

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, November 21, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brandenburg, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, Doherty, Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Hill, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

Absent and excused were DiMaria and Duzyj.

**Also Present:**

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department  
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department  
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Mark Hackel, Sheriff  
Michelle Sanborn, Jail Administrator  
Steve Cassin, Executive Director, Planning & Economic Development Dept.  
Don Morandini, Assistant Director, Planning & Economic Development Dept.  
John Crumm, Planning & Economic Development Department  
Maria Zardis, Planning & Economic Development Department  
Cheryl Bushbaker, Planning & Economic Development Department  
Kate Doyle, Planning & Economic Development Department  
Charles Seidelman, Director, Juvenile Justice Center  
Russ McPeak, Manager, Community Corrections  
Chad Selweski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde 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 McCarthy, supported by Vosburg, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #8a, #9e, f and g (resolutions), two additional travel requests and #13). **The Motion Carried.**

## **MINUTES**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Haggerty, to approve the August 17 and September 21, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

### **PRESENTATION BY FOCUS MACOMB**

Chair Slinde welcomed those in attendance. She introduced the Co-Chairs, Mr. Don Torline, President of Baker College of Clinton Township, and Mr. Roy Rose, President of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc.

Material was distributed and presentations were made by each committee of Focus Macomb. In conclusion, Mr. Rose addressed the implementation of their recommendations. A question and answer period followed.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by White, to receive and file the presentation by Focus Macomb. **The Motion Carried.**

A recess was taken from 10:43-10:53 a.m.

## **LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY BRDAK, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,076,976.10, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Doherty, to appoint the law firm of Johnson, Rosati & LaBarge to represent the named defendants in the name of Soulliere vs. Macomb County Jail, Sylvia Hanson, M.D., James Nowicki, John Pasconeli, Gail Marlot, Kay Regan, Michael Hinkson, Greg Hojnacki and Carol Bowie. **The Motion Carried.**

**GRANT PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS OF LIVING WAGE POLICY TO SALVATION ARMY HARBOR LIGHT-MACOMB COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GRANT A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIVING WAGE POLICY TO THE SALVATION ARMY HARBOR LIGHT-MACOMB COUNTY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

Commissioner Doherty asked what the established process is for waivers. Mr. Brumbaugh explained that this is the first request received and he was asked to put together a resolution for this committee. Commissioner Doherty felt standards need to be established to ensure consistency for future requests and urged the Chair of this committee or the Board Chair to follow up on this.

Commissioner Gielegem requested a friendly amendment to change “exemption” to “waiver”. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The motion now reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GRANT A PARTIAL WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIVING WAGE POLICY TO THE SALVATION ARMY HARBOR LIGHT-MACOMB COUNTY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2007. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH KENNARD ABSTAINING.**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY REVOIR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

CONGRATULATING THE EIGHT MILE KELLY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY DIMARIA);

COMMENDING MATTHEW BRADSHAW – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY BRDAK);

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE MOTOR UNIT OF THE MACOMB COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF (OFFERED BY REVOIR);

COMMENDING ALBERT DeBONS – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY BROWN);

COMMENDING BRYAN ARSENAULT – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY KENNARD);

HONORING MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WAGNER – 45<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY SLINDE) AND

COMMENDING TIMMOTHY STANLEY – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY SLINDE).

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the travel requests as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brandenburg, supported by Brdak, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brandenburg, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, Doherty, Flynn, Gielegem, Hill, Kennard, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Vosburg, White and Slinde. There were 21 “Yes” votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 11:28 a.m., with it concluding at 12:02 p.m.

**CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: CASE OF LYNN BIESZKA, ET AL V COUNTY OF MACOMB, ET AL**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CASE OF LYNN BIESZKA, ET AL V COUNTY OF MACOMB, ET AL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: CASE  
OF ASBERRY V MACOMB COUNTY, ET AL**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY REVOIR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CASE OF ASBERRY V MACOMB COUNTY, ET AL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Brandenburg, to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**