

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 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 Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Tocco.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Brown, Frascchetti and Sauger.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 Smith, to approve the April 20 (special meeting) and May 2, 2012 (special meeting) minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Joe Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren
Karen Spranger, 7520 Hudson, Warren

MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL

a) **Presentation by Troy Jeschke, Chair of the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission on Phase I Spring Re-Planting Plan**

A copy of the Macomb Orchard Trail Plant Screening Plan, along with Map Sheets #1 through #9 were distributed.

Troy Jeschke, Chair of the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission provided an extensive overview on the Phase I Spring Re-Planting Plan. The Plan included the following:

- Module A 120' shrub module - dry
- Module B 120' shrub module - wet
- Module C 120' tree/shrub module - dry
- Module D 120' tree/shrub module - wet
- Shrub planting detail
- Deciduous tree planting detail - heavy soils

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the presentation by Troy Jeschke, Chair of the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission on Phase I Spring Re-Planting Plan.

The following commissioners spoke: Smith, Vosburg and Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

TRANSPORTATION

a) **Update on R-PATH**

Co-Chair Flynn reported that legislation is still in the Senate and is not moving forward and that Senators Brandenburg and Rocca are holding up the process.

Co-Chair Carabelli encouraged commissioners to contact Senators Brandenburg and Rocca on the issue.

Commissioner Miller suggested that this committee pass a resolution which would send a stronger message. He requested that the resolution be prepared in time for tomorrow's Full Board meeting.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING ON SENATORS BRANDENBURG, BIEDA AND ROCCA TO SUPPORT SENATE BILLS NO. 909-912. FURTHER, A COPY OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IS TO BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE JUNE 7, 2012 FULL BOARD MEETING. 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.**

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the update on R-PATH. **The Motion Carried.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTION

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

DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER POLICY CONFERENCE REPORT

A copy of the report from the 2012 Mackinac Policy Conference was distributed.

Co-Chair Flynn spoke about the meetings that took place, networking that resulted in media contacts and the buy Michigan campaign.

Board Chair Vosburg spoke about the substantial conversations with the media that took place which resulted in good exposure for Macomb County.

Co-Chair Carabelli reported that he spoke to Governor Snyder and Lt. Governor Calley concerning synthetic marijuana (K2). He noted that Charlie Langton from Fox 2 News did a whole segment on the issue. He further noted that Macomb County is the only county in the State of Michigan that took action on the issue.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference report. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair Flynn indicated that the Zoo Authority was not able to attend today's meeting to give their report, but he is trying to have them present at a future committee meeting. He asked commissioners if they have any financials they would like to see, to please contact him or Co-Chair Carabelli so that information can be requested ahead of time.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Jacks", written over a horizontal line.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter