

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Tuesday, January 16, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

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
Eric Herppich, Division Director, Labor Relations, Human Resources Dept.
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Marilyn Rudzinski, Director, MSU Extension
Terri Gibb, Natural Resources Agent, MSU Extension
Frank Taylor, Director, Community Services Agency
Angela Willis, Director, Senior Citizen Services Department
Chuck Seidelman, Director, Juvenile Justice Center
Jim Lynch, Reporter, The Detroit News
Chad Selweski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Commissioner Rengert requested the addition of a resolution for Pastor Doroh of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by J. Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include #11b, c and d and two additional travel requests.)

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DiMaria, to add an agenda item to deny funding for the National Association of Counties' legislative conference for the Board of Commissioners, except the Board Chair and one additional Commissioner.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, Gielegthem, Mijac, Roberts, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Torrice and Szczepanski. There were 16 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were DeSaele, Drolet, J. Flynn, Lund, Rengert, Rocca, Vosburg and Slinde. There were 8 "No" votes.

The Motion Carried.

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Duzyj, to approve the October 11, 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 DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, 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 \$12,696,135.86, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Tocco abstained from the bills on page 23, vouchers #45-50.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

MEDICAL EXAMINER FACILITY	BERNCO, INC.	\$162,270.78
42-2 DISTRICT COURT	KRS – A E EQUITIES	221,026.51

42-2 DISTRICT COURT	PARTNERS IN ARCHITECTURE	10,420.88
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	20,200.00
NEW PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS	355,950.00

FURTHER, FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHANGE ORDERS

Martha T. Berry

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,704, AS APPROVED BY THE ARCHITECT, EDMUND LONDON & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE MARTHA T. BERRY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Medical Examiner Facility

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,381.05, AS APPROVED BY THE ARCHITECT, EDMOND LONDON & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FACILITY; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEMS WAIVED BY COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Authorize Community Services Agency to Receive Funds from Michigan Community Action Agency Association to Provide Energy Assistance for Low-Income Families

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$81,093 FROM THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Authorize Community Services Agency to Receive Funds from Department of Human Services to Provide Weatherization Measures for Low-Income Families

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$365,599 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE WEATHERIZATION MEASURES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Authorize Community Services Agency to Receive Weatherization Assistance Program Redistribution Funds

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$10,836 IN WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REDISTRIBUTION FUNDS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION BY DR. STEVEN PUEPPKE, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Due to computer problems, Chair Slinde continued with the agenda.

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 HENRY BROWN, VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION, FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE (OFFERED BY: TO BE DETERMINED);

TRIBUTE TO MARK THOMAS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE (OFFERED BY DUZYJ AND SWITALSKI);

COMMENDING WILLIAM SMITH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO MACOMB COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS (OFFERED BY DeSAELE);

COMMENDING TIMOTHY HURTTGAM – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY GIELEGHEM) AND

HONORING PASTOR DOROH OF ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR 25
YEARS OF SERVICE (OFFERED BY RENGERT).

Commissioner Mijac requested that his name be added to Henry Brown's resolution.

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

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

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

A recess was taken from 9:20 – 9:35 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY DR. STEVEN PUEPPKE, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Steven Pueppke addressed committee on "The Bioeconomy: What it is and How it Could Benefit Southeastern Michigan." Discussion ensued.

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the presentation by Dr. Steven Pueppke, Michigan State University. **The Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Vosburg, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. **The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 10:33 a.m., with it concluding at 10:50 a.m.

**DENY FUNDING FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' LEGISLATIVE
CONFERENCE FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Board Chair Crouchman stated that travel for this conference was approved in December and six Commissioners have already purchased airline tickets and made hotel reservations. He said he has no problem with establishing a new policy, but he does have a concern with changing what has already been approved. He also pointed out that this conference can be profitable to the County and individual districts by learning what federal programs are in existence, when those will be available and what needs to be done to get the funding and he did not feel two Commissioners can cover all of the sessions.

Several Commissioners spoke in support of changing the policy, but not penalizing the Commissioners who have already purchased tickets based on prior Board action.

Commissioner Duzyj spoke against spending money on travel when the Board is experiencing budget issues, but said he does support sending the Board Chair and one additional Commissioner for representation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DENY FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, EXCEPT THE BOARD CHAIR AND ONE ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Duzyj, to refer this issue to the Full Board meeting.

Commissioner Doherty felt there is information that is needed, including whether the tickets that have been purchased are refundable, if there will be a fee and what that fee will be, if the airfare purchased through the County can be transferred to other department travel requests, etc.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sauger, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter