

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brdak-Chair, Accavitti, Boyle, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegthem, Kepler, Lampar, Mijac, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sprys, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Sauger.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brdak called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Lampar, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Accavitti, to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION ON GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORTING
(referred from Administrative Services Committee Meeting of 02-10-10)

Cyntia Zerkowski referred to information that was provided in committee packets and provided an overview of the City of Palm Bay, Florida's new Web site on government financial transparency reporting showing how tax dollars are spent and revenues received.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Brdak.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FORM A WORK GROUP TO REVIEW AND STUDY THIS PROCESS ON GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORTING TO SEE THE FEASIBILITY AND COSTS INVOLVED AND BRING BACK TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

John Foster addressed the committee.

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

RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF 02-09-10

Set Pay Range for JJC Part-Time Cook at Same Pay Range as Full-Time Cook

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY LAMPAR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO SET THE PAY RANGE FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER PART-TIME COOK POSITION AT THE SAME PAY RANGE AS THE FULL-TIME COOK POSITION. \$13.95 TO \$15.94. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CARABELLI VOTING “NO.”**

RECOMMENDATION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 02-10-10

Approve Transfer of Funds Currently Budgeted for Volunteer Recognition Program and Student Government Day to 2010 Green Schools Program

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAMPAR, SUPPORTED BY BRULEY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS CURRENTLY BUDGETED FOR THE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM (\$500) AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY (\$250) TO THE 2010 GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FLAGS TO AWARD SCHOOLS ACHIEVING OFFICIAL GREEN SCHOOLS STATUS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DOHERTY VOTING “NO.”**

APPROVE THE POSITION OF WATER RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST IN THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Item Waived by Personnel Committee Chair)

A one-page letter dated February 23, 2010 from Kristen Grifka, MSU Extension Director, was distributed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY D. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE POSITION OF A WATER RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST IN THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Vosburg, Bruley, D. Flynn and Camphous-Peterson.

Chair Brdak called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DOHERTY VOTING “NO.”**

BUDGET PRESENTATION BY STEVE SMIGIEL

MOTION

A motion was made by J. Flynn, supported by Sprys, to receive and file the budget presentation from the Finance Department.

The following commissioner spoke: Gieleghem.

Steve Smigiel provided a slide presentation that appeared on the overhead drop down screens which consisted of an extensive overview of the County Budget.

Steve Mellen answered questions.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Carabelli and Gieleghem.

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

APPROVE 2011 BUDGET DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN OUTLINE

The one-page document entitled, 2011 Budget Deficit Reduction Plan Outline totaling \$18,750,000 was provided in committee packets.

A handout was distributed by 42-I District Court Judge Denis LeDuc.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SPRYS, SUPPORTED BY BRULEY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE OUTLINE FOR REDUCTIONS IN THE 2011 MACOMB COUNTY BUDGET, PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

Chair Brdak gave an overview of what the budget work group has proposed.

Eric Herppich addressed the committee.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Doherty, Brdak, Rengert, Sprys and Vosburg.

MOTION

A motion was made by Crouchman, supported by DiMaria, to call the question.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to call the question as follows:

Voting Yes were Accavitti, Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DiMaria, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Kepler, Lampar, Mijac, Moceri, Sprys, Tocco and Torrice. There were 16 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Brown, Carabelli, Doherty, Duzyj, Rengert, Rocca, Szczepanski and Vosburg. There were 8 "No" votes.

The Motion Carried.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert and Brdak.

Chair Brdak called for a vote on the main motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DOHERTY, RENGERT AND ROCCA VOTING "NO."**

ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILLS 5570, 5571 AND 5572 (Offered by Brdak) (Item Waived by Technology and Communications Chair)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY LAMPAR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILLS 5570, 5571 AND 5572 (**OFFERED BY BRDAK**).

Eric Herppich and George Brumbaugh answered questions.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

Commissioner Vosburg referred to the fifth WHEREAS paragraph and requested to change the word "lead" to the correct spelling "led."

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE ACCAVITTI, BRDAK, BROWN, BRULEY, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CARABELLI, CROUCHMAN, DiMARIA, DUZYJ, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGEM, KEPLER, LAMPAR, MOCERI, RENGERT, ROCCA, SPRYS, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO

AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 21 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WAS DOHERTY. THERE WAS 1 "NO" VOTE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE ACTUARIAL STUDY FOR THE IMPACT OF HOUSE BILLS 5570, 5571 AND 5572

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CROUCHMAN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE GABRIEL ROEDER SMITH & COMPANY TO PERFORM AN ACTUARIAL STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF HOUSE BILLS 5570, 5571 AND 5572 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500, WITH THE FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE MACOMB COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Brdak, Vosburg, Bruley, Duzyj and Gielegem.

Chair Brdak called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, CARABELLI, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, RENGERT, ROCCA AND VOSBURG VOTING "NO."**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rengert requested to place on a future agenda what the financial impact of the living wage has had on Macomb County government.

Commissioner Doherty requested to place on a future agenda the whole method of cost allocation. Chair Brdak said that he intends to have a presentation possibly on the March agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Duzyj, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.
The Motion Carried.