

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, March 22, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused were Gibson, Haggerty and Hill.

Also Present:

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel
John Anderson, Director, Risk Management & Safety Department
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Lynn Arnott-Bryks, Director, Facilities & Operations Department
Don Morandini, Assistant Director, Planning & Economic Development Dept.
John Axe, Bond Counsel, Axe & Ecklund, P.C.
Gene Schabath, Deputy Commissioner, Public Works Department
Tim McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties
Tom Hickson, Director of Legislative Affairs, Michigan Association of Counties
Bradley Comment, Legislative Coordinator, Michigan Association of Counties

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by McCarthy, supported by Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #12a, #12b and two additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Rocca, to approve the January 23, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY TIM McGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

Chair Slinde stated that Mr. McGuire informed her that he may be late so she will continue with the agenda until he arrives. There were no objections.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY McCARTHY, 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 \$15,953,885.28, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

FOURTH QUARTER 2005 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION REPORT

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the Fourth Quarter 2005 Depository Resolution Report as submitted by the Treasurer's Department. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPT 2006 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2006 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN COUNTY AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES (WARREN SATELLITE/MAJESTIC PLAZA)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (WARREN SATELLITE/MAJESTIC PLAZA) INCREASING THE SQUARE FOOTAGE FROM 23,559 RENTABLE SQUARE FEET TO 24,147 RENTABLE SQUARE FEET AND CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY FROM 29600 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE TO 27650 AND 27690 VAN DYKE AS INDICATED IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR DATED MARCH 9, 2006. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR RE: COUNTY BRIDGE FUND PROGRAM
(REQUESTED AT JANUARY MEETING)**

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by McCarthy, to receive and file the report from the Finance Director regarding the County Bridge Fund Program. **The Motion Carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Brown, to appoint the law firm of Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook to represent the 16th Judicial Circuit Court in the lawsuit of Simms v 16th Judicial Circuit Court. **The Motion Carried.**

**ITEM WAIVED BY PED COMMITTEE CHAIR: APPROVAL OF AKT-PEERLESS TO
SERVE AS CONSULTANT ASSISTING WITH ADMINISTRATION OF USEPA
BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY BRANDENBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AKT-PEERLESS TO SERVE AS THE CONSULTANT ASSISTING THE MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE USEPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$165,000 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE USEPA GRANT FUNDS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT KOTT – RETIREMENT
FROM CENTER LINE RESERVE UNIT (OFFERED BY SAUGER)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT KOTT – RETIREMENT FROM CENTER LINE RESERVE UNIT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: ONGOING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT MARTHA T. BERRY, PUBLIC WORKS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Flynn, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a confidential memorandum from Corporation Counsel regarding ongoing construction projects at Martha T. Berry, Public Works and Juvenile Justice Center.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brandenburg, Brdak, Brown, Crouchman, DeSaele, Doherty, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegem, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Vosburg, DiMaria and Slinde. There were 19 "Yes" votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:18 a.m., with it concluding at 10:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY McCARTHY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL CONCERNING ONGOING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT MARTHA T. BERRY, PUBLIC WORKS AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY TIM McGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Mr. Tim McGuire, Executive Director, stated that the Michigan Association of Counties has five standing committees, with several Commissioners serving on those, and their process is make recommendations to their Board of Directors and then communicate those to the legislature.

Committee was provided a copy of the March 17, 2006 MAC Legislative Update.

Mr. Tom Hickson, Director of Legislative Affairs, spoke on the following issues: K-16 spending mandate proposal, elimination of the Single Business Tax, revenue sharing, legislation that disburses the 9-1-1 money on cell phones and landlines and the Budget Reconciliation Act that has taken away some matching funds for child care enforcement and incentive payments.

Mr. Bradley Comment, Legislative Coordinator, said he has been involved with issues regarding transportation, human services and economic development.

Commissioner Doherty requested a copy of the survey that was used for the K-16 proposal.

Discussion ensued with Commissioners asking questions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Brandenburg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**