

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
January 9, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel, Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/01 - 01 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to authorize the Board Chair and Circuit Court Administrator to sign the new three (3) year Lease Agreement for the County of Muskegon and 14th Judicial Circuit Court Muskegon with Satellite Tracking of People, from 2017 thru 2020, for the use of tethers for juveniles on probation, when necessary, subject to Corporate Counsel's review and approval of the Lease Agreement. Motion carried.

- CPS18/01 - 02 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to sign the contract with Michigan Works! for PASS grant program position. Motion carried.
- CPS18/01 – 03 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to authorize that the current incumbent in the limited term full-time PASS Child Support Investigator (Position # N14202) be moved into the recently vacated full-time Child Support Investigator position (Position # N14301), reclassify the vacated position N14202 from limited term full-time to limited term part-time and further authorize that the funding of the full-time Child Support Investigator (Position # N14301) be changed from 100% 2150-0142 (Cooperative Reimbursement Program) to 50% 2150-0142 and 50% 2150-0168 and the reclassified part-time/limited term Child Support Investigator (Position #N14202) be changed from 100% 2150-0168 to 100% 2150-0142 with all changes to be effective January 22, 2018. Motion carried.
- CPS18/01 – 04 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to accept the 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and the Muskegon County on behalf of the Muskegon County Emergency Services/Management, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement. Motion carried.
- CPS18/01 – 05 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the FY2017-18 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, authorize the Sheriff sign the agreement and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS18/01 – 06 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept and authorize the County Administrator to sign the FY18 Byrne JAG – WEMET grant (MSP #JAG 70834 WEMET-18) in the amount of \$11,200.00. Motion carried.
- CPS18/01 – 07 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the creation of the Communications Dispatcher II position with a pay grade of GU-00160 (\$14.28-\$17.62/hr). 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 4:04 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 6, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

I. John Snider, II, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wilkins at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Susie Hughes, John Snider, II

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel, Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/02 - 08 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the addition of the following hourly fill-in positions for Circuit/Family/Probate Court: five Clerk Bailiff hourly fill-in positions (NO170, \$16.22-\$20.08/hr) and five Circuit Court Legal and Scheduling Secretary hourly fill-in positions (NO200, \$16.74-\$22.08/hr). Motion carried.

The Ways & Means Committee went into closed session at 4:11 p.m.

The Ways & Means Committee returned to open session at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
March 6, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Marvin Engle

Also

Present: Susan Franklin, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel, Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the regular and closed session minutes of February 6, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/03 - 12 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve placing Troy Boroff at Step 3 of the pay scale NO-00210 (\$17.539-\$22.089/hr) of the Collections Case Manager position #N20102 effective January 22, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Cross, Foster, Hughes, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins

Excused: Engle Motion carried.

CPS18/03 - 13 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for the 2018 calendar year Marine Safety grant in the amount of \$172,120.00 for personnel and operating costs with a 25% match requirement. Motion carried.

CPS18/03 – 14 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the appointment of Michele Peer to the Communications Dispatcher position G22001 (GU-00070 \$12.19-\$14.88/hr) at Step 1, once it becomes vacant. Motion carried.

CPS18/03 – 15 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Sheriff's Office accepting the Huron-Manistee National Forest Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement (16-LE-11090400-017) between the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service and to authorize the Board Chair to sign this agreement. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik inquired if there was a mechanism in place for determining the success of collection activity. Mr. Patrick Finnegan, District Court Administrator, noted the District Court Collections Office is self-sustaining. He noted the District Court debt is collectible debt and is volume based whereby the Circuit Court debt is of significant amounts to include jail costs and felony costs and is more difficult to collect. He noted there was discussion in the past of consolidating the collection efforts of the District and Circuit Courts but that discussion has ended without settlement. Commissioner Snider encouraged future collection consolidation discussion between District Court and Circuit Court.

Commissioner Nash spoke of a collection company that has a great reputation of recovering debt which would be of no cost to the County. Instead, they add their fee to the balance owed and collect their fee from the individuals who have the outstanding debt.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
April 3, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Beth Dick, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/04 - 16 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Engle, to authorize the contract for Roxanna Hartline of Hartline and Associates, LLC, as the FY 18 Grant Administrator for the Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant for Muskegon County's Adult Drug Treatment Court, for the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

- CPS18/04 - 17 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to increase the salary of the Research Attorney position X82601 by changing it from the NX-00155 pay table/grade (\$18.489-\$23.959/hr) to the NX-00260 pay table/grade (\$23.12-\$29.182/hr). Motion carried.
- CPS18/04 – 18 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the funding transfers, reclassification and position number transfers of Family Court/Circuit Court. Motion carried.
- CPS18/04 – 19 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the Sheriff's Office requesting permission to move six (6) currently unfunded PT Sheriff Marine Deputy Positions to funded status and training to support these positions; these positions will be funded by salary savings from previously unfilled positions. Motion carried.
- CPS18/04 – 20 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the contract extension between the County and Canteen Services, Inc. for a period of two (2) years with up to three (3) one year extensions and a consumer price index increase of \$0.02 per meal; and authorize the Board Chair to sign. [No-Nash] Motion carried.
- CPS18/04 – 21 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to extend the contract with Canteen Services for a period of two (2) years with the option to renew for up three (3) years to provide inmate commissary service and to authorize the Board Chair to sign this agreement extension. [No-Nash] Motion carried.
- CPS18/04 – 22 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Chairman Cross, to accept the FY2018 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and authorize the Sheriff to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik inquired of the Sheriff if treatment was offered to inmates in the jail for substance use and/or mental health. Sheriff Poulin noted programming is offered after completion of the medical screen which consists of programs offered in the facility

and programming available after their release. Sheriff Poulin noted he has worked to change the release time from midnight at the day of release to anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. of the day prior to actual release date to assist with programming initiation taking place immediately upon release. Mental Health services are offered and are taking place when identified in the initial medical screen.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 1, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Charles Nash

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/05 - 23 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to authorize the Circuit Court/Family Court to enter into an agreement with the Muskegon County YMCA to provide summer evening recreational programming for youth involved with the Juvenile Division; and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

CPS18/05 - 24 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve acceptance of the FY2018 Michigan Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in the amount of \$48,699.00; and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scolnik inquired about the agreement with the Muskegon County YMCA to provide summer evening recreational programming for youth. Ms. Sandra Vanderhyde, Circuit Court Administrator, noted this is the 7th year of this program and last year 734 youth took advantage of the programming.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes noted she recently attended the Michigan Association of Counties Health & Human Services Committee where much discussion centered on approval of municipal marijuana proposals and the associated increase in costs much of which could be toward the county police agencies as in the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Snider noted the PINS (Partnership in Neighborhood Safety) might be something to be investigated to increase participation from rural townships.

Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Eisenbarth to research DBA (Doing Business As) fees for possible increases to help cover increase costs.

CPS18/05 – 25 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to direct the County Administrator to investigate and provide a recommendation on possible funding sources to be utilized in the event of additional costs to the County due to proposals or activities related to marijuana. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mahoney noted he recently attended the Healthy and Productive Michigan (HPM) meeting in Lansing in which discussion regarding the marijuana proposal took place. He noted five states have already declined to accept the proposal. Mr. Scott Greenlee, Greenlee Consulting and head of HPM, noted at the meeting that his coalition is considering a legal challenge if a medical marijuana petition was approved.

Mr. Eisenbarth noted departments will soon be turning in their budgets for 2019. He and Ms. Dick met with Muskegon Area Transit staff and discussed their projected shortfall for 2019. He requested a special strategic planning meeting with the Commissioners. He will bring some possible dates to the Full Board meeting on Tuesday, May 8th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

**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 licensina 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

on June 22, 2016 at 10:51 AM

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)
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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."

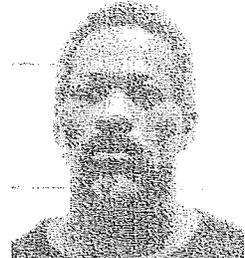
For adults, prostitution becomes sex trafficking when it includes the elements of force, fraud or coercion. If any of those three things are present, the victim should not be charged with a crime. Minors cannot be charged with prostitution.

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."

Man charged with human trafficking for allegedly forcing woman into prostitution

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.

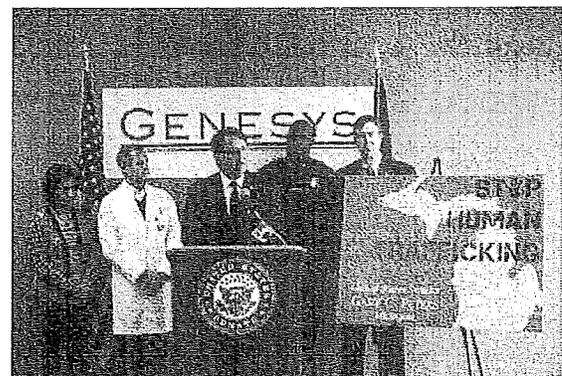
Even after the Federal Government passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act in 2000, there was no classification for law enforcement to indicate when a case involved human trafficking until it was reauthorized in 2013. States had no way to track how many cases were being charged.

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.

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 has 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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WEMET ANNUAL REPORT

2015



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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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CHAIRPERSON 2015

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Ottawa County Sheriff

VICE CHAIRPERSON 2015

Jeff Lewis
Muskegon Police Chief

Blaine Koops
Allegan County Sheriff

Dan Shaw
Norton Shores Police Chief

Dean Roesler
Muskegon County Sheriff

Chief William Olney
Zeeland Police Chief

Jeff Hawke
Grand Haven DPS Chief

Matt Messer
Holland DPS Chief

Cameron Henke
Michigan State Police

Ron Frantz
Ottawa County Prosecutor

D.J. Hilson
Muskegon County Prosecutor

Fred Anderson
Allegan County Prosecutor

Board of Directors includes the administrative head or one appointed representative of each participating agency. "Participating Agencies" refer to law enforcement agencies providing personnel or paying the annual membership fee.

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POLICY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRPERSON 2015

Al Vanderberg
Ottawa County Administrator

VICE CHAIRPERSON 2015

Jon Campbell
Allegan County Commissioner

SECRETARY 2015

Mark Meyers
Norton Shores City Manager

TREASURER 2015

Karen Karasinski
Ottawa County Fiscal Services Director

Al Vanderberg
Ottawa County Administrator

Mark Eisenbarth
Muskegon County Administrator

Frank Peterson
Muskegon City Manager

Dean Kapenga
Allegan County Commissioner

Donald Komejan
Holland Township Manager

Gary Rosema
Ottawa County Sheriff

Ryan Cotton
Holland City Manager

Rillastine Wilkins
Muskegon County Commissioner

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Norton Shores City Manager

David Roesler
Michigan State Police

Robert Sarro
Allegan County Administrator

Karen Karasinski
Ottawa County Finance

Dennis Van Dam
Ottawa County Commissioner

Steven Patrick
Coopersville City Manager

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES MANPOWER COMMITMENTS

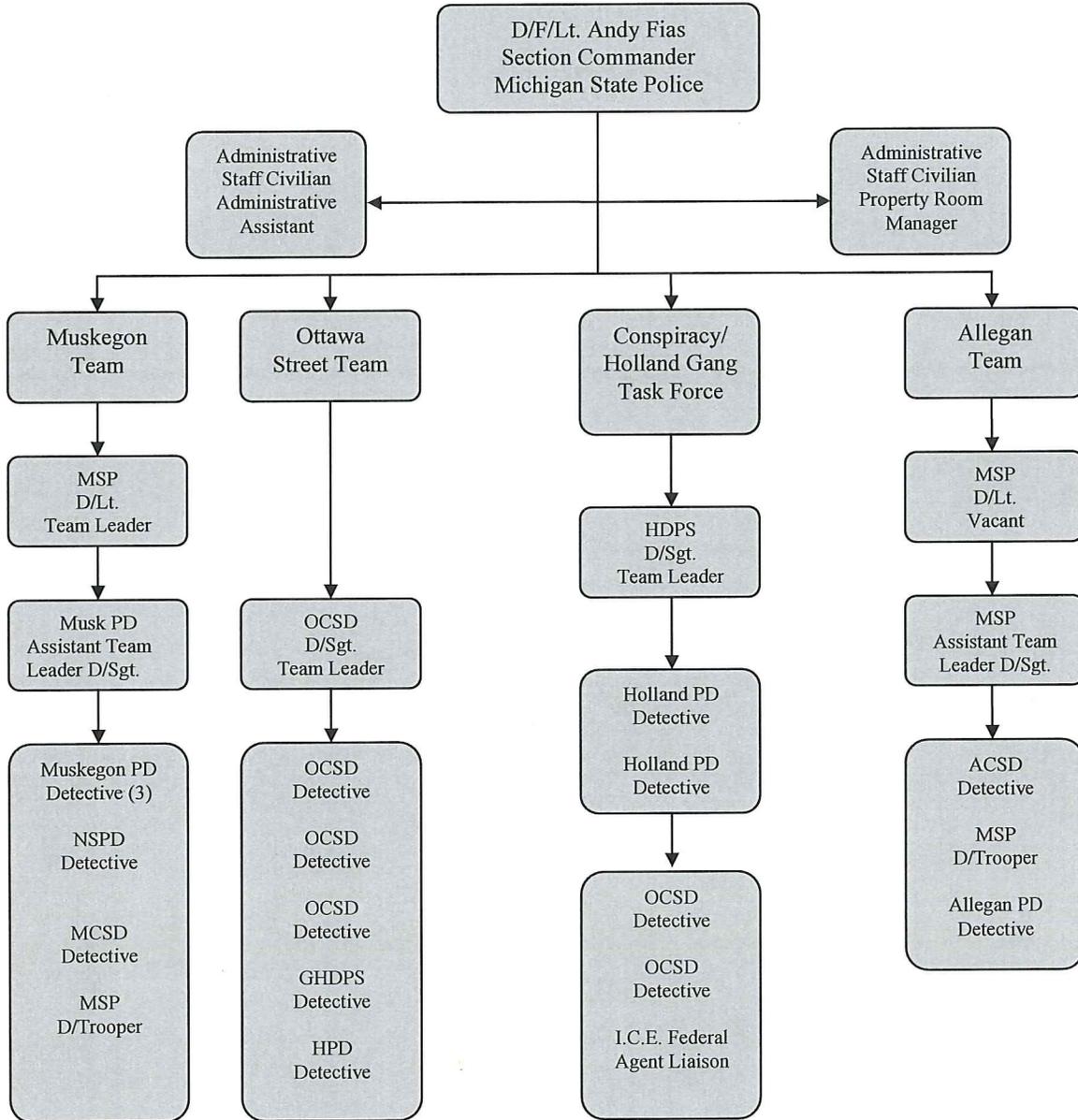
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>OFFICERS ASSIGNED</u>
Michigan State Police	7
Holland Department of Public Safety	4
Muskegon Police Department.....	4
Ottawa County Sheriff Department	6
Allegan County Sheriff Department	1
Allegan City Police Department	1
Grand Haven Department of Public Safety	1
Muskegon County Sheriff 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

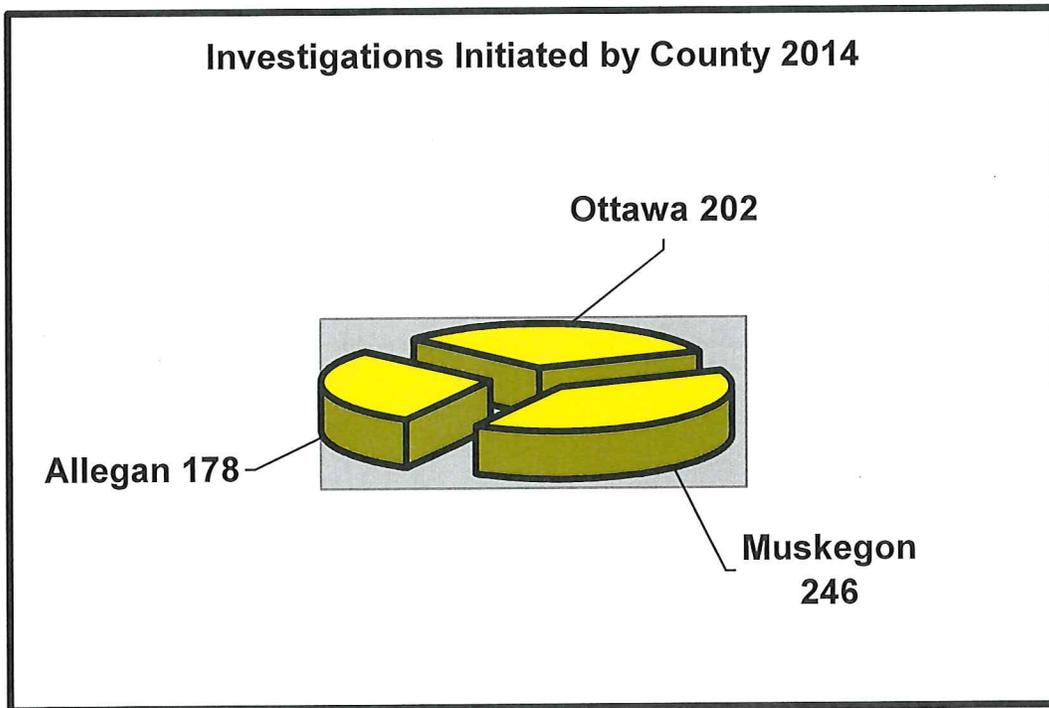
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D/Lt. Nate Grant, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
D/Lt. Michele Dunlap, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
D/Sgt. Kate Straus, Assistant Team Leader	Muskegon Police Department
D/Sgt. Greg Rotman, Team Leader	Ottawa County Sheriff's Department
D/Sgt. John DeYoung, Team Leader	Holland Department of Public Safety
D/Sgt. Mike Harris, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
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Lyn Boyd, Administrative Assistant	

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INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED BY COUNTY

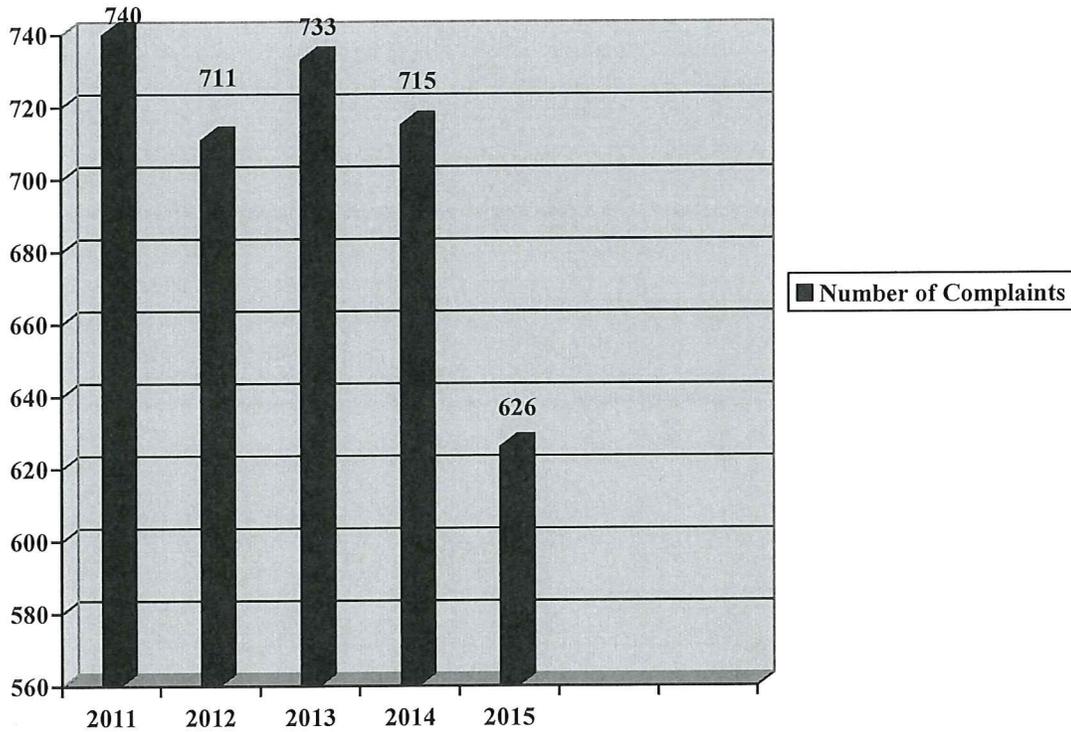


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5 YEAR COMPLAINT COMPARISON



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2015 CASES INITIATED BY VENUE

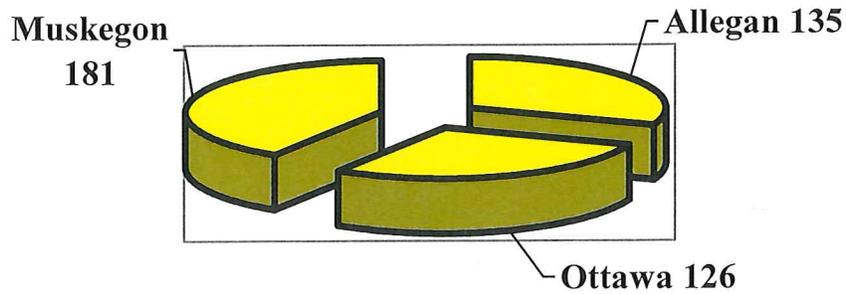
Allegan County 178		Ottawa County 202		Muskegon County 246	
Allegan City	23	Allendale	13	Blue lake	2
Allegan Twp.	6	Blendon	0	Casnovia	0
Casco	1	Chester	0	Casnovia Twp.	1
Cheshire Twp.	6	Coopersville	5	Cedar Creek	0
Clyde	4	Crockery	2	Dalton	9
Dorr	3	Ferrysburg	0	Egleston	8
Douglas	0	Fruitport	0	Fruitland	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
Trowbridge	9				
Valley	0				
Watson	2				
Wayland	6				
Wayland Twp.	6				
Out County	7				

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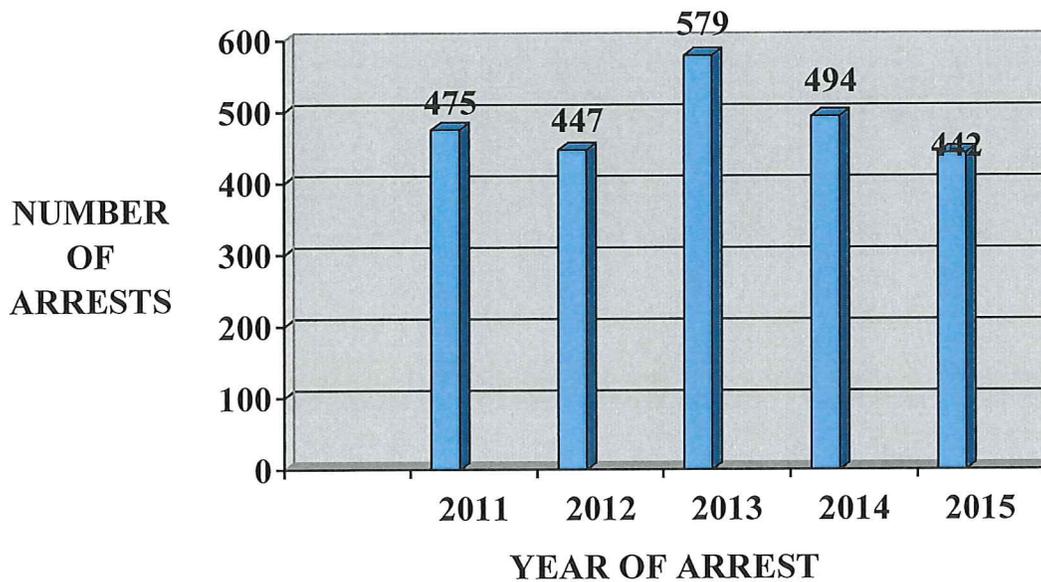
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ARRESTS BY COUNTY



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
July 10, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Charles Nash

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of June 5, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/07 - 32 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Engle, to approve the addition of one Circuit Court Legal and Scheduling Secretary full-time position (NO-00200, \$16.749-\$22.089/hr), specifically, appoint Autumn Ward into the position, at a Step 4, \$19.244/hr. Motion carried.

CPS18/07 - 33 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for and accept the FY2019 VOCA Grant in the amount of \$55,805 and affix the signature of the Chairman of the Board to the letter of authorization required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

CPS18/07 – 34 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the request to apply for \$187,100 from the Office of Community Corrections in Lansing for FY 2019. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Cross asked for an update from Mr. Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator, regarding the County retirees' health insurance.

Mr. Eisenbarth noted meetings were held with retirees and discussion has taken place with the insurance broker.

CPS18/07 – 35 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve no changes to be made to the current retiree insurance packages. Motion carried.

Chairman Cross noted he has gotten many questions from constituents regarding pension bonds. It was noted the public notice may have been misunderstood in that the County is approved for \$96 million but that doesn't mean the County is borrowing any or that entire amount. Chairman Cross directed staff to try to find other alternatives other than bonding and Mr. Eisenbarth noted additional options will be brought forth to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
August 7, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Gary Foster, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Ms. Sandra Vanderhyde, Circuit Court Administrator, addressed the Board and provided them with a letter from the State of Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission. The letter addressed the recent allegations against Judge Hoogstra for judicial misconduct. The Judicial Tenure Commission has dismissed the allegations without merit.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/08 - 36 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to accept through the 2019 Michigan State Police – Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) reimbursement for up to 35.69% of the Muskegon County Emergency Services Director's salary and fringe benefits. Motion carried.

- CPS18/08 - 37 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the Community Foundation for Muskegon County's Grant of \$21,350 for the 60th District Court Eviction Prevention Program for the period of 9/10/18 through 9/9/19 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Grant Agreement. Motion carried.
- CPS18/08 – 38 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the decrease in funding from Mediation & Restorative Service from \$62,400.00 to \$45,850.00. Motion carried.
- CPS18/08 – 39 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the Sheriff to sell three used vehicles from the fleet and purchase a used administration vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. Motion carried.
- CPS18/08 – 40 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for the fiscal year 2019 Secondary Road Patrol grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning. Motion carried.
- CPS18/08 – 41 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Muskegon, City of Muskegon Heights and the County of Muskegon for the FY2018 Justice Assistance Grant Award Program and authorize the Board Chair to sign the memorandum. 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 4:11 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
September 4, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Excused: Bob Scolnik

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/09 - 42 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to request permission to accept through the 2018 Michigan State Police – Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division (EMPG) reimbursement for up to 35.69% of the Muskegon County Emergency Services Director's salary and fringe benefits. Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 43 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to authorize the Muskegon County 14th Circuit Court to

create three new grant funded Recovery Court positions; specifically, a Treatment Court Administrator (NX-00280, \$24.229-\$30.572/hr), a Recovery Court Coordinator (NX-0220, \$22.089 – \$27.836/hr.), and a Recovery Court Case Manager (NX-00190, 20.143 – 25.38/hr.), and to change the grant funded hourly position of the SSSPP Enforcement Officer to a full-time grant funded Specialty Court Enforcement Officer position, at its current pay grade and salary range (Position N74101, NO 270, salary range \$21.005-26.436). Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 44 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Chairman Cross, to authorize Jail/JTC project funds to be utilized for the kitchen upgrade; specifically, a commercial stove/oven combo, vent hood, and necessary mechanical work at the Juvenile Transition Center and to request bids for this work to be completed. Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 45 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Engle, to approve the FY 2019 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 46 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the creation of an additional Assistant Prosecutor 1 position for the Prosecutor's office (pay table NX-00288 \$23.871-\$31.808/hr) with the increase in cost to the Prosecutor's FY2019 budget (1010-0229) to be offset by a decrease in cost the Child Care Fund - Residential budget (2920-0665) and corresponding decrease in General Fund Appropriation to the Child Care Fund (1010-0901-965.292). Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 47 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to enter into the following contracts (and authorize the Board Chair to sign) with six private practice attorneys to represent parents and children on neglect/abuse and delinquency cases in Family Court for the 2018-2019 fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2019:

- Lindsey Miller and Jennie Roach - \$30,000
- David Kortering and Ed Wasiura - \$23,000
- Belinda Barbier - \$26,000
- Mandi Martini - \$19,000

Motion carried.

CPS18/09 - 48 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Chairman Cross, to apply for and acceptance of the FY2019 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 and to amend the County budget accordingly. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sandra Vanderhyde, Circuit Court Administrator, distributed a memo to Commissioners regarding a decision from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) in the matter of Ropp v Muskegon County. It was noted after a thorough investigation, the MDCR has determined that there is insufficient evidence to support a finding of discrimination or retaliation and has therefore, ordered the complaint be dismissed.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Vanderhyde for that update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
October 9, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/10 - 49 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Nash, to exercise a one year contract renewal option with Mercy Health Partners - Life Counseling in the amount of \$69,900.00 for the treatment of 60th District Sobriety Court participants. Motion carried.

- CPS18/10 - 50 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant in the amount of \$60,000 and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 51 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to accept the Michigan Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$160,000 and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 52 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Engle, to accept the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant in the amount of \$155,000 and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 53 It was moved by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the creation of two new Assistant Public Defender I positions pay table/grade NX-0288 (\$23.871-\$31.808/hr) for the Muskegon County Public Defender's office to be funded by the proceeds of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission state grant. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 54 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Nash, to approve the creation of one Legal Secretary 1 position pay table/grade GU-00160 (\$14.28-\$17.62/hr) for the Muskegon County Public Defender's office to be funded by the proceeds of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission state grant. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 55 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Engle, to approve the Sheriff's Office to accept for the Fiscal Year 2019 Secondary Road Patrol grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning in the amount of \$119,250. Motion carried.
- CPS18/10 - 56 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement for Law Enforcement Service between Michigan Works! West Central and the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office. Funding for the first year of the agreement, October 1 2017 through September 30, 2018 is increased to \$12,500.00 and the funding for the second year is \$16,560.00. 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 4:06 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 6, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/11 - 57 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Circuit Court Administrator to sign a 5 year contract with Westlaw beginning on January 1, 2019, on behalf of Muskegon County's Circuit Court, Probate Court, District Court, Public Defender's Office and Prosecutor's Office. Motion carried.

- CPS18/11 - 58 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Muskegon County 14th Circuit Court's acceptance of the federal grant award of \$499,994.00, effective 1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2022, and authorize the County Administrator to sign as the Authorized Grantee Official accepting the award. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 - 59 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve payment to Justice AV Solutions, not to exceed \$48,000, to cover the cost of JAVS Classic Maintenance Agreement for the period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 to cover service and maintenance of all court recording equipment for the 60th District Court, 14th Circuit Court and Muskegon County Probate Court. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 - 60 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Chairman Cross, 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 \$917,735, authorize the Board Chair to sign said contract and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 - 61 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve acceptance of the FY2019 Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$36,000.00 (PT-19-34). Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 - 62 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to lease six (6) road ready Ford 4WD Interceptor SUV's with all equipment and lettering through the Board approved Sheriff vehicle maintenance provider; and further authorize the Sheriff's Office to lease these police Interceptors from Ford Motor Credit for a term of five (5) years with a \$1.00 buyout at the termination of the lease. [No-Hughes] Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 - 63 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve that the supplier/service contractor/contractor arrangements outlined on the schedule be approved to continue under existing arrangements for the time period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Motion carried.

- CPS18/11 - 64 It was moved by Chairman Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the increase in funding from Mediation & Restorative Service from \$45,850.00 to \$123,850.00 which is a \$78,000.00 change and takes place on October 1, 2018 and runs through September 30, 2019. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 – 65 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the one-year option extension of the contract with Catholic Charities for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 to provide cognitive behavioral services in the community and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the contract extension for services when it becomes available. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 – 66 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the one-year option extension of the contract with Kelly Sadler-Rader for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 to provide cognitive behavioral services in the jail and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the contract extension for services when it becomes available. Motion carried.
- CPS18/11 – 67 It was moved by Chairman Cross, supported by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections and accept the FY19 Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$187,100. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Cross wished all Commissioners good luck at the poll on this election night. Commissioner Scolnik recognized the 4 year service anniversary of the Muskegon County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Nash requested an update from Mr. Fred Johnson, Muskegon County Public Defender.

Mr. Johnson addressed the Board and noted the Public Defender's office in Muskegon County has been in existence for five years. He discussed changes in the office to include representation for defendants at arraignment which is unheard of currently in the

state of Michigan. He thanked Commissioners for their continued support, confidence and patience in noting funding had finally become available from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Johnson for his continued hard work and dedication and that of his staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Courts & Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 4, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th 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 4:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Gary Foster, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Chairman Cross, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

Sheriff Michael Poulin addressed the Board regarding motion #CPS18/12 – 70 and requested an amendment to the motion to extend the contract with Emergency Services, LLC through April 4, 2019.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CPS18/12 - 68 It was moved by Commissioner Engle, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the Prosecutor to apply for and accept the amendment to the FY2019 Crime Victim Rights Grant, to amend the budget accordingly, and to approve the creation of an additional full-time Crime Victim Rights Coordinator and an hourly Crime Victim Rights Coordinator (pay table NO-00165 \$15.590-\$19.629). The estimated salary and fringe for these positions (\$49,677-\$79,495 and \$24,400-\$30,721, respectively) will be fully funded by this grant. Motion carried.

