

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 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, Gielegem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Haggerty and Tocco.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Brown removed item #6, Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation from today's agenda. There was no objection.

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include items #8A and #8B). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rocca, to approve the April 15, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Arthur Mullen, 49 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens

Mr. Mullen spoke in support of the Pager Program that Ms. Sabaugh is working on. The

business community in downtown Mount Clemens is very excited about this opportunity; it is a great way for jurors to come and see the historic downtown community. Several business owners and the Downtown Development Authority brought some money to the table to assist in funding this program.

RECEIVE AND FILE COUNTY BRIDGE RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

A one-page letter dated June 10, 2008 from Ray Township Supervisor Charles Bohm was distributed. (Note: Mr. Bohm was not in attendance.)

Mr. Foster gave an overview of Schedule A entitled, County Bridge Program – Review of Projects. He identified the projects with footnote 1; these projects could be delayed or deleted. Footnote 2, has some expenses to them, but could be included in that list. Totals: \$1,726,520.11 (footnote 1), \$1,146,955.68 (footnote 2). Also included on Schedule A were four (4) federal projects.

Mr. Robert Hoepfner from the Road Commission concurred with the report that was given by Mr. Foster.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY CROUCHMAN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CANCEL THE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE A (COUNTY BRIDGE PROGRAM) WITH THE FOOTNOTES I AND II.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Foster and Mr. Hoepfner about the proposed bridge over the North Branch of the Clinton River at 28 Mile Road which was listed on Schedule A. Mr. Bohm's letter indicated that the only through road in all of Ray Township is 29 Mile Road, the other East to West roads all have bridges out. When any situation closes 29 Mile Road, emergency vehicles have to go up 12 miles to reach someone in distress. Discussion continued with Mr. Hoepfner if this is a critical project or not.

Questions were directed to Mr. Hoepfner regarding other projects listed on Schedule A.

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY DIMARIA, TO EXCLUDE FROM THE LIST OF CANCELLED BRIDGE PROJECTS, THE 28 MILE OVER N. BRANCH OF CLINTON BRIDGE.

Discussion continued with Mr. Hoepfner. Inquiry was made as to what the matching funds would be to Ray Township for this project. Some commissioners felt that if a community is

in such critical need, that they need to come up with a proposal and bring it before the Board. Discussion ensued about bridge funding and how it works. During discussion, numerous questions were directed to Mr. Diegel and Mr. Foster.

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

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, JOAN FLYNN, LUND, RENGERT, ROCCA, SAUGER AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 10 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BRULEY, CROUCHMAN, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, DAVID FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, MIJAC, ROBERTS, SLINDE AND SWITALSKI. THERE WERE 12 "NO" VOTES.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the **main motion** and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH RENGERT VOTING "NO."**

PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Helzer provided an overview of her two-page memorandum dated June 9, 2008. Two groups submitted a quote for the Smith Detections Security x-ray equipment; Remi Group and McNish Group. Remi Group had the overall best references and larger cost savings for the county. Cost Savings: Remi Group, \$4,709 per year; McNish Group, \$3,935 per year. Ms. Helzer suggested starting off as a Pilot Program. She asked for commissioners approval to move forward giving it to Remi Group.

Chair Brown asked if representatives were present from the two groups. Mr. Joe Rakowiecki was present from McNish Group. No one was present from Remi Group. A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel, Ms. Helzer, and Mr. Rakowiecki.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY JOAN FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH THE PURCHASING MANAGER AND APPROVE REMI GROUP FOR THE PILOT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SMITH DETECTIONS SECURITY X-RAY EQUIPMENT WITH A YEARLY COST SAVINGS OF \$4,709 PER YEAR. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06-11-08

Approve Lease with Courthouse Café for Placement of a Kiosk in the Lobby of the Court Building

It was noted on the resolution sheet that the cost of installation to accommodate this request is approximately \$5,300, to be split equally between the County and the Courthouse Café. Also, to include a monthly rent fee of \$50.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Ms. Arnott-Bryks, Mr. Diegel, Ms. Zerkowski, and Mr. Amir Eisho from the Courthouse Café. Some commissioners were opposed to the county paying half of the cost. Some commissioners were opposed to the \$50 fee. Inquiry was made as to what the cost of utilities would be on a monthly basis.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE LEASE WITH COURTHOUSE CAFÉ FOR PLACEMENT OF A KIOSK IN THE LOBBY OF THE COURT BUILDING. FURTHER, TO INCLUDE A MONTHLY RENT FEE OF \$50.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DiMARIA, DUZYJ, JOAN FLYNN AND SAUGER. THERE WERE 6 “YES” VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BROWN, BRULEY, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DROLET, DAVID FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LUND, MIJAC, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SLINDE, SWITALSKI, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 17 “NO” VOTES.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

RECOMMENDATION FROM SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06-13-08

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY GIELEGHEM, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CONTINUED FUNDING OF \$10,000 FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FOR THE GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN CLERICAL SUPPORT POSITION FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY AND DROLET VOTING “NO.”**

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF JUROR PAGING SYSTEM FROM USA MOBILITY, INC.

Ms. Sabaugh gave an overview of this request and identified the funding sources in order to purchase this Juror Paging System. She informed commissioners that representatives

from USA Mobility and Technical Services were present to answer any questions. It was noted that approval of this request is contingent upon approval of the judges.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Gary Olson from USA Mobility about what their proposal includes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY CLERK TO IMPROVE JURY DUTY FOR THOUSANDS OF COUNTY JURORS, FREEING THEM FROM THE CONFINES OF THE JURY ROOM WHILE WAITING TO BE SENT TO A COURTROOM, AND PURCHASE A JUROR PAGING SYSTEM FROM USA MOBILITY, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,746.40 AND AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,182. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH A COMBINATION OF THE CLERK'S SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT (\$14,746.40), DONATIONS FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY (\$15,000), AND FROM SOME OF THE SAVINGS GENERATED FROM PAYING JURORS IN CASH (\$2,182 ANNUALLY).

Commissioners wanted a guarantee that the pagers will work throughout the area. Numerous questions were directed to Mr. Olson and Ms. Sabaugh. It was noted that in a one mile radius, the pagers will work all the time. The software program will be designed specifically for our area.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Drolet was accepted as follows: "THAT APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST BE SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM COVERAGE AREA THAT IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT."

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Drolet was accepted as follows: "THAT APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST BE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUDGE. "

Chair Brown called for a vote on the **motion, as amended**, and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VOSBURG VOTING "NO."**

AUTHORIZE TO TRANSFER THE PERSONNEL BUDGET FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR POSITION FROM THE COURT TO THE BUDGET OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO TRANSFER THE PERSONNEL BUDGET FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT VOCATIONAL

COUNSELOR POSITION FROM THE COURT TO THE BUDGET OF THE MACOMB COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE TO SIGN REVISED CONTRACT WITH CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE ASSESSING SUPERVISION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO SIGN REVISED CONTRACT WITH CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE ASSESSING SUPERVISION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AMEND 2008 PROBATION DISTRICT COURT BUDGET

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY TORRICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO AMEND THE 2008 PROBATION DISTRICT COURT BUDGET LINE ITEM ALCOHOL/DRUG TEST BY \$6,000, WHICH IS OFFSET BY REVENUE COLLECTED FROM PROBATIONERS AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED MEMO FROM THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER DATED MAY 21, 2008. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVE ADDITION OF ONE FULL-TIME GRANT FUNDED SUPERVISOR POSITION FOR M/SCETA

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ONE FULL-TIME SUPERVISOR POSITION IN THE MACOMB/ST. CLAIR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING AGENCY AS APPROVED BY THE MACOMB/ST. CLAIR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. THIS ADDITIONAL POSITION IS GRANT-FUNDED AND WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY COUNTY FUNDS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by DiMaria, to receive and file the 2008 Revenue and Expense Projections.

Mr. Diegel informed commissioners that the projected deficit increased slightly based on April data. The projected deficit is at \$6.7 million. Discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel and Mr. Foster specifically relating to actual health care costs, overtime costs, the County Library, and projections on property taxes.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 GENERAL FUND BALANCE REQUIREMENTS AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED

Mr. Diegel gave an overview of his one-page report.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Doherty, to receive and file the General Fund Balance Requirement for 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 CONTINGENCY REPORT UPDATE

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the 2008 Contingency Report Update. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown advised commissioners that there is a meeting scheduled with department heads on June 25th at 3 p.m. at the Board Office. They are bringing department heads in to update them on the budget situation.

Commissioner Camphous-Peterson announced that Mr. Herppich scheduled another Executive Session for next Friday at 8 a.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Slinde, supported by Sauger, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter