

**MINUTES OF THE
COURTS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

At a meeting of the **Courts and Legal Affairs Committee**, held Tuesday, February 3, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Crouchman-Chair, Carabelli, DiMaria, Doherty, Lampar, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys and Tocco.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner J. Flynn
Commissioner Rengert

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Crouchman called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Rocca, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

Chair Crouchman briefly explained what was contained within the two sets of papers that he had distributed. He noted that the courts are a separate independent branch of government. This committee will be overseeing the probate, the circuit and the two district courts that are under the county's purview. He intends to have each of the chief judges appear before this committee.

MONTHLY REPORTS FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

Mr. Brumbaugh gave a verbal presentation which consisted of a general outline of his department. He provided an overview of the information that was contained within his report. During his overview, he noticed an error in the Lawsuits – 2009 section of the report and will have the date corrected.

The following commissioner spoke: Chair Crouchman.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the monthly reports from Corporation Counsel. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lampar asked for clarification (for future meetings) as to the start time of this committee.

Chair Crouchman intends to invite the chief judge of the circuit court, the probate court and two district courts to appear before this committee and describe their operation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Carabelli, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter