

County of Muskegon will develop and implement a website dedicated to the port as well as other public relations efforts; 3) the County of Muskegon will facilitate regional cooperation in the development of the port through the recently formed New Michigan Corporation and by seeking out and building strong regional, private/public partnership as well as other resources; 4) the County of Muskegon will evaluate the assets and liabilities that impede or support port development (infrastructure: education, roads, rail, environmental issues, utilities, etc.); 5) The County of Muskegon will join port associations such as the Michigan Port Collaborative and the Seaway Task Force; and 6) the County of Muskegon will continue to seek public input for future port development activities.

It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to suspend the rules to allow for public comment. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jager questioned why the County Board would become a leader and not a partner in this development.

Ms. Kathy Hoogstra, Port/Rail/Transportation Committee member addressed the Board and noted at this time there is no other team to join so someone needs to take charge and begin to lead.

Commissioner Snider noted he was in favor of the recommendation and views as favorable promotion of the community as a whole.

Commissioner Engle noted he was in support of the Committee, in broad perspective, bringing groups and the community together to engage in discussions.

Commissioner Cross noted he was in support of the recommendation and sees it as a great opportunity for the community and west Michigan in creating revenue and jobs.

It was moved by Engle, supported by Longmire, to return to open session. Motion carried.

Voice vote on original motion. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Plummer, supported by Mahoney, to approve setting the Public Hearing date for the FY2013 Proposed Muskegon County Budget for Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 3:30 PM at the Board of Commissioners Room on the 4th Floor of the Michael E. Kobza Hall of

Justice and to authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation on or before August 21, 2012.
Motion carried.

WM12/08-111 It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to award the Building Request for Proposal RFQ 12-1991 to the Hinman Company.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Derezinski noted the 2013 Proposed Budgets were provided to the Commissioners. He asked Mr. Heath Kaplan, Finance and Management Services Director, to discuss the format changes.

Mr. Kaplan noted the new format changes allow for more narrative which is hoped to be more user-friendly. He noted this is a program based budget which contains information on programs' goals, objectives and changes from the previous year's budgets. He informed those present that the line item budgets are still available for review and that this 2013 proposed budget is also available on-line.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW TOPIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.