

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

At a **Special Meeting** of the **Budget Committee**, held Wednesday, February 28, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gieleghem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Bruley and Haggerty.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Brown stated that he had a request from Commissioner Rengert to add a resolution for an Eagle Scout. He added this as item #7A.

MOTION

A motion was made by Slinde, supported by Szczepanski, to adopt the agenda, as amended. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Seidelman, Director, Juvenile Justice Center

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2007

MOTION

A motion was made by Joan Flynn, supported by Slinde, to receive and file the Finance Director's overview of the Special Budget Committee Meeting Report dated February 28, 2007.

Mr. Diegel gave a page-by-page overview of the 21-page spiral binder that was prepared by the Finance Department.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel about topics that he covered in his presentation.

Other areas of discussion included: What is included in an employee's final average compensation, how much an employee contributes to the retirement system and how that compares to other communities, allowing employees to purchase prior time, state revenue sharing, setting the millage rate in May this year rather than in October, when union negotiations will begin, projections for 2007, and changes in the Ordinance for the Joint & Survivor benefit that will apply to anybody that retires after July 1st of this year.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF HACKEL ON 2004/2006 BUDGET REVIEWS AND 2007 3% BUDGET REDUCTION

A two-pocket folder that was prepared by the Office of the Sheriff was distributed.

MOTION

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the presentation by Sheriff Hackel on 2004/2006 Budget Reviews and 2007 3% Budget Reduction.

Sheriff Hackel gave an overview of the information that was provided in the handout. Contents included the following: Several pieces of correspondence from the Finance Department, correspondence from the Office of the Sheriff and from the Court Administrator, (General Fund – Sheriff) pie charts on the % of Budget Used in 2004, 2005, 2006, and Projected 2007 Net Budget for Macomb Sheriff.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Sheriff Hackel and Mr. Diegel about topics that were covered in the Sheriff's presentation.

During discussion, Mr. Diegel noted that they are not done with the 2006 year yet in terms of their accounting and there is about \$2 million in charges that the Sheriff has not seen yet on his financial report.

Other areas of discussion included: Expenditures and revenues at the Sheriff's Department, federal and state grants, overtime costs, jail overcrowding issues and the Bed Allocation Plan, health care costs and food service costs for inmates, services that the Sheriff's Department provides, the North end of the county only getting basic level of service from the Sheriff's Department, and the Prisoner Reimbursement Program.

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

APPROVE TRAVEL FOR CHAIR OF THE MACOMB COUNTY WATER QUALITY BOARD TO THE GREAT LAKES DAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MARCH 6 AND 7, 2007 (Waived by Finance Committee Chair)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE TRAVEL FOR THE CHAIR OF THE MACOMB COUNTY WATER QUALITY BOARD TO THE GREAT LAKES DAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 6 AND 7, 2007. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$1,000. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE WATER QUALITY BOARD BUDGET.

After a discussion about the cost of lodging for two nights being estimated at \$600, the following action was taken:

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO CHANGE LODGING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$350.

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

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, DAVID FLYNN, JOAN FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LUND, MIJAC, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SLINDE, TOCCO, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 21 “YES” VOTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, DAVID FLYNN, JOAN FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, MIJAC, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SLINDE, TOCCO, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 18 “YES” VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BROWN, DROLET AND LUND. THERE WERE 3 “NO” VOTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

The motion now reads as follows:

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR KARL MICHAEL MARTIN – EAGLE SCOUT (**OFFERED BY RENGERT**). **THE MOTION CARRIED.** (Note: This was later changed to a tribute.)

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Joan Flynn expressed disappointment that she will be the only commissioner representing the Board at NACo.

Commissioner Vosburg expressed concern that on more than one occasion she has received photocopies of information in her mailbox and felt it should be provided to commissioners electronically.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Slinde, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter