

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 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, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were D. Flynn and Haggerty.

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 Camphous-Peterson, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include five additional resolutions, one additional travel request and #12 (Executive Session). **The Motion Carried.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC)

Mr. Harold Mast, President, spoke about the benefits the Board receives as a member of MAC.

Mr. Tim McGuire, Executive Director, spoke about issues they are working on: child care fund, revenue sharing, 9-1-1, Jail Re-entry Reimbursement Program and Drain Code.

The following Commissioners spoke: Vosburg, J. Flynn, Bruley, Brown and Brdak.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, 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

\$15,898,109.95, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.
THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE MERCER TO PREPARE RFP'S

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT TO AUTHORIZE MERCER TO PREPARE THE INITIAL RFP'S FOR THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS FOR OUR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES: HEALTHCARE, PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, DENTAL, VISION, BASIC LIFE/AD&D, LONG-TERM DISABILITY, FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT, AND THESE EMPLOYEE PAID BENEFITS: SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE, LONG-TERM CARE, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY AND "MY LAWYER."

The following Commissioners spoke: Doherty, Bruley, Vosburg, Duzyj and J. Flynn.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Szczepanski, to appoint the following law firms:

Hardy, Lewis & Page to represent the County of Macomb in the litigation entitled Sandra Barnes and Emmett Barnes vs. the County of Macomb and Mark Hackel (co-employers) and

Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseltyn & Fields to represent the County of Macomb in the litigation entitled Myron Hall, as guardian of Kelly Foster Hall vs. Macomb County Community Health, Social Resources, Inc. and Michael W. Davis.

The following Commissioner spoke: Tocco.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

A motion was made by Bruley, supported by Tocco, to appoint the law firms as submitted (see above) and that a proposed fee schedule be provided at the next meeting.

The following Commissioners spoke: Bruley, Brown, Doherty and Vosburg.

Commissioner DeSaele offered an amendment to establish an Ad Hoc Committee, but there was no support.

The following Commissioners spoke: Duzyj and Sauger.

Mr. Brumbaugh noted that since the next meeting is early October, he requested that he be allowed to provide the schedule at the November meeting and that was agreed to.

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

ADJUSTMENT OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND MEAL ALLOWANCE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJUST 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, 2008, THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE WILL INCREASE TO FIFTY-EIGHT 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.

The following Commissioners spoke: Szczepanski, Duzyj, Vosburg and Sauger.

SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJUST 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, 2008, THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE WILL INCREASE TO FIFTY-EIGHT 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; ALSO, THAT THE 2009 TRAVEL BUDGETS REMAIN AT THE PRESENT LEVEL

The following Commissioners spoke: Bruley, Szczepanski, Brown, J. Flynn, Duzyj, Doherty and Gielegem.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the substitute motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, RENGERT, SAUGER, SLINDE, AND SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”**

RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

COMMENDING JAMES GEORGE AND FAMILY FOR DONATION OF GEORGE GEORGE MEMORIAL PARK (OFFERED BY GIELEGHEM; INCLUDE CLINTON TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS);

HONORING WILLIAM AND ELLEN HEAD FOR BEING THE FIRST CO-WINNERS OF MICHIGAN'S SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR SERVICE (OFFERED BY TOCCO);

HONORING GEORGE BINNO – RETIREMENT FROM STERLING HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN, MIJAC AND ROCCA);

HONORING RONALD McCLAIN – RETIREMENT FROM STERLING HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN, MIJAC AND ROCCA);

HONORING FRED GOLDA – RETIREMENT FROM STERLING HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN, MIJAC AND ROCCA);

HONORING ELIZABETH JACYNA SOBCZAK – 100TH BIRTHDAY (OFFERED BY DUZYJ) AND

COMMENDING REGINA HIGH SCHOOL'S GOLF TEAM, THE SADDLELITES, ON WINNING THE MACOMB COUNTY TOURNAMENT (OFFERED BY J. FLYNN).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Roberts, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Torrice, Vosburg and Slinde. There were 21 "Yes" votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 10:36 a.m., with it concluding at 11:07 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The following Commissioners spoke about various issues related to the Charter Commission: J. Flynn, Board Chair Crouchman, Gielegem, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele and Bruley.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Chair Slinde adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**