

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, February 16, 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, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj,  
Flynn, Gibson, Gielegghem, Kennard, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca,  
Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

Absent and excused were Brown, Crouchman, Haggerty, Hill and Kolakowski.

**Also Present:**

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department  
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department  
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel  
Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
John Anderson, Director, Risk Management & Safety Department  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Lynn Arnott-Bryks, Director, Facilities & Operations Department  
Polly Helzer, Manager, Purchasing Department  
Angela Willis, Director, Senior Citizen Services Department  
Steve Cassin, Executive Director, Planning & Economic Development Dept.  
John Crumm, Planning & Economic Development Department  
Russell McPeak, Manager, Community Corrections  
Gabe Anton, Anton, Zorn & Associates, Inc.  
Hunter Wendt, General Counsel, Macomb Community College  
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 DiMaria, supported by Sauger, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #12a, 12b, 12c, 13c and three additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

## **MINUTES**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Flynn, to approve the December 13, 2005 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

### **REPORT BY KEN RODGERS, AUTOMATION ALLEY**

Chair Slinde indicated that Mr. Rodgers is running late and she will continue with the agenda until he arrives.

### **APPROVAL OF SEMI-MONTHLY BILLS**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, 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 TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,127,785.68, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **AWARD PRINTING OF SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT DIRECTORY (WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR)**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY GIBSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH THE PURCHASING MANAGER AND AWARD THE PRINTING OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT DIRECTORY TO THE LOWEST BIDDER, PAGE LITHO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,690.00; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION ACCOUNT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brandenburg, supported by Flynn, to appoint the law firm of Martin, Bacon & Martin to represent Macomb County regarding petition for injunctive temporary restraining order involving an auto accident on November 7, 2005. **The Motion Carried.**

**REMOVE REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN PROPERTY DEEDED TO MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN PROPERTY DEEDED TO MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON AUGUST 10, 2001, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING USED BY THE COLLEGE FOR THE MACOMB EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER AND WHICH CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 10.480 ACRES.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brandenburg, supported by Flynn, to postpone this issue until next month.

Commissioner Brandenburg felt it would be advantageous to negotiate with the college to give the County the property on Hall Road deed free since the County is giving them the property on Dunham Road deed free.

Mr. Wendt stated that the money has been appropriated by the state legislature and goes through the State Building Authority process and they require the elimination of the reversion. He said the agreement they proposed with the County would keep the language and intent of the reversion language in place even while the title is held by the State Building Authority. He said that upon repayment of the bond, they would redeed the reversionary language back to the County so there will be no time that the County is unprotected regarding their intent that the land be used solely for that purpose. He further noted that \$3.6 million would be lost if they do not get the reversion clause.

Commissioner Brandenburg withdrew her postponement motion.

Commissioner Flynn said she received calls from several firefighters who are concerned that they will lose their facility when the new Crime Justice Training Center is built. Mr. Wendt stated that is not true and indicated that their expansion is consistent with their overall mission of training police and firefighters.

Commissioner DiMaria noted that he spoke with some fire chiefs and they do not object to this project and welcome the Board's support for this.

**AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Brandenburg, supported by Szczepanski, to negotiate for the exchange of the Library property on Hall Road. **The Motion was Defeated.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion to approve and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRANDENBURG VOTING "NO."**

**REPORT BY KEN RODGERS, AUTOMATION ALLEY**

Mr. Rodgers provided an update on what is currently happening at Automation Alley. He said their mission is to drive the growth and image of southeast Michigan as a center for excellence in technology and focus that message not only in Michigan, but also throughout the United States and globally. He said Automation Alley encompasses all of southeast Michigan, eight counties and the City of Detroit.

Some of the issues he covered included the role that small businesses are playing in the development of technology and future of the economy, the quality of life in Michigan, businesses that are currently headquartered in Michigan, technology consortiums, services that they provide to companies and their Technology and International Business Centers, trade missions and the need for vocational training.

Commissioner Brandenburg referred to the \$23 million in signed contracts as a result of their trade missions and asked how much of that business came back to Macomb County. Mr. Rodgers replied that they were small companies scattered throughout the region that brought back those contracts and fulfilled them here with their workers. Commissioner Brandenburg requested a list of those and also requested the demographics for Oakland County. She spoke in support of enhancing the opportunity for internships prior to college.

After further discussion, Chair Slinde thanked Mr. Rodgers for his report.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APPROVING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE GRANT FOR THE MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL (WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY SWITALSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APPROVING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE GRANT FOR THE MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF MACOMB AND A&R MACOMB, LLC, FOR 77 SOUTH MAIN, MT. CLEMENS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY WHITE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MACOMB AND A&R MACOMB, LLC FOR 77 SOUTH MAIN, MOUNT CLEMENS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ISSUANCE OF RFP FOR AGENT OF RECORD FOR PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY ROCCA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN RFP FOR THE AGENT OF RECORD FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE THAT EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2006. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES (WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY BRANDENBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR WORK PERFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

MARTHA T. BERRY	ELLISDON MICHIGAN	\$ 278,299.72
NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	417,150.00
NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	WAKELY ASSOCIATES	12,554.61

FURTHER, FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR MARTHA T. BERRY (WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,001.00 FOR THE MARTHA T. BERRY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARCHITECT, EDMUND LONDON AND ASSOCIATES, INC.; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

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

COMMEMORATING ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH IN ST. CLAIR SHORES – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY KENNARD AND CROUCHMAN);

COMMENDING COMMISSIONER DIANA KOLAKOWSKI FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR ON BEHALF OF BOARD) AND

COMMENDING LORETTA HALL LANCASTER – 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY (OFFERED BY HAGGERTY).

### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Kennard, to approve the travel requests as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Slinde adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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