

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

At a meeting of the **Courts and Legal Affairs Committee**, held Tuesday, December 8, 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.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Crouchman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Carabelli, to approve the October 6, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

MONTHLY REPORTS FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

Mr. George Brumbaugh recalled that he had submitted his written report. He noted that this year they had seven lawsuits that were filed which he felt have potential in terms of claims against the county. Six of those were sent to outside counsel and one is being handled internally by Mr. Meyerand in his office. He named a few cases that drove attorney fees and the costs extremely high. He spoke about the new law firms they brought in. They are doing a good job and in speaking with the Sheriff's Department, they are happy with the representation. He felt that 2010 certainly will be a better year in terms of payment of monies out to outside counsel.

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lampar informed commissioners that he saw Judge Maceroni last night and he expressed interest in closing down the courts during Christmas and New Year's.

A discussion ensued amongst commissioners and Mr. Brumbaugh about the Clerk's Office being closed during Christmas and New Year's. Discussion further ensued about the reassignment of court staff if it were to happen.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Lampar, supported by Carabelli, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter