

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, December 12, 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, Doherty, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

Absent and excused were DiMaria, Hill and Switalski.

**Also Present:**

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department  
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department  
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel  
James Meyerand, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Jill Smith, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
John Anderson, Director, Risk Management and Safety Department  
Ted Cwiek, Director, Human Resources Department  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Nicole DeJong, Program Director, Juvenile Division  
Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Dept.  
Karlyn Semlow, Human Resources Coordinator, Human Resources Department  
Steve Mellen, Director, Equalization Department  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Darlene LaBelle, Director, Macomb County Library  
Angela Willis, Director, Senior Citizen Services Department  
Chad Selweski, 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 Brown, supported by Rengert, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #13). **The Motion Carried.**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Darlene LaBelle, Director, Macomb County Library (MCL)

Ms. LaBelle asked Commissioners to reconsider the additional cuts to the MCL budget. She recalled that they already cut \$510,000 from their budget. She would be able to make an additional cut of \$100,000, but if she had to cut \$166,000, she would have to look at decreasing services.

### **ACCEPT INCREASE FUNDING OF \$11,496 FROM AAA 1-B FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Item waived to Budget Committee by Chairman, Senior Citizens Committee)**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT INCREASE FUNDING OF \$11,496 FROM AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B FOR THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (THIS ACTION CORRECTS THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 21, 2006 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING WHICH HAD THE INCORRECT DOLLAR AMOUNT OF \$17,197.) **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12-04-06**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT GRANT FOR JUVENILE COURT DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM OPERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,333 WITH A \$50,000 MATCH FROM THE STATE CHILD CARE FUND AND A \$50,000 COUNTY CASH MATCH. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2007 BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12-04-06**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO TWO-WAY INTERACTIVE VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT UNITS; ONE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR ROMEO 42<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COURT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$32,095. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVE 2006 EQUALIZATION STUDY**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE 2006 EQUALIZATION STUDY AS SUBMITTED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE POSITION OF PART-TIME TYPIST/CLERK I IN THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT GRANT/CIRCUIT COURT – JUVENILE DIVISION**

Chairman Crouchman indicated that there was a typographical error within the resolution sheet and the word “contract” should be “contact.”

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH THE REQUEST OF THE CIRCUIT COURT – JUVENILE DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVE THE POSITION OF PART TIME TYPIST/CLERK I IN THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) GRANT. THIS POSITION AND RELATED COSTS WILL BE FULLY FUNDED BY THE DMC GRANT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2007 AND WILL BE CONTINUED CONTINGENT UPON CONTINUED GRANT FUNDING THEREAFTER. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE TO CORRECT THE 2006 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT FOR HARRISON TOWNSHIP, RAY TOWNSHIP AND ROSEVILLE, AS A RESULT OF VOTER APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McCARTHY, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO CORRECT THE 2006 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT FOR HARRISON TOWNSHIP'S MILLAGE DECREASE FROM 6.7911 TO 6.7735, RAY TOWNSHIP'S MILLAGE INCREASE FROM 2.9312 TO 3.2312, AND ROSEVILLE'S MILLAGE INCREASE FROM 16.38 TO 21.38 AS A RESULT OF VOTER APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**UPDATE ON LAKE/RIVER CLEAN-UP FUND**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by DeSaele, to receive and file the update on the Lake/River Clean-Up Fund.

Commissioner DeSaele thought there was a recent court case where a company was fined \$20,000 and that money was supposed to go into this fund. Mr. Diegel said that he would

look into the issue.

During discussion, it was suggested that the Board should consider Water Quality Board recommended projects. Some Commissioners expressed concern that there should be some kind of matching funds from local communities for this program. Inquiry was made about increasing violator fees. Commissioners thought that the Lake/River Clean-Up Fund Policy should be reviewed next year by the Health Services Committee.

During discussion, it was noted that the Health Department will be sending letters to communities stating that there will be a certain time limit to seek reimbursement and if they do not comply with that request, those funds will be rolled over.

Commissioner Brown wanted to amend the motion to add a 25% match on all applications to the Lake/River Clean-Up Fund. After a brief discussion, Chairman Crouchman suggested taking this issue before the Health Services Committee.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion to receive and file and **The Motion Carried.**

Chairman Crouchman indicated that Commissioner Brown's issue would be raised under New Business, since it is a separate subject. A two-thirds vote would be needed to add it to the agenda.

## **2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UPDATE**

### **MOTION**

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

## **REFERRAL FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12-11-06**

### **Information Re: Hiring Freeze**

Based on discussion that occurred at yesterday's Personnel Committee meeting, Commissioners were provided with the following revised schedules - Exhibits I, II, III, IV, V, and VI.

Mr. Diegel specifically addressed Exhibit VI: Hiring Freeze Overview of Savings as of December 1, 2006. Savings realized from August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> amounted to \$378,898. The target was \$2.5 million for 12 months. Exhibit V: Hiring Freeze Overview of Savings as of December 1, 2006. This exhibit calculated what would happen if positions remained frozen for a period of 12 months which would save \$1,344,955. Mr. Diegel noted that certain departments (meaning the County Clerk and Health Department) cannot continue to go without positions and that somehow the Board needs to provide relief to those departments.

Commissioner Mijac felt the Board should stay the course and continue going through and evaluating on a monthly basis if positions should or should not be waived.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the hiring freeze information.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel specifically relating to Exhibits II and III.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel pertaining to those departments that did not meet their 3% reduction target. Some Commissioners expressed concern that certain departments have ignored the Board's request for a 3% departmental reduction. Mr. Diegel thought that the Board should direct him to send a letter to those departments who have not met their 3% reduction target and have those departments provide a written response. In the case of general fund departments, those departments would have to be specific on how their reduction will be obtained and that they will need to identify what is being cut. During discussion, it was suggested that department heads get with their employees and have them participate in cost saving measures.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel about the possibility of restructuring the 70-Point Plan, the possibility of having a two-tier system, and the difference between a defined benefit versus a defined contribution.

Chairman Crouchman stepped down from the Chair at 10 a.m.

Vice Chairman Revoir took the Chair.

Commissioner Crouchman directed several questions to Mr. Diegel about the discussion that just ensued.

Chairman Crouchman took the Chair 10:03 a.m.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brown stated that he would not be offering a motion at this time. He wanted the issue of having a match on all applications for the Lake/River Clean-Up Fund placed on an upcoming Health Services Committee meeting agenda.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by White, to **suspend the rules** in order to make an action item on the budget. **The Motion Carried.**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECT MR. DIEGEL AND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO WRITE A LETTER TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE ONES THAT CUT 3% OR MORE, TELLING THE ONES THAT HAVE NOT CUT 3%, THAT THE BOARD WILL CUT THEIR BUDGET BY 5% FOR THEM IF THEY DO NOT CUT THEIR BUDGET BY 3% VOLUNTARILY.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Lund was accepted as follows: "This issue will be brought to the first Budget Committee meeting in 2007."

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bill Luft, 35548 Weideman, Clinton Township

Mr. Luft spoke about his involvement with the MCL, the poor economy in this state, and thought the Board should spread the pain.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Slinde, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks**  
**Committee Reporter**