

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, October 10, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Brown.

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
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Steve Smigiel, Finance Department
Gary Cutler, Finance Department
Maria Zardis, Grant Coordinator, Planning and Economic Development Department
Keith Beasley, Court Administrator
Cynthia Zerkowski, Director, Information Technology Department
Gordon Wilczynski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chairman Crouchman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by McCarthy, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to approve the August 16, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Cutler, Employee Representative, Retirement Commission

Mr. Cutler asked the Board to consider the counter proposal that the Retirement Commission proposed pertaining to agenda item #6.

AUTHORIZE 2006 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PAYMENTS

After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED AT ITS AUGUST 16, 2006 MEETING, BUT WITH A CHANGE TO ITEM 2, AND AUTHORIZE 2006 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PAYMENTS. THE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE AMENDED TO EFFECT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES. 1.) EXCLUDE RETIREES ACTIVELY WORKING IN THE DROP PROGRAM. 2.) RESTRICT PAYMENT TO RETIREES WHO HAVE ATTAINED FULL RETIREMENT AGE AS DEFINED PER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT PURPOSES.

After further discussion, the following amendment was offered:

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWITALSKI, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO INCLUDE #3 OF THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S COUNTER PROPOSAL, THAT ALL DISABILITY RETIREES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPPLEMENT RETIREMENT PAYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE OR SERVICE.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **AMENDMENT** AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, REVOIR, SWITALSKI AND WHITE. THERE WERE 13 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRANDENBURG, LUND, MIJAC, RENGERT, ROCCA, SZCZEPANSKI AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 7 "NO" VOTES.

"**ABSTAINING**" WERE FLYNN, McCARTHY, SAUGER AND SLINDE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED**, AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, RENGERT, SWITALSKI AND WHITE. THERE WERE 13 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRANDENBURG, DeSAELE, LUND, MIJAC, REVOIR, ROCCA, SZCZEPANSKI AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 8 "NO" VOTES.

"**ABSTAINING**" WERE FLYNN, McCARTHY, SAUGER AND SLINDE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPT 2006 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2006 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT 2007 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY HAGGERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FY 2007 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

Commissioner Lund said that he could not approve a budget without knowing what the bottomline is.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel pertaining to Exhibit III which was contained in committee packets. Exhibit III summarized the continuation levels of operating income and expense for each of the County's major operating funds. The proposed budget would grow to \$476,408,266, if adopted, as recommended.

Commissioner Brandenburg said that she could not vote on a budget that was not balanced.

Commissioner Szczepanski recalled that last year he took a hard stand -- he felt he did not have to reiterate comments he had stated last year. He did not like this process. He wanted to know at what point Commissioners would be allowed to make changes to the budget. Board Chair White said she would look into the issue.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRANDENBURG, DeSAELE, LUND, ROCCA AND SZCZEPANSKI VOTING "NO."**
(FORWARDED TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 2006 FULL BOARD)

2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UPDATE

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion ensued about railroad crossings in the County that are in desperate need of repair and what is being done about this issue.

Commissioner Vosburg noticed that Commissioners are continually receiving newspaper articles, as well as other items, in their mailboxes (many are from the Office of Public Affairs). She suggested asking departments to e-mail articles, in order to reduce the amount of paper being used.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Mijac, to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter