

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, April 21, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9th 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:

Fraschetti

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Gralewski, to approve the March 17, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

a) **Presentation from the Office of Macomb County Public Works Commissioner**

William Misterovich, Chief Deputy, started off the PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Location, Public Works Office Divisions, history of Public Works Office, stipulated order entered in February 2011 by U.S. District Court Judge Sean Cox

in U.S. District Court in Detroit, representatives on the Water Board, and City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (wholesale customer rates meeting).

The following commissioner spoke: Miller.

Next to present was Keith Graboske, Chief Engineer, who overviewed the section entitled, Storm Drains.

Next to present was Jim Pistilli, Assistant Chief Engineer, who overviewed the section entitled, Waste Water Services.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Flynn.

Next to present was Lara Sucharski, Supervisor, Soil Erosion Control, who overviewed the section entitled, Effects of Soil Erosion & Sedimentation.

The following commissioner spoke: Mocerri.

Last to present was Barbara Matthews, Environmental Educator, who overviewed the section entitled, Storm Water Program.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the presentation from the Office of Macomb County Public Works Commissioner. **The Motion Carried.**

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

a) Presentation from MSU Extension

Marie Ruemenapp, District Coordinator, spoke about the history of MSU Extension, the relationship/collaboration with Macomb County, the numerous areas MSU Extension is well-known for, and funding sources. Lastly, she introduced two MSU Educators who would be giving brief presentations.

Richard Wooten addressed the committee. He spoke about his background and some of the work he plans to do in Macomb County.

The following commissioners spoke: Mocerri and Flynn.

Mary Bohling addressed the committee. She spoke about the tasks she has picked up since Kristin Grifka left the county in January, her work in Southeast Michigan, the Water Tourism Development Program that was created last year in Macomb County, the Michigan Sea Grant, the creation of water trails, and upcoming meetings.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Mocerri.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Miller, to receive and file the presentation from MSU Extension. **The Motion Carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a) Approve Application from Planning & Economic Development Department for Reallocation of CDBG-R Funding

Mike Rozny from the Planning & Economic Development Department was present. Also present were David Maksymetz, Board Chair from Turning Point and Patrick Findlan, Turning Point's architect.

Mike Rozny gave an overview of this request.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GRALEWSKI, SUPPORTED BY SABATINI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE APPLICATION FROM THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR REALLOCATION OF CDBG-R FUNDING. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Tocco, Flynn, Mocerri, Miller and Fraschetti.

Co-Chair Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair Flynn informed commissioners that there will be a presentation at next month's committee meeting from the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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Committee Reporter