

**MINUTES OF THE
BUILDINGS, ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Buildings, Roads and Public Works Committee**, held Monday, August 17, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Duzyj-Chair, Boyle, Carabelli, DiMaria, Doherty, Kepler, Sprys and Szczepanski.

Absent and excused was Brdak (Michigan Association of Counties conference).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Mocerri and Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Duzyj called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Commissioner DiMaria offered a motion to remove #10 (report by Public Works Office regarding rules of engagement at Freedom Hill) from the agenda to allow an opportunity to review the draft. There was no support.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Kepler, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried with DiMaria voting "No."**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Carabelli, to approve the June 8, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**REQUEST FROM TURNING POINT, INC., FOR USE OF THE COUNTY'S
PARKING STRUCTURE**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM TURNING POINT, INC., FOR USE OF THE COUNTY'S PARKING STRUCTURE FOR A "TRUNK-OR-TREAT" EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

INVOICES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE:

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER- PHASE II	BERNCO, INC.	\$175,146.60
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER- PHASE II	WAKELY ASSOCIATES, INC.	35,387.16

FURTHER, FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANT SPACE AT THE CLEMENS CENTER

Ms. Arnott-Bryks stated that Workers Comp has moved out of the Clemens Center and she is looking at separating the square footage and applying half to Circuit Court Probation and the other half for Legal Aid Defenders who are currently in the VerKuijen Building. She said this will allow more space for the Veterans Services Department and Legal Aid Defenders is very interested in moving to the Clemens Center; she is waiting to hear back from them regarding their space requirements.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Szczepanski, to direct the Facilities and Operations Department Director to work out the necessary arrangements, prepare the cost information and bring back to this committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

Commissioner Doherty added a friendly amendment to her motion: to allow Ms. Arnott-Bryks to proceed with allowing Michigan Works to take over the space that the Community Services Agency is giving up in the Clemens Center.

The following commissioners spoke: Sprys and Carabelli.

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

ITEMS WAIVED BY CHAIR OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Commissioner Mocerri and Ms. Arnott-Bryks provided an overview of energy conservation activities.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the activity update regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and the updates regarding Rebuild Michigan and Energy Rebate Programs.

Commissioner Bruley requested separation of c, d and e.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Vosburg and Szczepanski.

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

Adopt Resolution to Encourage Sharing of Data and Results of Baseline Energy Audits and Best Practices

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SPRYS, SUPPORTED BY KEPLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SHARING OF DATA AND RESULTS OF BASELINE ENERGY AUDITS AND BEST PRACTICES.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner Szczepanski offered a friendly amendment: CHANGE "ENCOURAGE" TO "DIRECT" IN THE HEADING AND FIFTH PARAGRAPH TITLED RESOLVED. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Chair Duzyj called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Adopt Resolution to Encourage Low/No Cost Energy Conservation Measures for Local Government Buildings

The following commissioners spoke: Szczepanski and Mocerri.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SPRYS, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE LOW/NO COST ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”**

Adopt Resolution to Encourage Building Energy Savings Policies and Employee Training to Reduce Energy Usage

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SPRYS, SUPPORTED BY KEPLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING ENERGY SAVINGS POLICIES AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING TO REDUCE ENERGY USAGE.

The following commissioner spoke: Szczepanski.

Chair Duzyj called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”**

REPORT BY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE RE: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AT FREEDOM HILL

Chair Duzyj said he would like this draft to be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission and have them report back to this committee on what they would like to do.

The following commissioner spoke: Sprys.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY SPRYS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEND THE SUGGESTED RENTAL POLICY TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

The following commissioners spoke: Boyle, DiMaria, Doherty and Sprys.

Commissioner DiMaria offered a friendly amendment: that Corporation Counsel draft a letter to Mr. Bucci reminding him that he had no authority to do what he did, that he is not to breach that authority again, to let him know of all the grief and trouble that his action caused the Board and remind him that the park is closed. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, DiMaria, Boyle and Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Sprys, that separate votes be taken on the original motion and friendly amendment.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Szczepanski and Kepler.

Chair Duzyj called for a vote on the motion to separate and **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Duzyj called for a vote on sending the policy to the Parks and Recreation Commission and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Carabelli had a concern with the wording of the friendly amendment and the following wording was offered: TO DIRECT CORPORATION COUNSEL TO SEND A LETTER TO DINO BUCCI, CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING HIM TO CEASE AND DESIST ANY ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTY PARK WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

That was agreed to by the maker and supporter.

Chair Duzyj called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT BY ROAD COMMISSION

Mr. Hoepfner overviewed the handouts he distributed regarding the current construction projects and their status and the bridges that they intend to build next year and into the future.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sprys, to receive and file the report from the Road Commission. **The Motion Carried.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING GARDENS AT CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING

Chair Duzyj explained that he was in receipt of a request from an employee regarding the concept of having responsible legal groups adopt the five gardens that were planted at the Court Building.

The following commissioners spoke: Szczepanski, Doherty and Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Carabelli, to authorize Ms. Arnott-Bryks to pursue this with the appropriate individuals and report back. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gene Schabath, Deputy Public Works Commissioner

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Carabelli, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter