

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Wednesday, August 16, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Crouchman-Chairman, Brandenburg, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Hill, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

**Also Present:**

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department  
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department  
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel  
John Anderson, Director, Risk Management and Safety Department  
Ted Cwiek, Director, Human Resources Department  
Doug Fouty, Program Director, Personnel Services, Human Resources Department  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Lynn Davidson, Friend of the Court  
Tom Blohm, Friend of the Court  
Lou Burdi, Community Mental Health Board

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chairman Crouchman called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Rengert, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include items #5A, #5B(a) and (b), and #5C(a) through (e)). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Switalski, to approve the June 23, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECOMMENDATION FROM SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING OF 08-10-06**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B's CONTRACT DECREASING THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUDGET BY \$10,615. FURTHER, TO AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO REFLECT A REDUCTION IN STATE FUNDING OF \$10,615 AS DETAILED IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM MS. ANGELA WILLIS, DIRECTOR, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DATED AUGUST 14, 2006. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 08-11-06**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRDAK, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) CONTINUE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH THE MACOMB COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER ("CARE HOUSE"). FURTHER, FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE 2007 BUDGET; AND
- (b) PAYMENT OF \$40,000 TO THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR INFILTRATION AND INFLOW STUDY AS APPROVED MAY 18, 2006.

Commissioner McCarthy referred to item (b) and inquired about the results of the study. Mr. Diegel said he would acquire that information from the Health Department.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CAMPHOUS-PETERSON "ABSTAINING" ON ITEM (a).**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 08-14-06**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) FISCAL YEAR 2007 FRIEND OF THE COURT COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,148,965, WHICH IS \$6,698,317 OR 66% STATE FUNDED AND \$3,450,649 OR 34% COUNTY FUNDED. A \$76,482 STATE SUPPLEMENT WILL REDUCE THE

COUNTY PORTION TO \$3,374,167. THIS PROGRAM COVERS THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007. FUNDING WILL BE PART OF THE 2007 BUDGET PROCESS;

- (b) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,900 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 FOR THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO CARE HOUSE DUE TO EXPIRATION OF BYRNE GRANT FUNDING. FUNDING WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE FOR THIS POSITION BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 BASED ON PRIOR BUDGET APPROVAL RELATED TO THE ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,900 IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT;
- (c) CONCUR IN THE REQUEST OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE MACOMB AUTO THEFT SQUAD GRANT FOR 2007, REQUIRING A COUNTY MATCH OF \$71,975.50. FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN THE 2006 BUDGET;
- (d) CONCUR IN THE REQUEST OF THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE MACOMB AUTO THEFT SQUAD GRANT FOR 2007, REQUIRING A COUNTY MATCH OF \$123,092. FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN THE 2006 BUDGET; AND
- (e) AWARD BID #18-06 FOR THE DRIVING OF (14) 30' PILINGS AND THE DREDGING OF THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S MARINE DIVISION BOATHOUSE TO THE LOW BIDDER, WATERFRONT CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,355. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

Commissioner Camphous-Peterson asked to separate item (b).

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on items (a), (c), (d), and (e) and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Separated item (b):**

APPROVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,900 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 FOR THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO CARE HOUSE DUE TO EXPIRATION OF BYRNE GRANT FUNDING. FUNDING WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE FOR THIS POSITION BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 BASED ON PRIOR BUDGET APPROVAL RELATED TO THE ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,900 IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel pertaining to this request.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on item (b) and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRANDENBURG VOTING “NO” and CAMPHOUS-PETERSON “ABSTAINING.”**

**AMEND 2006 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY REVOIR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AMEND THE 2006 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO REFLECT THAT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR IS RECEIVING AN ANNUAL “BONUS” OF \$15,000 PER YEAR FOR 2006 THROUGH 2009 AND TO INCREASE THE COUNTY’S APPROPRIATION TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Burdi, Mr. Cwiek, and Mr. Diegel pertaining to why this request was brought before this committee, why it was termed a bonus, and what would happen if it was not approved. It was noted the bottomline to the County is \$600.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRANDENBURG, BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, FLYNN, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, McCARTHY, RENGERT, REVOIR, SAUGER, SLINDE, SZCZEPANSKI AND WHITE. THERE WERE 18 “YES” VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, GIELEGHEM, LUND, MIJAC, SWITALSKI AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 6 “NO” VOTES.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTRICT PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Diegel overviewed his two-page letter dated August 8, 2006, that had attached to it Schedule I (Supplemental Retirement Payment Summary Schedule - 1991 to Proposed 2005) and Schedule II (Schedule of Employer Contributions to Pension Fund - 1990-2010 and Schedule of Actual and Projected Employer Contributions to Pension Fund - 1990-2006 Actual, 2007-2010 Projected).

This request is to revise the existing policy to: 1) Exclude employees who have taken the DROP option from the Supplemental Payment Program given that they continue to earn a full salary during the DROP period; 2) Exclude retirees under the age of 65 from the Supplemental Retirement Payment Program. Mr. Diegel clarified that the qualifying point is December 31, 2005 and anybody who is younger than 65 as of December 31, 2005 would

be excluded. It was noted that if this modification is adopted, it would be communicated to the Retirement Commission for action on their part. The Retirement Commission will bring back a recommendation later this year and this Board can vote it up or down.

Commissioner Brandenburg suggested raising the age to 70 instead of 65. She wanted to know how many retirees are in the 65 and 70 year old range. Mr. Diegel said he would acquire that information.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Brandenburg, to **postpone** this item for one month.

Commissioner Szczepanski felt further input should be given from this Board and possibly modify the recommendation. He also wanted the breakdown on ages.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the **motion to postpone** and **The Motion was Defeated.**

After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTRICT PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR DATED AUGUST 8, 2006. FURTHER, TO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR 2006.

Commissioner Doherty asked for division of the question.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **FIRST PART OF THE MOTION** (ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTRICT PARTICIPATION...) AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRANDENBURG, BRDAK, BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, LUND, RENGERT, REVOIR, SAUGER, SWITALSKI, SZCZEPANSKI, VOSBURG AND WHITE. THERE WERE 20 “YES” VOTES.

“**ABSTAINING**” WERE FLYNN, McCARTHY AND SLINDE.

### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Rengert suggested that the Retirement Commission look into dropping the point value, based on economic times.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **SECOND PART OF THE MOTION** (TO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR 2006) AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRANDENBURG, BROWN, DeSAELE, LUND, SZCZEPANSKI AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 6 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, RENGERT, REVOIR, SAUGER, SLINDE, SWITALSKI AND WHITE. THERE WERE 16 "NO" VOTES.

COMMISSIONER McCARTHY "**ABSTAINED.**"

**THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

The motion now reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

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**2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UPDATE**

Commissioner McCarthy felt that for next year department heads should understand the reason behind summer help and make arrangements for vacations to be taken at appropriate times and be done by seniority.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Szczepanski, to receive and file the 2006 Contingency Account Update. **The Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair White informed Commissioners that it was brought to her attention that evidently people who are in the DROP Program that are not Commissioners may not serve as an officer of the Retirement Commission, but Commissioners who are in the DROP Program can do that. She will be bringing a resolution forward to address this problem.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lou Burdi, Community Mental Health Board

Mr. Burdi thanked Commissioners on behalf of Community Mental Health for their consideration of the item that was brought before them today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Slinde, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter**