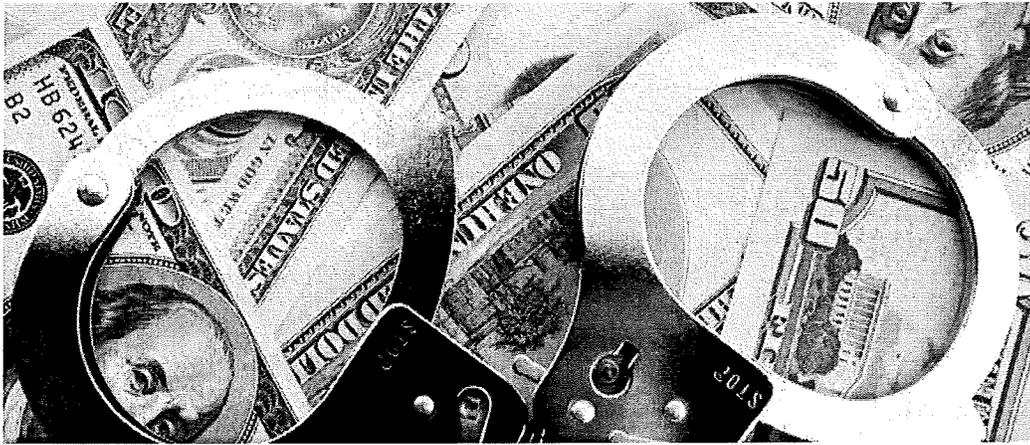
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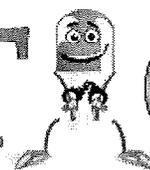
ARE INMATE
MEDICAL
COSTS
CAPTURING
YOUR
BUDGET?

The results speak for themselves...

COUNTY	SAVINGS YTD
Midland	\$266,311.38
Monroe	\$141,611.25
Gladwin	\$202,556.17
Shiawassee	\$67,009.44
Osceola	\$24,830.11
St. Clair	\$31,775.58
Roscommon	\$27,684.06
Van Buren	\$16,991.06
Cass	\$126,104.42
Lake	\$7,077.60
Ogemaw	\$16,500.22
Iosco	\$3,998.14
Houghton	\$19,988.14



Concierge
CORRECTIONS



**Muskegon County
Courts/Public Safety Committee Meeting
August 2, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Terry J. Sabo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Engle, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATIONS

The Hope Project

Ms. Julia Koch, Director of Development & Advocacy, the Hope Project, presented information to the Board regarding the agency. She noted the Hope Project brings awareness which leads to prevention of sex trafficking. The Hope Project also provides community response and community training to include local law enforcement, juvenile justice workers, educators, foster parents and medical staff. Its mission is to end sex trafficking. Ms. Koch presented hand-outs to the Board which included information on Hope Village, a Muskegon rehab center for survivors; information from a sex trafficking

survivor; and information regarding the first man to be charged with human trafficking-forced labor in Muskegon County history. Ms. Koch noted they have speakers available to present information at any organization/agency. The Board thanked Ms. Koch for her continued dedication to this cause.

WEMET (West Michigan Enforcement Team)

D/F/LT. Andy Fias, Section Commander, Michigan State Police, WEMET, presented the 2015 WEMET Annual Report. He noted WEMET is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force responsible for investigations in Muskegon, Ottawa and Allegan Counties. He noted the Investigations Initiated by County for 2015 include 246 for Muskegon County, 202 for Ottawa County and 178 for Allegan County. Investigations that lead to arrests involved 181 arrests for Muskegon County, 135 for Allegan County and 126 for Ottawa County. Lt. Fias apprised the Board of the purchases and seizures for 2015 for the three counties, some statistics as follows: marijuana - 555 pounds, marijuana plants - 1982 plants, cocaine 945 grams, crack cocaine 520 grams, LSD/mushrooms - 9772 grams, methamphetamine - 986 grams, heroin - 417 grams, hydrocodone/Vicodin - 366 units and other analogues (to include morphine, tramadol, Xanax, Ritalin, Adderall) - 1350 units. He noted other activity of the Enforcement Team included 170 search warrants being executed, 40 firearms seized (2 assault rifles, 18 long guns and 20 hand guns) and 60 methamphetamine labs/dump sites discovered/destroyed. The Board thanked Lt. Fias for this information and thanked him for his service.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CPS16/08 – 20 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Cross, to request permission to accept through the 2016 Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) reimbursement for up to 35.6931% of the Muskegon County Emergency Services Coordinator's salary and fringe benefits. Motion carried.
- CPS16/08 - 21 It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department to initiate the proposal process for cognitive behavioral services in the Muskegon County Jail and in the community. Motion carried.
- CPS16/08 - 22 It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve the request to apply for \$187,094 from the Office of Community Alternatives in Lansing for FY 2017. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zabrina Santiago, County Commission District #8 candidate, introduced herself to the Board and shared background information regarding her Muskegon County and North Muskegon history.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

THE HOPE PROJECT

Bringing Light to Those in Darkness

What We Do

AWARENESS = PREVENTION:

- *Since 2006, The Hope Project has reached thousands through awareness events, panels and forums at high schools, churches, universities, radio and television, and community organizations.*
- *In 2015, we reached over 3,750 adults and youth through speaking engagements, awareness events, and training.*

COMMUNITY RESPONSE & TRAINING:

- *We informally mentor female sex trafficking survivors and girls at high risk of sex trafficking, and we also sponsor individual counseling, and equine and group therapy, and refer appropriately.*
- *We train local law enforcement, juvenile justice workers, child welfare workers, educators, foster parents, and medical staff.*
- *We chair and staff the Lakeshore Human Trafficking Task Force—local agencies developing a comprehensive, community-based approach to human trafficking.*
- *We belong to the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force; Center for Missing and Abducted Children's Organizations; Muskegon County Silent Observer Council; and Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce; and are involved in many local organizations.*
- *We are a resource to West Michigan agencies and local residents for statistics, training, and referrals on the issue of human trafficking.*

HOPE VILLAGE:

- *The classroom for the Hope Village property has been painted, and the flooring is being installed next.*
- *We have recruited the Residential Administrator to complete the state licensure for the home. and we are working to raise the 6*

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

Victims of human trafficking may look like many of the people you help everyday.

Look for the Following Clues:

- > Evidence of being controlled
- > Evidence of inability to move or leave job
- > Bruises or other signs of physical abuse
- > Fear or depression
- > Not speaking on own behalf and/or non-English speaking
- > No passport or other forms of identification or documentation

**Call the National Human Trafficking
Resource Center, 1.888.3737.888**



Group helps sex-trafficking survivors while trying to open Muskegon rehab center

By Malachi Barrett | mbarret1@mlive.com on June 23, 2016 at 11:55 AM, updated June 23, 2016 at 12:41 PM

MUSKEGON, MI — Jeff and Sue Martineau have spent 10 years of their life fighting for a cause that few know exists.

"We're here for the long run," Jeff said. "I don't envision myself ever not working on this issue. Not until they bury me."

After a spiritual experience, the pair founded The Hope Project, a faith-based Muskegon organization dedicated to helping survivors of sex trafficking while raising awareness. The organization is raising funds to finish a project that would open one of only three residential rehabilitation home for survivors in Michigan.

A lack of donations and public understanding that sex trafficking happens locally has pushed their plans back several times. Though the building is functionally complete, another \$300,000 is needed for licensing. Once open, it will cost \$510,000 each year to house six girls and pay six staff members who need to be on site at all times.

To raise the funds, Jeff plans to start a capital campaign, but the setback is indicative of a constant uphill battle to finance their ambitions. Jeff and Sue are optimistic their Hope Village will open its doors by 2017, but they hoped to finish the project much sooner.



Sex-trafficking survivor: 'They told me it would happen over and over'

Survivors of sex trafficking are on the path to recovery thanks to The Hope Project.

Access to limited resources means The Hope Project needs to choose between the home and offering counseling for a swelling caseload of survivors.

"These people need help now and we can't turn them away because where can they go then?" said Julia Koch, director of development and advocacy. "We can't turn them away. We can't be those kinds of people."

For adults, prostitution becomes sex trafficking when it includes the elements of force, fraud or coercion. If any of those three things are present, the victim should not be charged with a crime. Minors should not be charged with prostitution.

When Koch joined the organization in 2011, it was working with only one survivor. As she began to focus on raising awareness locally, more began to seek the organization's help.

In 2014, they were working with 20 survivors. A year later, 10 more came to their door. Another five have been added in 2016.

All ongoing cases are mostly handled by one person, Director of Programming Sara Johnson, who joined The Hope Project when she learned sex trafficking was happening in her hometown.

"It is a challenge to keep up with all of the cases," she said. "We are a tiny organization with huge dreams and we are going through growing pains. Eventually, we want to hire more staff to help with the caseload so we can be more effective."

The majority of survivors Johnson works with are from Muskegon County or were trafficked in the county, Koch said. Connecting them to people who have been through similar situations is an important part of rehabilitating people who have left the sex trade.

"One thing we hear from our survivors is how important it is to talk to someone who doesn't judge them, who listens so they don't feel alone in all of this," Koch said. "Unfortunately, there are just not enough organizations around the state that do this kind of work, but they are growing."

Muskegon Police Officer J.L. Dibble, who is also on The Hope Project's Board of Directors, said residential programs are important because some survivors come from unsafe home environments or are disowned by their family when they learn about their forced prostitution.

Foster care and other non-specialized social services aren't equipped to help survivors of sex trafficking but will be able to refer them to a safe bed at Hope Village.

"A lot of the beds in shelters for teens can only be held for so long, and if the parent doesn't want them they go to foster care," she said. "Our homes will give them someplace safe to go where they have access to counseling, can get back into school and have a support network around them with people who know what they have gone through."

When The Hope Project formally began in 2006, there were less than 50 beds available in specialized treatment centers nationally. There are only two others in Michigan, The Manasseh Project in Grand Rapids and Vista Maria in Detroit.

Vista Maria offers 16 beds while The Manasseh Project offers 12 beds, but Koch said many more are needed around the state, as some girls need to be moved from the area they were trafficked in.

In 2013, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority conducted a national survey of residential programs for victims of sex trafficking to provide information to service workers across the country.

It found 37 programs were open with a total of 682 beds, however 28 states had no residential programs at all. Jeff said the biggest barrier to opening new homes is the cost.

"There are so few because it is so expensive," he said. "People think it's easy to raise money. I've probably ran into 100 people who want to open homes, but it's one thing to have the heart to do it and another thing to actually be able to."

At Hope Village, a single 2,600-square-foot home with four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a classroom facility will treat up to six 11- to 17-year-old girls at a time. Treatment programs offered from Hope Village will use a holistic approach to rehabilitation, including counseling, education, mentoring, recreational therapy and case management.

Eventually, the group hopes to build two more homes for up to 18 girls, as well as a transitional living location for those who are not ready to move into the community.

Johnson said it won't happen without community support, which makes raising awareness as important as treating survivors. The Hope Project has reached tens of thousands of people while trying to legitimize the issue through

awareness events, panels and forums. This year, a new team of Hope Project ambassadors will also visit classrooms across West Michigan.

Challenge of faith

Running the organization has cost the Martineaus money, stress and their retirement. But their dedication comes from a deep wellspring of faith and the belief that God called them to action.

Sue said one morning a decade ago, she woke up and felt a heavy burden to reflect on victims of prostitution in the Bible. For six hours Sue said she wept and thought of people across the world forced into sex work.

Then, she came to a realization.

"During that time, I felt the word hope would stand for three different things," she said. "Houses Of Prostitution Emptied, Houses Of Promise Entered, which would represent rehabilitation homes, and Houses of Prayer Entered."

She was convinced. Jeff wasn't.

"I was still in denial," he said. "I had other plans for my life and quite frankly, dealing with a bunch of sex-trafficked kids wasn't in the picture."

It took a year and a similar moment of faith for Jeff to commit, but once they were all in, the Martineaus began researching the scope of the problem in the United States. Through a friend, Jeff made a connection with the FBI, who invited them to a seven-day program in Washington D.C. for law enforcement agencies.

Jeff and Sue said they weren't prepared for what they saw.

"It was all top law enforcement from all over the country, like the LAPD and Miami Vice, and then us in the back corner," he said. "I don't even know if we were supposed to be there, it was really meant for people used to already seeing and hearing these things. They interviewed traffickers on how they groomed the girls and prepared them. It was pretty serious."

Jeff said it was a sleepless week after the conference, but they returned to Michigan with new purpose.

"They were talking about the dire need for beds," he said. "The problem was so huge but there aren't beds for these kids and they actually directed to us: if you're going to do something, figure out how to put beds together."

How to help

Though they are primarily funded through donations, Sue manages the Hope Chest Resale Center, a thrift store on 185 W. Laketon used to raise money for anti-trafficking programs. The store has weekly sales on clothing and furniture donated by the community.

To donate or learn about a multitude of volunteer opportunities available, visit The Hope Project at www.hopeprojectusa.org. The Hope Project is a non-profit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

If you suspect someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, call 1-888-373-7888 to be connected with a representative of The National Human Trafficking Resource Center. The center is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the United States, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 200 languages.

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Man charged with human trafficking for allegedly forcing woman into prostitution



By John S. Hausman | jhausman@mlive.com

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Tracey Allen Lockett, *Muskegon County Jail*

A Muskegon Heights man has been charged with human trafficking-forced labor, the first such case in Muskegon County history.

Tracey Allen Lockett, 43, was arraigned Friday, June 17, on that charge. He's accused of forcing a 25-year-old woman to prostitute herself by beating her and threatening the lives of her family members.

Muskegon County District Judge Harold F. Closz III set bail at \$150,000 cash or surety, and Lockett remains in the Muskegon County Jail. His preliminary examination is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. July 5.

Forced labor is normally a maximum 10-year felony. A judge may impose the sentence consecutive to any related conviction.

In Lockett's case, the potential maximum sentence is life in prison because he's charged as a fourth-time habitual offender. That's based on convictions of negligent homicide in 1993, breaking and entering a building with intent in 1992 and delivery of less than 50 grams of a controlled substance in 2012.

According to his arrest warrant, the alleged offense occurred Sept. 11, 2015, at Muskegon Avenue and Third Street in downtown Muskegon.

"It's alleged that he forced the victim by beating her, choking her, pulling her hair, slapping her, and threatening to kill her parents, children and sibling, that if she did not engage in acts of prostitution and return the money to him, those terrible things would happen," said Timothy M. Maat, chief assistant Muskegon County prosecutor.

Lockett is being defended by the Muskegon County Public Defender's Office. Public Defender Fred Johnson Jr. did not immediately return a call seeking comment Wednesday, June 22.

Maat said the case initially came to prosecutors' attention as a domestic violence case. After examining the alleged circumstances, prosecutors decided to file the unusual charge. Human trafficking-forced labor is a much more serious offense than either domestic violence or procuring an act of prostitution.

Maat praised the work of Every Woman's Place, a Muskegon women's shelter, in helping develop the case. "We've been working very closely together," Maat said. "They've been very valuable in helping protect the victim and get to the truth here."

Besides the convictions underlying the fourth-time offender count, Lockett also has misdemeanor convictions of domestic violence in 2016 and 2001, second-offense domestic violence in 2004 and a felony conviction of financial transaction device fraud in 2007, Maat said.

Sex-trafficking survivor: 'They told me it would happen over and over'



Lynn Sweetland and Sara Johnson pose for a portrait in front of Hope Project merchandise. (Erin Lefevre | MLive.com)
[Joel Bissell | jbissell@mlive.com](mailto:Joel.Bissell@mlive.com)

By Malachi Barrett | mbarrett1@mlive.com on June 23, 2016 at 8:01 AM, updated June 28, 2016 at 1:24 PM

MUSKEGON, MI — Lynn Sweetland was 27, going through a volatile divorce and lost custody of her children when she decided to give up on life.

She was vulnerable, which made her a target for predators who forced her into prostitution. For three months she was dragged to various counties in South Carolina and used against her will.

Sweetland is one of more than 30 survivors of sex trafficking on the path to recovery thanks to The Hope Project, a faith-based organization in Muskegon dedicated to helping survivors of human trafficking while raising awareness. The organization is working hard to raise funds to open a residential rehabilitation home for survivors in Michigan, partially through telling of survivors' personal stories.

Now, Sweetland works as an office administrator of The Hope Project.

She had to get through hell first.

"I met these two guys who promised me they would take me to Georgia," Sweetland said. "I (soon) realized they weren't who they said they were. I heard them talking and they had this other girl with them. I made the mistake of telling them I heard everything. I realized what was happening but it was too late."

First she was forced to write bogus checks, but soon they told her she had to choose between committing armed robberies or performing sex acts in truck stops with the other woman.

"I was told not to come back until I earned \$500," Sweetland said. "I refused to do it, so they arranged for me to be gang raped at gunpoint. They told me right as the gun was in my face that it would happen over and over and over again. So I became compliant."

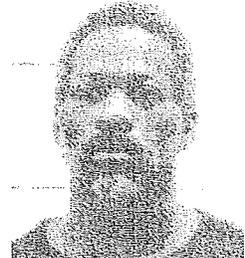
For adults, prostitution becomes sex trafficking when it includes the elements of force, fraud or coercion. If any of those three things are present, the victim should not be charged with a crime. Minors cannot be charged with prostitution.

Muskegon Police Officer J.L. Dibble said it's often difficult for people being coerced to recognize it on their own. She chairs the Lakeshore Human Trafficking Taskforce and is also on The Hope Project's Board of Directors.

"What you can have is a victim who will state 'I'm doing this on my own, I want to do this,'" she said. "They have been coerced by being beaten or having things withheld from them, and perform sex work to stop the punishment. So they feel like they did this on their own. You have to get your victim past that."

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Also called 'forced labor,' it's the first such charge in the county's history.



To keep her compliant, Sweetland was given Rohypnol, an incapacitating drug commonly used to render a person vulnerable to sexual assault. She was beaten when she tried to escape.

Her abusers gave her two large tattoos across her breasts so she would be easily identifiable.

Sweetland tried to give clues to her customers that she was being coerced into prostitution, that it wasn't her choice, but was ignored for three months. Finally, one truck driver listened and arranged for her to be driven to Missouri.

Twenty-six years later, she is helping others find the path to healing. Sweetland started with The Hope Project in 2014 as an intern while pursuing a human services degree. Now she works full-time with the organization and travels across the country to speak about her experiences.

"Being a survivor means I just went through an ordeal, thriving means I have gone through the ordeal and I am surviving past that," she said. "Transcending is when it is no longer part of my life, it's a backdrop of who I am but it doesn't rule me. That is where I am now."

The Hope Project helps survivors tap into resources to help progress in their journey to healing. Sweetland was connected with a ministry that will finance laser removal of her tattoos.

The organization has grown to serve 36 survivors in five years. All cases are handled by Director of Programming Sara Johnson, who joined The Hope Project when she learned there was an anti-trafficking group in her hometown.

The Hope Project sponsors individual counseling, equine therapy and group therapy, and makes referrals to other service organizations in the community.

Group helps sex-trafficking survivors while trying to open Muskegon rehab center

A dedicated group of activists fight to treat survivors of sex trafficking.



Johnson said her biggest challenge is dealing with the fact some victims aren't ready for counseling. She gave an example of one woman who was doing well in sessions, but was recently kicked out of the place she was staying and returned to the drug scene.

"You want to be able to help, but sometimes you can't because she's not ready to change yet," she said. "Sometimes I'll go out for coffee and meet (with a girl) to talk and see how we can help. It might just be that extra support of knowing there is someone who cares helps; they don't always have someone to call. We're here. We're someone you can fall back on."

Securing their safety is the biggest goal, Johnson said, followed by healing and restoration, much like the transcendence Sweetland referenced. One thing Johnson learned quickly is that counseling doesn't restore just one person; it restores the whole family and impacts generations.

"It's extremely rewarding when I get text messages that say, 'I don't know if I would be alive if it weren't for the Hope Project,'" she said.

The majority of survivors Johnson works with are from Muskegon County or were trafficked in the county, like a woman who spoke with MLive Muskegon Chronicle on a condition of anonymity.

As a toddler, a family member sold her body for drug money. Two years later she told her mother, who was divorced from her father and worked to keep her daughter safe from that side of the family.

The survivor received counseling, but was told memories of abuse would return later in her life.

"All of the memories disappeared, and when I started getting into drugs and alcohol (as a teen) it brought them all back," she said. "I was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and I started living in the hell of memories."

The woman said she felt insane because the trauma could appear at any time. A certain smell, sound or environment could trigger her memories. Now a 25-year-old student at Muskegon Community College, the woman recently finished her last counseling session at The Hope Project.

"They gave me a family when I felt alone," she said. "I have had tremendous healing during the last four years. It's amazing what can happen when people are behind you, they believe you and believe in you."

More recently, a Muskegon Heights man was charged with human trafficking-forced labor, the first such case in Muskegon County history.

Tracey Allen Lockett, 43, was arraigned Friday, June 17, on that charge. He's accused of forcing a 25-year-old woman to prostitute herself by beating her and threatening the lives of her family members.

Julia Koch, director of development and advocacy, said Johnson is working with the survivor of Lockett's abuse.

Documenting the problem

This year alone, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center received 244 calls reporting 75 cases of human trafficking and 57 cases of sex trafficking in Michigan. Since 2007, the center reported 630 cases involving a total of 1,288 victims exhibiting high or moderate indicators of human trafficking in the state.

It is impossible to tell how prevalent human trafficking is in Muskegon County, Sweetland said, because most statistics are not based in empirical data. The Hope Project officials can only rely on what they experience.

Human trafficking fight plagued by bad data, as well as bad guys

Human trafficking remains one of the least-understood crimes.



Tracking the extent of the problem is an issue for law enforcement as well.

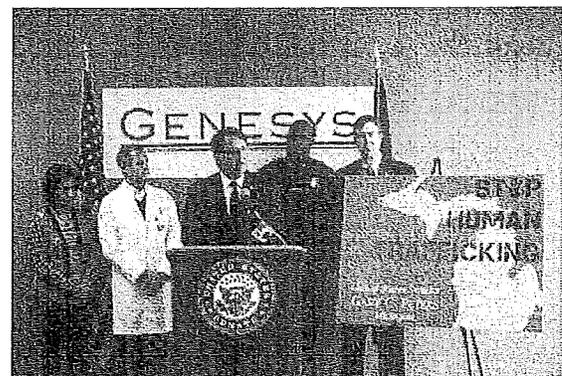
Even after the Federal Government passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act in 2000, there was no classification for law enforcement to indicate when a case involved human trafficking until it was reauthorized in 2013. States had no way to track how many cases were being charged.

Michigan did not have the classification in its databases until January 2014. Dibble said law enforcement agencies are still being trained to identify the difference between sex trafficking and prostitution.

In an email sent to law enforcement agencies across the state in July, Michigan State Police claimed only three incidences of human trafficking were reported statewide in 2014 by local law enforcement.

A paradigm shift is needed in the way survivors are treated by law enforcement, Sweetland said, or victims of sex trafficking will never come forward.

State legislators have begun to take action. New legislation took effect in January last year, adopting a victim-centered approach to enforcement after The Michigan Human Trafficking Commission made recommendations to the state legislature.



Few human trafficking cases reported despite publicity, state police say

The Michigan State Police claim few cases of human trafficking were reported last year in Michigan despite widespread publicity from elected officials and new laws aiming to combat the issue.

In April, several new bills were introduced in the House of Representatives focused on protecting victims forced into wrongdoing and setting harsher punishments for perpetrators of sex trafficking.

Human trafficking bills were introduced this week in the Michigan House of Representatives that aim to protect victims forced into wrongdoing and set harsher penalties for people convicted of sex trafficking.

Last week, members of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force taught Muskegon officers how to recognize trafficking, how to interact with survivors and what the law covers. Dibble said law enforcement has to be properly educated on how to pick out the signs of sex trafficking.

"When I sit down to interview (the victim) and I start to see the signs, I won't tell them what sex trafficking is until the end. Then I will explain it to them," she said. "A lot of times you have to get past the shame and embarrassment. You have to pretty much show them that if a person loves you they will not do these things to you and you don't have reasons to love them back."

Dibble said sex workers are not often caught on the streets of Muskegon.

"When it happens, it happens behind closed doors," she said. "We have to wait until a victim comes to us."

One thing is certain: If a survivor comes to Dibble for help but doesn't want a police investigation or a report made, she immediately calls The Hope Project.

Neither Sweetland's or the anonymous woman's abusers were charged for their crimes, but were eventually caught for other offenses.

Both are coming to a sense of peace and moving forward, but they will never forget what happened.

To donate or learn about a multitude of volunteer opportunities available, visit The Hope Project at www.hopeprojectusa.org. The Hope Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

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WEMET is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force, which consists of five teams and an administrative unit responsible for investigations in Muskegon, Ottawa, and Allegan Counties. The jurisdictions serviced by WEMET are Muskegon, Ottawa, and Allegan Counties. Participating agencies are: Michigan State Police, Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, Allegan County Sheriff's Department, Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Holland Police Department, Muskegon Police Department, Norton Shores Police Department, and Grand Haven Department of Public Safety.



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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES MANPOWER COMMITMENTS

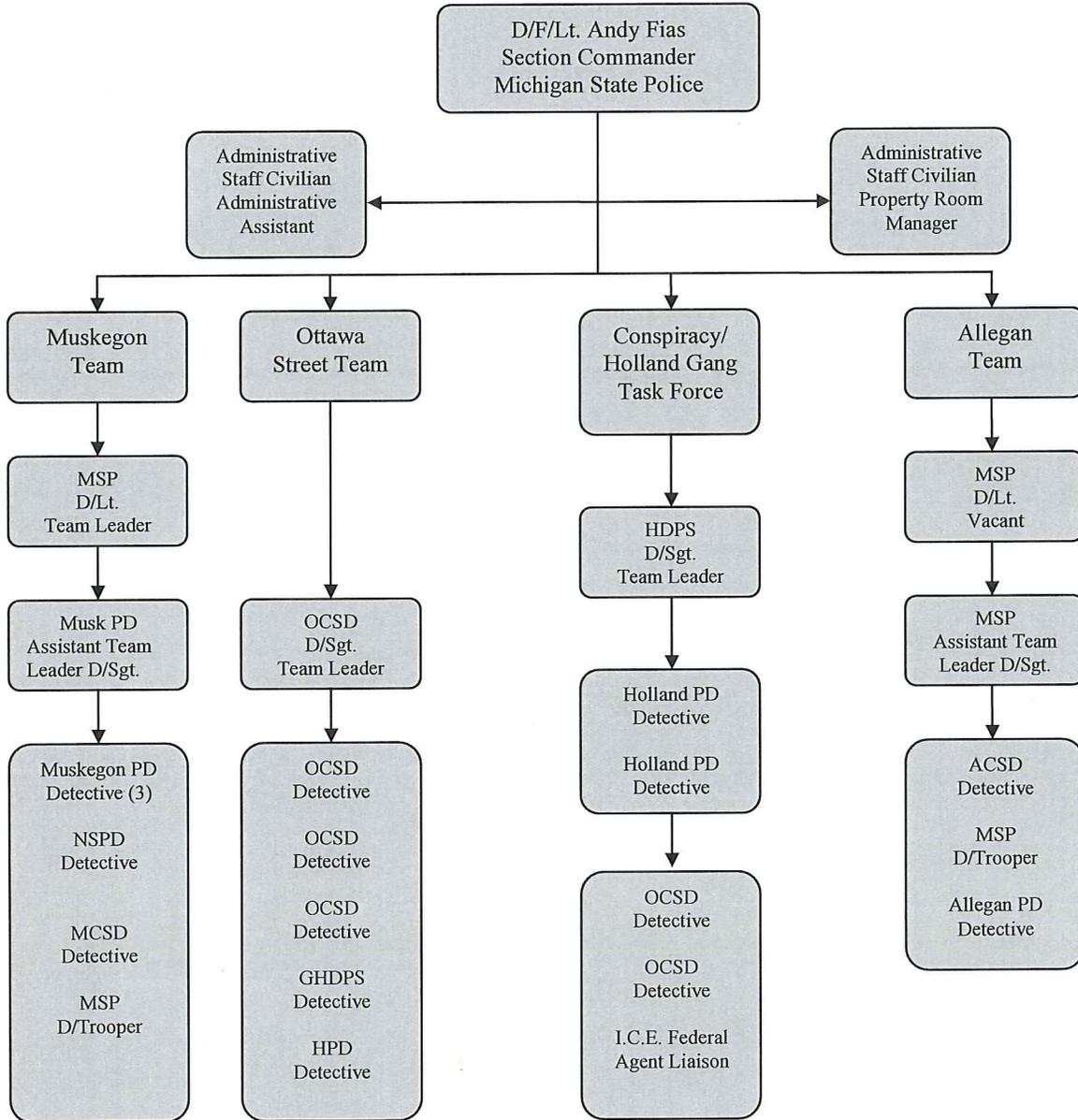
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>OFFICERS ASSIGNED</u>
Michigan State Police	7
Holland Department of Public Safety	4
Muskegon Police Department.....	4
Ottawa County Sheriff Department	6
Allegan County Sheriff Department	1
Allegan City Police Department	1
Grand Haven Department of Public Safety	1
Muskegon County Sheriff Department.....	1
Norton Shores Police Department	1
Total officers assigned to WEMET	25
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).....	2
Homeland Security Investigations Agent	1
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF).....	1
Federal officers working with WEMET	4

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2015 CHAIN OF COMMAND AND STRUCTURE



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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COMMAND

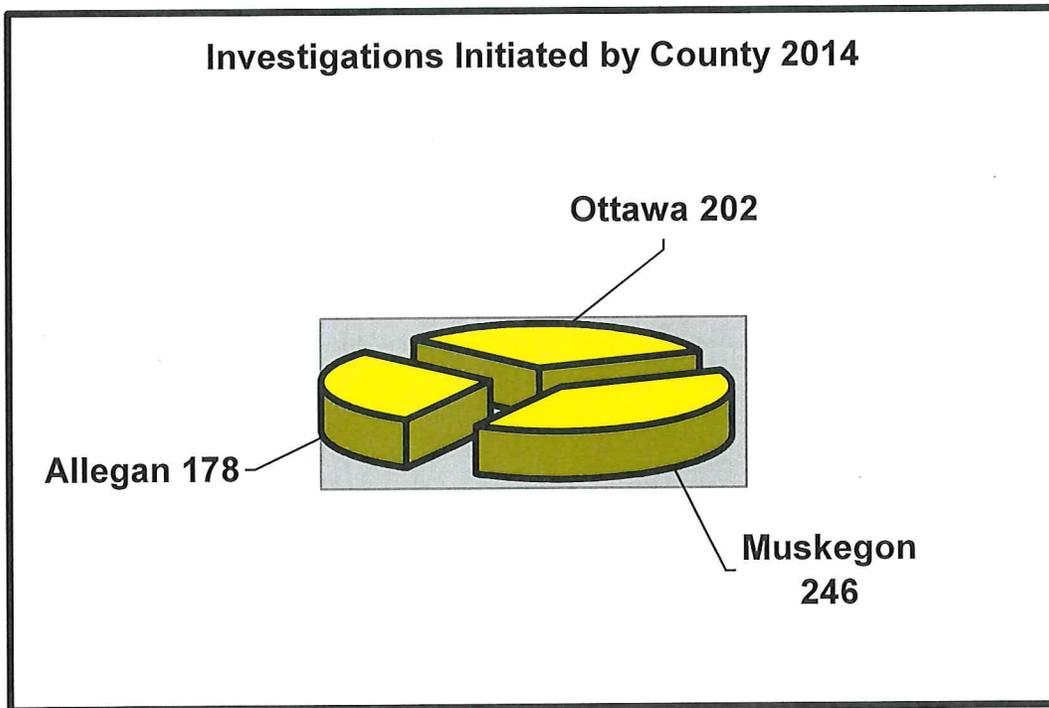
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INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED BY COUNTY

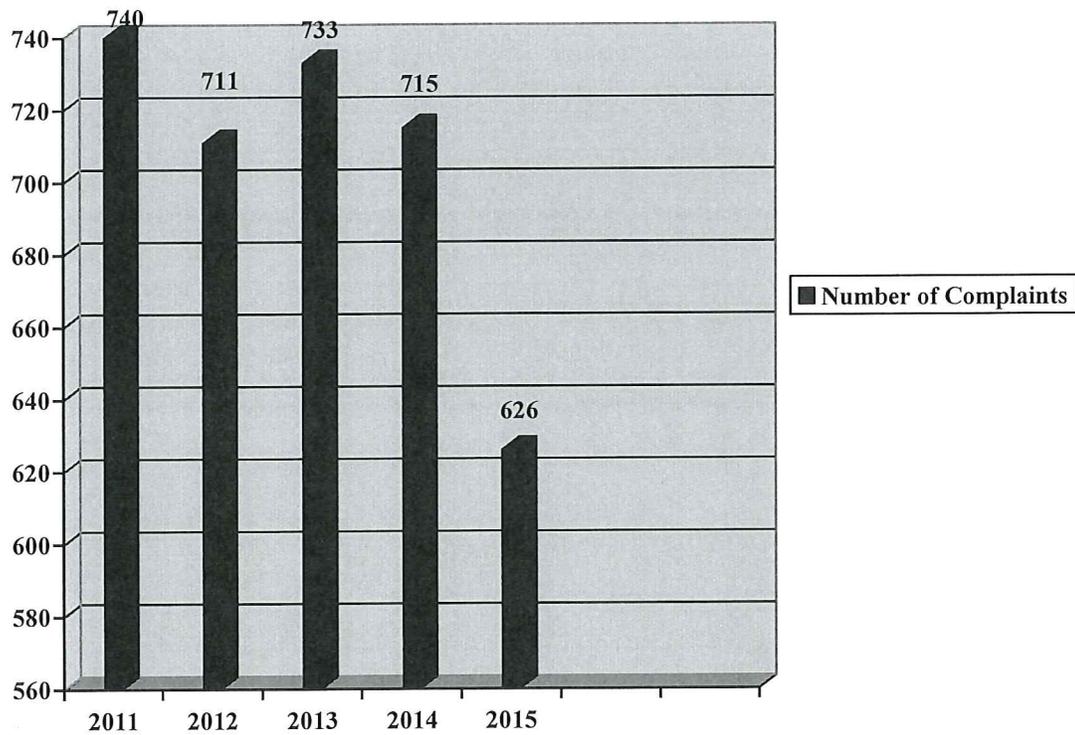


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2015 CASES INITIATED BY VENUE

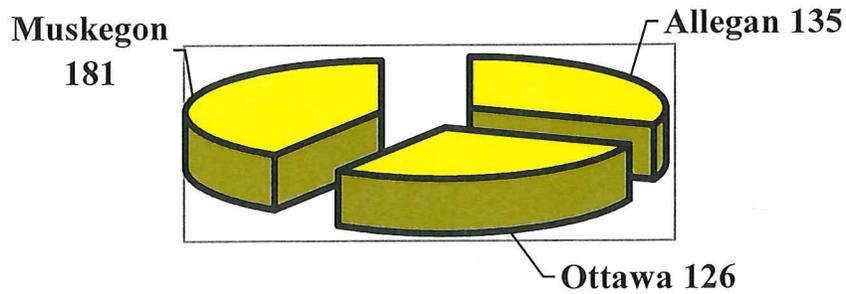
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Allegan City	23	Allendale	13	Blue lake	2
Allegan Twp.	6	Blendon	0	Casnovia	0
Casco	1	Chester	0	Casnovia Twp.	1
Cheshire Twp.	6	Coopersville	5	Cedar Creek	0
Clyde	4	Crockery	2	Dalton	9
Dorr	3	Ferrysburg	0	Egleston	8
Douglas	0	Fruitport	0	Fruitland	5
Fennville	5	Georgetown	5	Fruitport	2
Fillmore	0	Grand Haven	32	Fruitport Twp.	7
Ganges	2	Grand Haven Twp.	4	Holton	8
Gun Plain	18	Holland	81	Laketon	6
Heath	3	Holland Twp.	20	Lakewood Club	0
Holland	2	Hudsonville	2	Montague	0
Hopkins	2	Jamestown	0	Montague Twp.	0
Laketown	0	Olive	6	Moorland	0
Lee	11	Park	1	Muskegon	94
Leighton	0	Polkton	0	Muskegon Hts	56
Manlius	3	Port Sheldon	1	Muskegon Twp.	15
Martin	2	Robinson	1	North Muskegon	0
Martin Twp.	4	Spring lake	4	Norton Shores	24
Monterey	1	Spring lake Twp.	3	Ravenna	0
Otsego	5	Tallmadge	0	Ravenna Twp.	2
Otsego Twp.	31	Wright	2	Roosevelt Park	2
Overisel	2	Zeeland	9	Sullivan	0
Plainwell	9	Zeeland Twp.	0	White River	0
Salem	2	Out County	11	Whitehall	1
Saugatuck	0			Whitehall Twp.	3
Saugatuck Twp.	3			Out County	1
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Watson	2				
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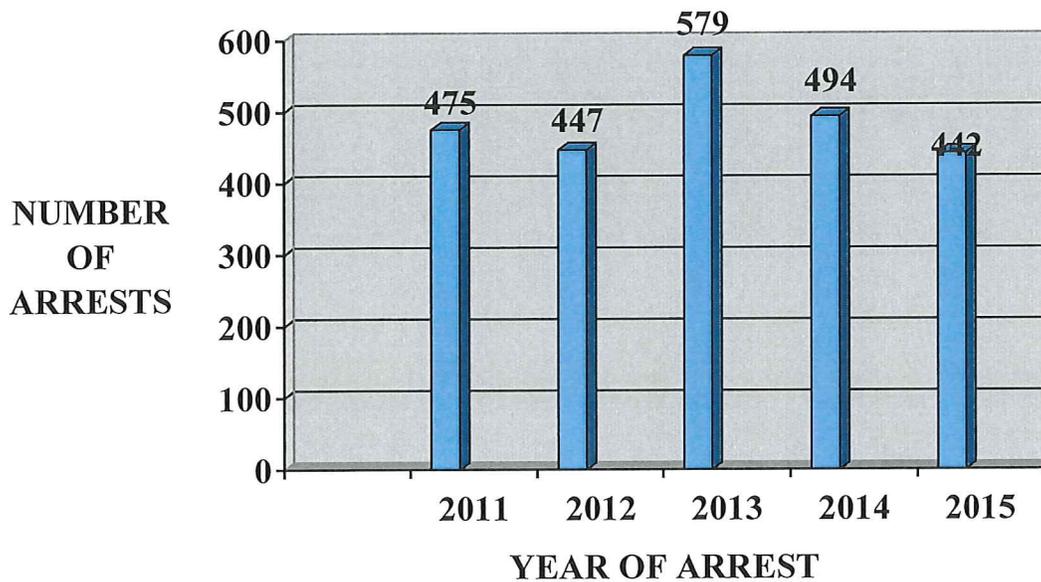
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ARRESTS BY COUNTY



5 YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



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BREAKDOWN OF CHARGES IN 2015

<u>Offense</u>	<u>No. of Charges</u>
Marijuana	124
Cocaine	75
Heroin	67
Methamphetamine	164
LSD/Mushrooms.....	10
Analogues	38
Weapons Offenses	34
Property Crimes	18
Crimes against Persons	4
Assault with Intent to Murder.....	2
Other Dangerous Drugs	24
Fugitive/Prob. Violation	42
Other Crimes.....	126
TOTAL	728

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PURCHASES AND SEIZURES – 2015

MARIJUANA.....	555 POUNDS
MARIJUANA PLANTS.....	1982 PLANTS
COCAINE.....	945 GRAMS
CRACK COCAINE.....	520 GRAMS
LSD/MUSHROOMS.....	2752 UNITS/9772 GRAMS
METHAMPHETAMINE.....	986 GRAMS
ECSTASY/MDMA.....	39 UNITS/397 GRAMS
HEROIN	417 GRAMS
HASHISH	54 GRAMS
HYDROCODONE/VICODIN	366 UNITS
METHADONE	156 UNITS
OXYCONTIN.....	45 UNITS
OTHER ANALOGUES.....	1350 UNITS

** OTHER ANALOGUES include Morphine, Tramadol, Xanax, Ritalin, Ephedrine, Alprazolam, Clonazipam, Adderall, Codeine, and Percocet.

Total Street Value of Drugs \$ 3,709,890.05

5 YEAR HISTORICAL COMPARISON

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ARRESTS</u>	<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>	<u>NARCOTICS EXPENSES</u>	<u>NARCOTICS SEIZURES</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
2011	475	740	\$53,497	\$3,789,037	\$446,027
2012	447	711	\$53,603	\$3,961,845	\$347,811
2013	579	733	\$28,662	\$3,900,374	\$303,598
2014	494	715	\$30,432	\$3,048,332	\$289,553
2015	442	626	\$29,009	\$3,709,890	\$294,933

2015 EXPENDITURES

WEMET spent \$29,009 purchasing evidence to further criminal investigations.

Supervised payments of \$3,080 were paid directly to informants who were controlled by investigators. This money is for the investigative services of cooperating individuals and for information received in reference to criminal activity.

Additional operational expenses incurred by WEMET totaled \$294,933. This includes office rental, utilities, personnel costs, vehicles, equipment, and other operating expenses.

ANNUAL GOVERNMENTAL NARCOTIC FORFEITURE REPORT

Number of forfeiture proceedings.....	168
Real property forfeitures	1
Conveyances forfeitures.....	13
Cash forfeitures	121
Other personal property	61

NET TOTAL PROCEEDS **\$193,167.89**

OTHER ACTIVITY

Search Warrants Executed	170
Firearms Seized.....(2 Assault rifle, 18 Long Guns, 20 Hand Guns)	40
Methamphetamine Labs / Dump Sites.....	60

2015 Significant Activity discussed at meeting.

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**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 6, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Marvin Engle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016, meeting as written. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were placed on file:

- The Hope Project: Bringing Light to Those in Darkness
- West Michigan Enforcement Team (WEMET) 2015 Annual Report

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/09 - 23 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by

Commissioner Lohman, to authorize request for bids for treatment services for Muskegon County Sobriety Court participants for the period of October 2016 through September 2017 with two one-year renewal options with no change in General Fund. Motion carried.

- CPS16/09 - 24 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve acceptance of the FY2016 Youth Alcohol Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 and to amend the County budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/09 - 25 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Sabo, to approve application for the FY2017 Secondary Road Patrol Grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning. Motion carried.
- CPS16/09 - 26 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve acceptance of the FY2017 Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$60,500.00 and to amend the County budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/09 - 27 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign a one year extension to the contract between the Muskegon County Sheriff and Correctional Healthcare Companies to provide medical services in the jail at a cost of \$109,183.19 per month. Motion carried.
- CPS16/09 - 28 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the FY2017 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget for submission to the State of Michigan. Motion carried.
- CPS16/09 - 29 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the five year combined Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Agreement. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sabo requested clarification on item CPS16/09-26 on how the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant distribution is determined. Dan Stout responded that area police agencies are asked if they want to participate. Most agencies participate.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
October 4, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Mr. Eric Stevens, Circuit Court Administrator, shared information with those present that Muskegon Circuit Court was just awarded a \$2.6 million grant over the next four years in conjunction with the SEED program. He will bring further information to the Board in the near future with a request to accept the grant award.

Commissioner Mahoney thanked Mr. Jim Hughes, Interim District Court Administrator, for his assistance in the transition to filling the District Court Administrator position. Mr. Patrick Finnegan, newly appointed District Court Administrator, was recognized and welcomed by the Board.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/10 - 30 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to accept the Michigan Juvenile Mental Health Court Grant Program award to the 14th Circuit Court in the amount of

\$93,500.00, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program award. Motion carried.

- CPS16/10 - 31 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Agreement with the Child Abuse Council, Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, to provide trained citizen volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in the court system; the Agreement is effective from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and will be funded by the Child Abuse Council donating \$60,000 in United Way of the Lakeshore grant funds, private local funds and matching funds through the State of Michigan Child Care Fund Program. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 32 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Agreement with the Child Abuse Council, Children's Advocacy Center, to provide services to the Circuit Court – Family Division by providing assistance to child victims of criminal actions and neglect and abuse cases involving the court system; the Agreement is effective from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 and will be funded by the Child Abuse Council donating \$15,000.00 in United Way of the Lakeshore grant funds, private local funds and matching funds through the State of Michigan Child Care Fund Program. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 33 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Board Chair to sign the Amended Agreement with Mediation & Restorative Services, to provide restorative services to juvenile offenders; the Agreement is effective from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 and will be funded by Mediation & Restorative Services donating a \$53,034.00 in United Way of the Lakeshore grant funds and matching funds through the State of Michigan Child Care Fund Program. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 34 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Nash, to accept the grant award amount of \$340,000 and authorize the Circuit Court Administrator and County Board Chair to sign the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program FY 2017 Contract,

upon receipt of the Contract from the State Court Administrator's Office. Motion carried.

- CPS16/10 - 35 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to apply to the State Court Administrator's Office for an Access and Visitation Grant and to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to sign the Access and Visitation Agreement between the State Court Administrator's Office and the Friend of the Court/Family Court, upon receipt of the Agreement from the State Court Administrator's Office. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 36 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the addition, reclassification and deletion of the Family Court positions outlined in the Muskegon County Family Court JTC Reorganization Summary FY 2017. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 37 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to realign funding with the current duties of Seventeen (17) Family Court employees, specifically, G27303, G74001, X37001, X37002, G27715, G27704, G27705, G27309, G27713, G27709, X25401, X15201, X71101, G27316, G27515, G27508, G35301 and X82601. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 38 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve to reclassify the current Court Clerk position #D15019 to a Clerical Support Specialist position for the 60th District Court, pay scale DC-00055 \$13.84 - \$20.99/hr and place the current union employee in position #D15019 in this position at Step 8 effective October 12, 2016. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 39 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Probate Court to enter into a contract with Vicki Broge, West Michigan Moneyinders, LLC, to assist the court in analyzing annual accountings and to provide educational sessions for lay conservators for a contract amount of \$16,800; effective October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Motion carried.
- CPS16/10 - 40 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Probate Court to enter into a contract with Lenore Fonstein to continue to provide in-home investigations in adoption and guardianship cases along with a

report and recommendations to the Court for a contract amount of \$16,000 annually with an additional \$5,400.00 mileage allowance; effective October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Motion carried.

CPS16/10 - 41 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections and accept the FY17 Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$220,914. Motion carried.

CPS16/10 - 42 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to accept the 2016 Hazmat/Tech Rescue Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Newaygo and Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Sheriff Department /Emergency Services, and authorize the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Eisenbarth, County Administrator, noted discussions began and will continue with local stakeholders regarding securing future funding for the Hazmat program. It was noted Bayer Crop Science and Webb Chemical were interested in participating in funding discussions.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik inquired as to any changes in the physical plant of the Juvenile Transition Center since the elopement of two residents this summer. Mr. Eric Stevens noted the first priority after this reorganization approval is to work with Ms. Lindsay Nelson and staff to allow the residents to again be given time outside. Ms. Nelson noted work continues with fencing consultants for ideas on securing the outside parameter. Commissioner Mahoney suggested again meeting with the neighborhood association for their comments.

Commissioner Hughes congratulated Family Court staff on their receiving the SEED grant and noted this could possibly change the child support programming system.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Stevens recognized and thanked Ms. Beth Dick, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Kristen Wade, Human Resources Director, and the union representatives for their assistance in approving the merger of JTC with Family Court.

Commissioner Mahoney noted he felt the JTC/Family Court reorganization was the best approach and thanked all involved for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 1, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mahoney at 4:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Bob Scolnik

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/11 - 43 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to award contracts to Jason Thielbar and Julie Sanderson dba Bentley Associates as Surveillance Officers for the 60th District Court Sobriety and Veteran's Courts and authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the contracts. Motion carried.

CPS16/11- 44 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to award the contract to Mercy Health Life Counseling in the amount of \$110,198.00 for the treatment of 60th District

Sobriety Court participants, and to authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the contract with Mercy Health Life Counseling. Motion carried.

- CPS16/11 - 45 It was moved by Commissioner Lohman, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept the Michigan Veteran's Treatment Court Grant in the amount of \$46,000 administered through the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the grant period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/11 - 46 It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant in the amount of \$100,000 and authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement with the State Court Administrator's Office and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/11 - 47 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) in the amount of \$60,000 and authorize the Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement with the State Court Administrator's Office and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/11 - 48 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Engle, to approve the Agreement between the Prosecutor's Office and Fruitport Charter Township for prosecution services for Fruitport Charter Township ordinance violations and civil infractions effective upon its full execution by both parties. Motion carried.
- CPS16/11 - 49 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Cross, to approve the Sheriff's Office to accept for the Fiscal Year 2017 Secondary Road Patrol grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning in the amount of \$147,870.00. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohman requested an update on the maritime volunteer service changes. Mr. Christian Toebe, Sheriff's Office, will provide an update in the near future.

Mr. Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator, informed Commissioners he continues to work to gather further information regarding the potential MERS pension legislative action. He noted no House Bills have been located regarding same and Mr. Mickey Knight, Knight Consulting, continues to further investigate.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Nash shared information regarding the upcoming “A Night of Jazz & Soul” fundraiser to benefit the Muskegon Heights Optimist Club. The event is being held on Friday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake House Water Front Grille.

Chairman Sabo noted the Muskegon Heights Optimist Club recently held their Halloween Party at the Muskegon Heights Fire Department which is a tradition he has been a part of for 19 years. He estimated approximately 300 people were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Cross, supported by Commissioner Nash to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Cross, Engle, Hughes, Lohman, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Wilkins
Excused: Scolnik Motion carried.

The Courts & Public Safety Committee went into closed session at 4:32 p.m.

The Courts & Public Safety Committee returned to open session at 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 6, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Ken Mahoney, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Benjamin Cross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 regular and closed session meetings as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS16/12 - 50 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Lohman, to authorize the Family Court to implement the ATM pilot project, enter into a maintenance contract with Card Tronics on the machine, as well as authorize the initial funding of \$5,000.00 to stock the machine. Motion carried.

- CPS16/12- 51 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept and sign the FY17 Byrne JAG-WEMET grant (MSP #JAG 70834 WEMET -17) in the amount of \$14,000; and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS16/12 - 52 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to award Catholic Charities to provide cognitive behavioral services in the community and authorize the County Board Chairman 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.
- CPS16/12 - 53 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to award Kelly Sadler to provide cognitive behavioral services in the jail and authorize the County Board Chairman 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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohman noted City of Muskegon Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Lewis made a presentation at a recent Muskegon Rotary meeting and noticed a decrease in the local crime rate. He attributed this decrease to the police relationships with local communities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.