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### **BoC to Consider Procurement and Contracting Policies at Full Board**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — The Board of Commissioners will consider approval of a both a contracting policy and a procurement policy at its Full Board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2012.

The two policies which were the result of weeks of collaboration with the Office of the County Executive (OCE) outline purchasing guidelines for the county, as well as guidelines for the review and approval of contracts. According to the contracting policy, contracts that exceed \$35,000 require Board review, and thresholds were also established for sealed and comparative bids. The Board is also calling for all contracts to be posted online in order to be available for public viewing.

“We took our time with this process to ensure thorough analysis of, and compliance with, the new charter, and to understand the relationship between the Board and the Office of the Executive as outlined in the charter,” said Board Chair Kathy D. Vosburg.

Commissioner Fred Miller, who has been involved with crafting county purchasing guidelines since 2011, said a provision in the procurement ordinance which directs the county to use local companies whenever possible, gives Macomb County businesses a helping hand, and helps boost the local economy.

“These talks represent a huge step forward in our discussions with the OCE, and in making certain that transparency and accountability are present in all of our county business,” said Miller.

“We appreciate the effort made on the part of the OCE, to come to the table and work with us to achieve these purchasing guidelines,” added Commissioner Don Brown, who chairs the Finance Committee.

The Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Administration Building, 1 S. Main, Mount Clemens, 48043.

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