

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Gralewski, Miller, Mocerri, Sabatini,  
Smith and Tocco.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

Brown, DiMaria, Fraschetti and Sauger.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli 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 Gralewski, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Sabatini, to approve the November 3 and December 8, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE INCREASES TO MSU EXTENSION 2012 GRANT-FUNDED BUDGET**

Marie Ruemenapp overviewed the routine budget adjustments which total \$505,994.08.

Co-Chair Flynn inquired if the \$500,000 leftover from the previous year was more or less than usual. Marie Ruemenapp said it was a bit less.

Co-Chair Carabelli asked Marie Ruemenapp to supply a listing of all MSU Extension grants; specifically when they expire and when they are up for renewal. Marie Ruemenapp asked if he was looking for that just in general at this point in time. Co-Chair Carabelli answered, correct.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Mocerri, to approve increases to the MSU Extension 2012 grant-funded budget, which includes rolling forward 2011 fund balances and/or receiving additional 2012 revenue from the following funds: General Childcare, General Housing, General Extension, General Youth Development, Environmental Education, Great Lakes Education Program, National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Round 2 and Round 5, and Michigan State Housing Development Authority Foreclosure. **Forward to the Finance Committee. The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE REQUEST FROM DTE FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS THE MACOMB COUNTY ORCHARD TRAIL**

John Crumm gave an overview of this request.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Smith, to approve the request from DTE for an easement across the Macomb County Orchard Trail.

Commissioner Brown indicated that this work DTE is doing is necessary and it will be a big help in the North end of the county.

Co-Chair Carabelli requested that the Road Commission send a letter out to the elected officials in the affected community, so they are in full agreement with this request. He then referred to the Rider attachment and requested language be inserted on having a seven day notification as to when work will be performed. He also wanted language inserted that if there is any damage done to the trail that all repairs will be done by DTE and that the trail will be inspected by the Road Commission prior to and after work is completed.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Smith, to **postpone** this agenda item until February. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CHRYSLER WORLD CLASS MANUFACTURING ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY SABATINI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CHRYSLER WORLD CLASS MANUFACTURING ACADEMY (**OFFERED BY MOCERI, FLYNN AND CARABELLI**). FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED

TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the update on upcoming events. **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Co-Chair Flynn gave a run down on items that will be on upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting agendas in the next couple months.

Co-Chair Carabelli mentioned R-PATH transit monthly updates will be added to the agenda starting next month. Co-Chair Flynn indicated that transit legislation is supposed to be introduced in Lansing very shortly. He informed commissioners of a rolling rapid transit meeting on February 23rd and an event that is being planned at the Detroit Zoo on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



**Denise M. Jacks**  
Committee Reporter