

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, September 21, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused were Brown (family funeral) and Mijac.

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
Ted Cwiek, Director, Human Resources Department
Doug Fouty, Program Director, Personnel Services, Human Resources Dept.
Lynn Arnott-Bryks, Director, Facilities and Operations Department
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs
Todd Schmitz, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Roger Cardamone, Chief Election Clerk
Lynn Davidson, Director, Friend of the Court
Russell McPeak, Manager, Community Corrections
Lou Mioduszewski, Director, Emergency Management & Communications Dept.
Cory Lynn, Mercer Health & Benefits
Ellete Drew, Mercer Health & Benefits

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 Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include #11a and b and #12d and e (resolutions). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by McCarthy, to approve the June 14, 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 FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY HAGGERTY, 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 \$15,800,108.93, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

MACOMB COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE MACOMB COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY.

After discussion regarding the number of departments who have a card and whether a policy exists that only the Purchasing Department is authorized to have one, the following amendment was offered:

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUND, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO ADD A SECTION TITLED "ISSUANCE" WHICH WILL READ: A COUNTY CREDIT CARD CAN ONLY BE ISSUED UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJUSTMENT TO MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND MEAL ALLOWANCE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY McCARTHY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND MEAL ALLOWANCE TO EQUATE THE RATES PAID BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR; THEREFORE,

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006, THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE WILL DECREASE TO FORTY-FOUR CENTS PER MILE AND THE DAILY MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT \$31.00 PER DAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN RATES; FURTHER, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR IS DIRECTED TO NOTIFY EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE ABOVE-NOTED RATES.

Commissioner Szczepanski said he will be voting no because he believes Commissioners should be excluded.

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUND, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, THAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BE EXCLUDED FROM RECEIVING MILEAGE FOR ATTENDING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS.

Commissioner Kennard felt that compensation should be given to Commissioners who attend Ad Hoc Committee meetings because those are extra duties.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the amendment, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

MARTHA T. BERRY	EDMUND LONDON & ASSOCIATES	\$ 2,061.28
42-2 DISTRICT COURT	KRS – AE EQUITIES, LLC	461,722.00
42-2 DISTRICT COURT	PARTNERS IN ARCHITECTURE, PLC	7,231.61
JUVENILE JUSTICE CTR.	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	32,381.43
MARTHA T. BERRY	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	105,520.00
NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	90,000.00
JUVENILE JUSTICE CTR.	WAKELY ASSOCIATES	14,898.73

FURTHER, FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFIT MARKETING RESULTS AND SELECTIONS
FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT POLICIES**

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lynn and Ms. Drew provided an overview of the January 1, 2007 renewals and marketing results for employee benefit policies.

A brief question and answer period followed.

Chair Slinde asked that the total savings be provided.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTORS OF RISK MANAGEMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MERCER HEALTH BENEFITS TO ACCEPT THE MARKETING RESULTS AND SELECTIONS FOR THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT POLICIES WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN, BLUE CARE NETWORK, HEALTH ALLIANCE PLAN, DELTA DENTAL, GOLDEN DENTAL, STERLING VISION, HARTFORD AND MEDSOFT (FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to appoint the following law firms:

Johnson, Rosati and LaBarge, P.C. to represent the Macomb County Jail and Sheriff's Department in the case of Soulliere v Macomb County Jail;

Johnson, Rosati and LaBarge, P.C. to the case of Soulliere v Sylvia Hanson, M.D./Macomb County Community Mental Health;

Johnson, Rosati and LaBarge, P.C. to represent Macomb Community Mental Health Services in the case of Children's Home of Detroit v Macomb County Community Health Services and

Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti and Sherbrook to represent the County in pending litigation of EllisDon Michigan, Inc. vs County of Macomb.

The Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROCESS AND PAY BILLS FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTS (RECOMMENDED BY HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 9-14-06)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROCESS AND PAY BILLS FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT BALLOT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAKE THE MACOMB COUNTY ABSENT BALLOT APPLICATION PROCESS UNIFORM AND PROVIDE SENIOR CITIZENS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AN ABSENT BALLOT REGARDLESS OF WHERE IN THE COUNTY THEY LIVE, BY DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO MAIL AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT TO MACOMB COUNTY REGISTERED VOTERS AGE 60 AND OVER FOR THE 2006 NOVEMBER ELECTION, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000; EXCEPT, AV APPLICATION FORMS WOULD NOT BE SENT TO SENIOR CITIZEN REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE ALREADY ON THE PERMANENT AV LIST OR WHOSE LOCAL CLERK AUTOMATICALLY DOES MAIL AV APPLICATION FORMS TO ALL VOTERS AGE 60 AND OVER; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS' SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Szczepanski, to postpone until after the November election.

Commissioner Vosburg felt this needs to be reviewed by Corporation Counsel to determine if there is a conflict of interest because the return address asking if they want to apply would have the County Clerk's name and she also thought there could be a conflict with local control. She said she was also concerned with the language in the backup information.

Commissioner DeSaele stated that her community is already doing it and any Commissioner can give them an absentee ballot request in their constituent mailings. She did not see how the County can afford to do this at this time.

Commissioner DiMaria said he would like his constituents to have the same advantage as others.

Commissioner Brandenburg said she was concerned that those communities already doing the mailings will stop because the County is doing it and that will cost more money for the County.

Commissioner Rengert thought an amendment should be made to the main motion indicating upon written approval of the local clerks. He said he did not want them to think the Board is making decisions on behalf of all municipalities who are not doing mailings.

After further discussion, Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion to postpone and **The Motion was Defeated.**

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO INCLUDE "UPON APPROVAL OF LOCAL CLERKS." **THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DOHERTY, FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, HILL, KENNARD, McCARTHY, ROCCA, SAUGER, SWITALSKI, WHITE, DiMARIA AND SLINDE. THERE WERE 16 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRANDENBURG, DeSAELE, LUND, RENGERT, SZCZEPANSKI AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 6 "NO" VOTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

COMMENDING CHRISTINE BONKOWSKI, RECIPIENT OF 2006 ALEXANDER MACOMB CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD (OFFERED BY WHITE);

COMMENDING FRANK BECKMANN, RECIPIENT OF 2006 ALEXANDER MACOMB CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD (OFFERED BY WHITE);

COMMENDING THE STOLARUK FAMILY, RECIPIENT OF 2006 DONNA GRECO ISSA FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD (OFFERED BY WHITE);

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF BEAUMONT MEDICAL CENTER IN MACOMB TOWNSHIP (OFFERED BY RENGERT AND BRANDENBURG) AND

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROVE FULL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE BARRIERS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES FROM ASIAN CARP (OFFERED BY BRDAK).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Hill, to approve the travel requests as submitted.

Commissioner Doherty asked that future requests indicate whether grant funds are only to be used for training.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Flynn stated that she has been getting calls from some of the unions about not receiving their written contract from the Human Resources Department. She asked Mr. Cwiek to provide her with a list of all contracts, the dates they were ratified and when they were given their draft contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Duzyj, to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**