

Muskegon County
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
October 23, 2012
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice
990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI

Lewis Collins, Chair

Scott Plummer, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Lewis Collins, Benjamin Cross, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Alan Jager, Anthony Longmire, Kenneth Mahoney, Scott Plummer, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2012, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEM

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

WM12/10 – 134 It was moved by Engle, supported by Wilkins, to approve the payment of the accounts payable of \$3,871,895.04 covering the period of September 29, 2012 through October 16, 2012 as presented by the County Clerk. Motion carried.

WM12/10 – 135 It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to accept funding from the Alcoa Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 as part of the match for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to create the improvements at Rotary Park at Heritage Landing, to name the fishing pier/landing as Alcoa Landing and authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

WM12/10 - 136 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to award purchase of open shelving units for the District Court, HOJ renovation project to Remco Storage Systems for \$39,287.00 with the costs being paid from the Hall of Justice Renovation Fund, 4130-4131.

Motion carried.

WM12/10 - 137 It was moved by Engle, supported by Cross, to award purchase of courtroom seating for the HOJ renovation project to Custer Office Environments for \$57,401.26 with the costs being paid from the Hall of Justice Renovation Fund, 4130-4131.

Motion carried.

WM12/10 – 138 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to adopt the 2012 Apportionment Report as prepared and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Motion carried.

WM12/10 – 139 It was moved by Plummer, supported by Engle, to authorize the Education/Communication Committee to continue its work and to implement the following recommendations: 1) place an information kiosk (w/computer) in the Hall of Justice atrium staffed with volunteers to give directions and assist the public; 2) start publishing the County Communicator again to distribute information to County employees; 3) develop a short description of the services each County department provides which will be available in print form at the information kiosk and on the intranet for the general public to view; 4) Human Resources will start providing training programs for all County employees on a number of topics; 5) the short description of the services each County department provides (as referenced in 3) will be posted on the Call 2-1-1 website for use by the general public; 6) develop an employee recognition program for County employees and 7) post all County job announcements on Twitter. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Snider noted both Nancy Waters, County Clerk, and Mary Robb, MSU Extension Educator, will be recognized at the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Business for Breakfast on Friday, October 26th, for their partnership regarding the Intro to Entrepreneurship initiative. Congratulations to both were given.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW TOPIC

Mr. William Muhammad addressed the Board and discussed a petition of 236 signatures from the City of Muskegon Heights residents opposing the jail and/or Juvenile Transition Center being located in the City of Muskegon Heights.

Commissioner Derezinski asked if the petition addressed the opposition of a new jail and Juvenile Transition Center at any location and Mr. Muhammad stated the petition did not deal with that issue, only City of Muskegon Heights location.

Commissioner Wilkins noted she approached the City of Muskegon Heights Manager and Mayor and requested a resolution in support of the location of the jail and/or Juvenile Transition Center in the City of Muskegon Heights but the resolution was not supported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ways & Means Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.