

**MINUTES OF THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUDGET OF THE
CHARTER COMMISSION**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

At a meeting of the **Ad Hoc Committee to Make Recommendations for the Budget of the Charter Commission**, held Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Gielegem-Chair, Brdak, Bruley, Rengert, Sauger and Crouchman (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Gielegem called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Brdak, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include items #8, #9, and #10). **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individual addressed the Board:

Jacob Femminino, 110 S. Main Street, Mount Clemens

PRESENTATION BY BETTIE BUSS, CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed.

Ms. Bettie Buss, Senior Research Associate, Citizens Research Council of Michigan gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Citizens Research Council of Michigan, County Charters in Michigan, County Commission Responsibility, The Wayne County Charter, Possible Supplemental Funding Sources, Timeline After Election of Charter Commissioners, After the General Election for Charter Commissioners, "Completes its Organization"?, "Robert's Rules of Order"?, "Bylaws"?, "Records Must Be Kept"?, Charter Commission Process, "Approved by the Governor"?,

Following Gubernatorial Approval, Hammerstrom Election Consolidation Law (PA 71 of 2005), If Voters Reject the Charter, Potential Models for the Charter Commission, The Charter Counties Act - Act 293 of 1966, The Wayne County Charter, The Optional Unified Form Act 139 of 1973, Contents of a County Charter, The County Charter Mandatory Provisions, The County Road Commission, Tax Limitation in Charter Counties, and Permissive Provisions.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the presentation by Ms. Bettie Buss, Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Chair Gielegghem, Bruley and Sauger.

Chair Gielegghem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY JIM JACOBS, PRESIDENT, MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Jim Jacobs, President, Macomb Community College gave a verbal presentation. He explained that the college represents the entire community. Offered to play a role and host meetings. A neutral site with free parking may be worthwhile for the commission. The college is willing to explore different options. The public documents can be put in their libraries, translated into different languages, or they can seek out additional funds. They would like to see this group or the commissioners as a whole to come back with a list of particulars that are needed, so they can help move the process forward.

The following commissioner spoke: Sauger.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Brdak, to receive and file the presentation by Mr. Jim Jacobs, President, Macomb Community College.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert and Chair Gielegghem.

Chair Gielegghem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY CARMELLA SABAUGH, MACOMB COUNTY CLERK

The following commissioner spoke: Chair Gielegghem.

A one-page letter from Ms. Sabaugh dated October 14, 2008 was distributed.

Ms. Sabaugh offered to serve as the clerk for the Macomb County Charter Commission. She has staff in her office who are very well qualified to prepare and send out the notices. At this time, she is offering the services of the Macomb County Clerk's Office.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Brdak, to receive and file the presentation by Ms. Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Bruley and Chair Gieleghem.

Chair Gieleghem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY MSU

The following commissioner spoke: Chair Gieleghem.

A one-page handout was distributed. It consisted of a memorandum from Dr. Eric Scorsone, Co-Chair, Michigan State University State and Local Government Program.

Ms. Marilyn Rudzinski introduced Dr. Eric Scorsone.

Dr. Scorsone briefly summarized the services that they would offer in support of the Charter Commission effort. Three areas covered included: 1) Assistance with Parliamentary Procedure Training and Meeting Process, 2) Assistance in Establishing an Agenda to Meet Workload Requirements, and 3) Assistance in Researching Charter Options and Provisions (working in cooperation with MI Citizens Research Council).

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the presentation by Dr. Eric Scorsone, Co-Chair, Michigan State University State and Local Government Program.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Brdak, Bruley and Chair Gieleghem.

Chair Gieleghem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY GEORGE WARD, FORMER CHAIR OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Mr. George Ward, former Chair of the Wayne County Charter Commission gave a verbal presentation. He noted that this is the 25th Anniversary of the effectiveness of the Wayne County Charter. He is doing a retrospective that will be available fairly soon.

He gave a brief overview of his background. He worked on the City of Detroit Charter. He then spoke about the Wayne County Charter Commission process. They had a staff of five to put the city charter together and twelve to develop the county charter. He thought in putting a budget together, it has to be decided how to structure the charter commission. They had 27 members on their charter commission. They had a number of working committees; probably about nine. They had a number of meetings with department heads. They also had a number of meetings in the communities. It was helpful to take the discussion draft to the community meetings. He recalled that a chart showing dates and timelines to keep them on track was very helpful.

He felt what needs to be decided is: How many committees will be formed, how much staff will be needed, there will be a need for legal researchers, and the need for a staff director to guide the process.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the presentation by Mr. George Ward, former Chair of the Wayne County Charter Commission.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert and Chair Gielegthem.

Chair Gielegthem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

REVIEW OF DAVE DIEGEL BUDGET

Mr. Diegel said that Board Chairman Crouchman had asked him to try to put a document together as a beginning point -- to utilize in developing the budget. He started with the first item on the list. They included per diems at \$35 a day for 26 commissioners x 90 days. Based on discussion heard today, that might not be appropriate. The \$35 was used because that is the general per diem that is paid to people who serve on commissions in the county. That worked out to \$82,000. He then started to discuss the next item on the list. They projected an August 2009 election --

Commissioner Brdak asked if it was possible that commissioners could have a copy of the document that Mr. Diegel was reviewing.

Chair Gielegthem called for a brief recess at 10:45 a.m.

The Ad Hoc Committee reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

A copy of the "draft" Charter Commission Budget was distributed.

Mr. Diegel provided a line-by-line overview of the "draft" document.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Brdak, to receive and file the presentation by Mr. David Diegel.

The following commissioners spoke: Brdak, Rengert, Bruley, Chair Gielegthem and Crouchman.

Chair Gielegthem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

After Chair Gielegthem asked if there was any public participation and there being no response, he informed commissioners that this Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to reconvene on October 20th. At that time they will be putting together a resolution and it will either be submitted to the Budget Committee or to a special Full Board meeting. He felt it was important to do this before the Charter Commission is elected and seated. He recalled that a lot of organizations have come forward to donate services and further options need to be explored about location and other organizations that want to donate services and the need to explore what those donated services might look like.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Sauger, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter**