

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #6A).

Commissioner Lund requested a resolution for the Shelby Township Kiwanis 50th Anniversary. Chair Brown added this as item #13A.

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DeSaele, to approve the February 14, February 28, and March 20, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF 04-16-07**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

- (a) AMENDING THE BUDGETS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE CIRCUIT COURT TO TRANSFER THE REIMBURSEMENT DEPARTMENT TO THE CIRCUIT COURT; AND
- (b) AUTHORIZE TO PURCHASE FIRE RELATED EQUIPMENT AND CONDUCT MIOSHA REQUIRED FLOW TESTING OF AIR RESPIRATORS WITHIN THE MACOMB COUNTY JAIL. APPROXIMATE COST FOR FIRE RELATED EQUIPMENT IS \$11,160; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT. FUNDS NECESSARY FOR TRAINING/TESTING WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS TRAINING FUND.

Chair Brown called for a vote on item (a) and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Brown called for a vote on item (b) and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 04-19-07

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$55,404.50 TO CLINTON TOWNSHIP FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR STORM SEWER MAPPING AS APPROVED MAY 19, 2005 AND MAY 18, 2006. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVE 2007 EQUALIZATION REPORT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY HAGGERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE 2007 EQUALIZATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF SEALED BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR. BIDS RESULTS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT 2007 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 OPERATING BUDGET AND CONCUR WITH THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT NO NEW PERSONNEL, RECLASSIFICATIONS OR PROGRAMS BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2008 BUDGET THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FROM COUNTY SOURCES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2007 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 OPERATING BUDGET AND CONCUR WITH THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT NO NEW PERSONNEL, RECLASSIFICATIONS OR PROGRAMS BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2008 BUDGET THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FROM COUNTY SOURCES.

Mr. Diegel referred to and overviewed his two-page letter dated March 28, 2007 and the proposed 2007 Budget Calendar for the 2008 Budget that was provided in committee packets.

During discussion, commissioners questioned Mr. Diegel and Mr. Axe if legislation has been introduced to possibly change the date that the county would authorize the tax rate. Mr. Diegel and Mr. Axe provided an update on this issue.

Commissioner Lund spoke against the idea of a continuation budget, because the county cannot continue to run deficits. He suggested having department heads come before the Board. He wants to see department budgets going down and not coming in flat. He thought if it cannot be done department-by-department then alternatives are going to have to be brought in. He does not want to layoff people, but wants to balance the budget.

Commissioner Szczepanski suggested having Mr. Diegel bring forth a balanced budget.

He felt that Mr. Diegel could come back with mandated programs and then the Board would decide what they want to add. Mr. Diegel said that he could do that. Chair Brown thought that might be something for the Board to consider as a starting point for discussions. Or, as an alternative option, to have the Board appoint a certain amount of commissioners to a committee. That way it might give commissioners a basis to go forward with.

During discussion, it was suggested to cut two-percent from all departments, except for the 24/7 operations. Chair Brown noted that all areas are not the same and it should not be a one size fits all approach. Some commissioners felt that departments should be brought in to see where the cuts should come from.

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO CHANGE THE SECOND PART OF THE MOTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "CONCUR WITH THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT PERSONNEL, RECLASSIFICATIONS AND/OR PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2008 BUDGET WOULD REQUIRE A NET DECREASE IN FUNDING FROM COUNTY SOURCES."

Commissioner Bruley felt the problem is with conflicting priorities here and that is what has to be settled somehow.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the Amendment and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY AND DiMARIA VOTING "NO."**

Chair Brown called for a vote on the main motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY, DiMARIA AND LUND VOTING "NO."**

The motion now reads as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2007 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 OPERATING BUDGET AND CONCUR WITH THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT PERSONNEL, RECLASSIFICATIONS AND/OR PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2008 BUDGET WOULD REQUIRE A NET DECREASE IN FUNDING FROM COUNTY SOURCES. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY, DiMARIA AND LUND VOTING "NO."**

ADOPT A COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 4.2000 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2008

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 4.2000 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2008. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DROLET VOTING “NO.”** (FORWARDED TO THE MAY 24, 2007 FULL BOARD)

ADOPT A SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .5900 MILL FOR THE YEAR 2008

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY JOAN FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .5900 MILL FOR THE YEAR 2008. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, DROLET, ROCCA AND SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”** (FORWARDED TO THE MAY 24, 2007 FULL BOARD)

ADOPT A COUNTY DRAIN DEBT REQUIREMENT OF .0055 MILL FOR THE YEAR 2008

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A COUNTY DRAIN DEBT REQUIREMENT OF .0055 MILL FOR THE YEAR 2008. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

2007 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UPDATE

MOTION

A motion was made by Slinde, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the 2007 Contingency Account Update. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUND, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE SHELBY TOWNSHIP KIWANIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY LUND). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DeSaele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The Motion Carried.

**Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter**