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News Nuggets – Macomb County news highlights

County to participate in dispatch consolidation study

The Macomb County Sheriff's Office will participate in a regional study to make recommendations on consolidating dispatch services for multiple cities and townships.

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday, Nov. 21, to approve up to \$50,000 of the Sheriff's Office wireless 911 funds to be used for the study.

The study, conducted by Plante & Moran, will determine if consolidating dispatch duties will allow for easier communication between municipal agencies and save money for county residents.

Cities participating in the study include St. Clair Shores, Roseville, Eastpointe, Fraser, Clinton Township and the Harrison Township Fire Department.

Commissioners battle odors near Harrison Township shore

The Macomb County Board voted Tuesday, Nov. 22, to approve the re-allocation of about \$12,000 in Lake/River Emergency Funds to clean up stinky sediment in Lake St. Clair off Harrison Township.

The board previously awarded \$25,000 in Lake/River Emergency Funds to Harrison Township for the removal of lake weeds that were choking local shorelines, but the removal was stopped Oct. 2 by the DNR for permit issues, leaving nearly half the money still to be used.

Harrison Township officials requested the re-allocation of the leftover money to clean up sediment from around the mouth of the Murdock-Ballard drain. The sediment prevents proper water circulation, causing bad odors and complaints from local residents.

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Board makes appointments to Community Corrections Advisory Board

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday, Nov. 21, to appoint Utica Police Chief Michael W. Reaves and Circuit Judge Peter Maceroni to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Reaves, of Shelby Township, will complete the three-year term left vacant by Police Chief Barnett Jones, who resigned.

Reaves' term will expire March 31, 2009. Maceroni's term ends Dec. 31, 2006.

Board appoints two to Substance Abuse Advisory Council

The Macomb County Board has approved the appointments of two new members to the Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

Theresa Morin of Troy and Janet Teltow of Casco were appointed to three-year terms set to expire Sept. 9, 2009.

Morin is a children's services specialist for the Macomb County office of the Michigan Department of Human Services and Teltow is a public health services coordinator for the Macomb County Health Department.

Board makes Road Commission appointment

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday, Nov. 21, to re-appoint Thomas Raymus of St. Clair Shores to a second six-year term on the Road Commission of Macomb County.

Raymus is one of three road commissioners who are appointed to oversee the agency responsible for construction, operation and maintenance of more than 1,700 miles of county roads.

Raymus' His new term begins Jan. 1, 2007, and expires Dec. 31, 2012.

Dr. Daniel Spitz reappointed Macomb County Medical Examiner

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted on Tuesday, Nov. 21, to appoint Dr. Daniel Spitz to serve a four-year term as the Macomb County Medical Examiner.

Spitz, son of renowned former Macomb and Wayne County medical examiner Dr. Werner Spitz, completed the last two years of his father's term after his father retired.

Daniel Spitz's term will begin Jan. 1, 2007 and will expire Dec. 31, 2010.

The Macomb County Medical Examiner determines whether or not autopsies should be conducted and investigates all deaths due to violence, accidents and those not attended by a physician.

Board approves 2007 budget

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners approved a \$476 million “continuation budget” for 2007.

A continuation budget is one that provides for a county government that is essentially the same size as the previous year, with no new programs and few new employee positions. Employee raises and reclassifications also are kept to a minimum.

This is the second consecutive year in which a continuation budget was approved.

Even so, the 2007 county budget approved by the County Board on Tuesday, Nov. 21, is still \$33 million more than the 2006 budget of \$443 million because of rising costs of healthcare, retirement, salary and services.

Commissioners reappointed to senior citizen organization

County Commissioner Jon Switalski, D-Warren, and Commissioner Philis DeSaele, R-Sterling Heights as delegates to the Area Agency on Aging 1B (AAA-1B).

Switalski is Macomb County’s delegate and DeSaele an alternate delegate. Their current terms expire at the end of this year and they were reappointed to two-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2008.

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