

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brown, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, Gielegem, Kolakowski, Lund, Rengert, Slinde and White (ex-officio).

Absent and excused were Gibson and Hill.

Also Present:

Commissioner Brandenburg
Commissioner Switalski
David Diegel, Director, Finance Department
Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Dept.
Bob Tess, Planning and Economic Development Department
Justin Robinson, Planning and Economic Development Department
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Chad Selweski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Doherty, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE TO APPLY FOR \$200,000 GRANT FROM THE MDEQ LOW IMPACT DESIGN PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF A \$200,000 GRANT REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

28279-28285 GROESBECK HIGHWAY BROWNFIELD PROJECT

Chair Vosburg announced that updated data was forthcoming. A one-page copy was distributed pertaining to the new total estimated cost of eligible activities in the amount of \$94,732, which was approved at the City of Roseville meeting on January 10, 2006.

After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF THE 28279-28285 GROESBECK HIGHWAY PROJECT (WITH UPDATED DATA) IN THE MACOMB COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT ON FOCUS MACOMB: A PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Cassin overviewed information that was provided in committee packets. He anticipated the first meeting would be held in March. He invited Commissioners to take part in these meetings. He hoped to get named speakers, including Mr. Bill Ford, Jr. as one of the speakers.

MOTION

A motion was made by Slinde, supported by Gieleghem, to receive and file the report on the formation of the County's new economic development group, FOCUS MACOMB.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Cassin about the need to have goals and objectives written down for this advisory committee beforehand, so they have direction. It was felt that some Commissioners need to be part of this group.

Commissioner Brown thought it would be worth taking a look at the report and recommendations of the working group that former Board Chairman John Hertel put together.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Cassin spoke about the Super Bowl brochure and how well it was received. He provided an update on the Romeo Airport project and expressed concern about having some difficulty in obtaining information from the management company that is there. He then spoke about their economic development campaign and the development of a new Macomb County business Web site. Mr. Robinson gave an overhead preview and noted

that the Web site would be up and running within two weeks.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Cassin and Mr. Robinson about the functionality of the Web site and the ability to add additional information, images, and a streaming video.

Commissioner Doherty suggested that Commissioners be provided with an e-mail link before the Web site goes live. She further suggested placing the Web site address on all business cards.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the verbal departmental activities report from Mr. Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Department. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter