

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, August 17, 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, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Hill, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

Absent and excused was DiMaria.

**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  
James Perna, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Commission  
Anthony Casasanta, Administrator, Parks & Recreation Department  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Steve Cassin, Executive Director, Planning & Economic Development Dept.  
Ken Lewis, Plunkett and Cooney, P.C.  
Chad Selweski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by McCarthy, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include four additional travel requests and #11a, b and c (resolutions).  
**The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by McCarthy, to approve the May 17, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McCARTHY, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, 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 \$5,608,350.41, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REQUEST FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE SENIOR SWING DANCES AT FREEDOM HILL**

Mr. Casasanta stated that they are requesting \$5,000 to continue the dances until the end of the year. He indicated that since this was discussed in December, they have received funding to carry them through, but that is no longer available.

Mr. Perna spoke about the four options that are available: request funding from the Board of Commissioners, cut the dances from two to one per month; funding would still be needed, begin charging seniors or cancel the entire program. He said he will continue to solicit contributions.

Commissioner Doherty said she thought it was decided that they were going to charge a fee. Mr. Perna said that was not necessary because funding was received. Commissioner Doherty felt a small fee needs to be implemented because the Board cannot continue to fund this.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY BRDAK, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A \$3 FEE FOR THE SENIOR SWING DANCES AT FREEDOM HILL.

**AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CROUCHMAN, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO AMEND THE FEE TO \$2.

Commissioner Hill spoke in support of the \$5,000 request and indicated that there are seniors who have financial problems.

Mr. Perna suggested that the Board approve their funding request and also implementation of a fee.

Commissioner Camphous-Peterson suggested that they contact Girl Scout groups, etc., because they are always looking for community service projects and they can help with the concessions.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY McCARTHY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FUNDING OF \$5,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO CONTINUE THE SENIOR SWING DANCES AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2006; FURTHER, THAT A \$2 FEE BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2007.

Commissioner Gielegem spoke in support of the funding request, but asked that any future requests include a budget that lists the County and private funds that are being used to support this program, participant contributions and any grant funding.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRANDENBURG VOTING “NO.”**

### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Commissioner Doherty asked that the requests be separated.

### **Community Corrections**

Commissioner Doherty asked if the funds have to be spent in this manner and whether a number of training hours are required for this. Mr. Foster said he would have to check. Commissioner Doherty said she will vote no and contact the Director.

Chair Slinde thought that was something that could be specified on the request.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Rengert, to approve the travel request submitted by Community Corrections. **The Motion Carried with Doherty voting “No.”**

### **Health Department**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphouse-Peterson, supported by Flynn, to approve the travel requests submitted by the Health Department. **The Motion Carried with Doherty voting “No.”**

### **MSU Extension**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Revoir, to approve the travel requests submitted by MSU Extension. **The Motion Carried with Doherty voting “No.”**

### **Planning and Economic Development Department (d and e)**

Commissioner Vosburg referred to both requests, which are for the same conference, and asked what the total is. Mr. Cassin replied that the total for both is \$9,000.

Commissioner Brandenburg felt that is a lot of money and did not see how the County will benefit.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Vosburg, to approve the travel requests submitted by the Planning and Economic Development Department. **The Motion Carried with Brandenburg voting “No.”**

### **Probate Court**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Sauger, to approve the travel request submitted by Probate Court. **The Motion Carried.**

### **Prosecutor’s Office**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Duzyj, to approve the travel request submitted by the Prosecutor’s Office. **The Motion Carried.**

### **Sheriff’s Department**

Commissioner Revoir referred to the request for the Polygraph training that was added to the agenda and asked if the employee will be able to train other employees, if there are other schools that provide this training and whether their registration costs are similar. Mr. Foster said he would have to get back to him. Commissioner Revoir said he is not against the training, but would be voting no on that request because he has questions that cannot be answered today.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by McCarthy, supported by Flynn, to approve the travel requests submitted by the Sheriff's Department. **The Motion Carried with Brandenburg voting "No" on all of them, Doherty voting "No" on the Michigan Sheriff's Association's Fall Training Conference and Revoir voting "No" on the Polygraph Training.**

**Veterans Affairs Department**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by McCarthy, to approve the travel request submitted by the Veterans Affairs Department. **The Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Brandenburg, 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, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Hill, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg, White and Slinde. There were 25 "Yes" votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:59 a.m., with it concluding at 10:52 a.m.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: CASE OF CHAMBERS V MACOMB COUNTY, ET AL**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

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

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

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

COMMENDING AMERICAN HEARTLAND HOMEBUILDERS FOR THEIR CHARITABLE WORK FOR THE GILLIAM FAMILY (OFFERED BY RENGERT AND BRANDENBURG);

COMMENDING LOMBARDO HOMES FOR THEIR CHARITABLE WORK FOR THE GILLIAM FAMILY (OFFERED BY RENGERT AND BRANDENBURG) AND

CONGRATULATING THE MSU ALUMNI CLUB OF MACOMB COUNTY – 50 YEARS OF SERVICE (OFFERED BY WHITE).

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Revoir, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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