

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, July 22, 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, Gieleghem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #4A). **The Motion Carried.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 07-17-08

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY ROCCA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$25,000 TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR PHRAGMITE CONTROL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR THE DEFEASANCE OF A PORTION OF THE \$10 MILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND PROCEEDS

Mr. Foster distributed a handout containing additional information pertaining to this agenda item. It was titled \$10,000,000 County of Macomb Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds, Series B (Preliminary Defeasance Analysis).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE 28 MILE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE CLINTON RIVER.

Commissioner Rengert spoke as to why he made the motion to approve with the inclusion of this particular project. He noted that Ray Township does not receive any MDOT funding. He felt it is very important from a public safety point of view that this bridge be included.

Ray Township Supervisor Bohm spoke about the problem of having only East/West roads through the township. He recalled the incident of the child who drowned three weeks ago in Ray Township. All residential and emergency vehicles have to use 29 Mile Road, which at times causes traffic backups.

Ray Township Fire Chief DiMaria spoke about the heavy use of 29 Mile Road. Just the expense of gasoline and the fact people are on unfamiliar roads adds to traffic accidents. It also means emergency vehicles cannot get around either. It is very important to have the East/West roads open.

Mr. Jim Tittsworth from the Road Commission supports Ray Township's position on the bridge both as a safety issue and an economic issue for the township.

Inquiry was made about the possibility of Ray Township contributing to the cost of this particular project. Mr. Bohm said that they prepare their budget on an annual basis and were only told 60 days ago about this bridge. The contribution wanted was more than \$675,000, which is more than their entire budget in a year. They are willing to cut back one application of dust control which is about \$45,000 to contribute. Mr. Bohm was asked if Ray Township could come up with a 5% match. Mr. Bohm said that he would have to take this issue to his board.

Mr. Peter Ecklund, representing the bond agency, was present and answered questions. They are looking at defeasing bonds next month and would need direction from the Board by Thursday.

After further discussion, Commissioner DeSaele offered the following **Substitute Motion**; it was supported by Commissioner DiMaria. The motion reads as follows:

MOTION

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by DiMaria, to **refer** this to the Full Board meeting, pending a report from Ray Township Supervisor Charlie Bohm as to what Ray Township can match.

Discussion continued with Mr. Bohm, Mr. Diegel, and Mr. Ecklund.

A roll call vote was taken on the **motion to refer** as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, Lund, Rengert and Vosburg. There were 8 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, Drolet, David Flynn, Joan Flynn, Gielegem, Mijac, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco and Torrice. There were 17 "No" votes.

The Motion was Defeated.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE 28 MILE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE CLINTON RIVER** (Commissioner Rengert's motion) AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, DiMARIA AND RENGERT. THERE WERE 3 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BRULEY, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, DAVID FLYNN, JOAN FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LUND, MIJAC, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SAUGER, SLINDE, SWITALSKI, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 22 "NO" VOTES.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Chair Brown called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR THE DEFEASANCE OF PART OF THE OUTSTANDING COUNTY OF MACOMB MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, SERIES B, PRIOR TO MATURITY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 REVENUE AND EXPENSE PROJECTIONS

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the 2008 Revenue and Expense Projections.

Mr. Diegel informed commissioners that the projected deficit is at \$5.8 million. A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel and Mr. Foster specifically relating to projections on property tax revenues and concerns about overtime costs.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL FUND BALANCE REQUIREMENT REPORT

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Camphous-Peterson, 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 Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the 2008 Contingency Report Update. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

**Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter**