

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, December 10, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Mijac-Chair, Carabelli-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Klinefelt, Mocerri, Smith and Flynn (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mijac called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

2014 ANNUAL UPDATE FROM DETROIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY (DRCFA)

Individuals present to provide an update were: Patrick Bero, CEO/CFO; Joseph Abdo, Board secretary and Macomb County appointed Board member; and Thom Connors, General Manager.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown and Klinefelt.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the 2014 annual update from the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority members. **The Motion Carried.**

REVIEW OF ARMADA TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN 2014 UPDATE

D.J. Kehrig, Chairperson of the Armada Township Planning Commission, summarized the 2014 Master Plan and highlighted some of their policies and new initiatives.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to receive and file the overview provided on the 2014 Armada Township Master Plan. **The Motion Carried.**

UPDATE FROM SANILAC & ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Administrator Joe Kautz thanked the Board for its recent funding contribution which allowed for the hiring of a full-time Conservation Technician; this position is dedicated to assisting with the implementation of Farm Bill programs in Macomb County through the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Megan Naplin was introduced and highlighted some of the programs she is actively promoting.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to receive and file the update provided from the Sanilac and St. Clair Conservation Districts. **The Motion Carried.**

UPDATE ON PACE: CAR DEALER IN SOUTHFIELD USES PACE FINANCING

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Klinefelt, to receive and file the information provided on PACE financing.

Chair Mijac spoke about a recent tour of a PACE project site in Southfield he had taken with Andrew Kim which included viewing four big wind turbines and 550 solar cells located on a rooftop. That company was able to receive a federal tax credit because of the project.

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

PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) ON ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT: DECEMBER 11, 2014 6 P.M., MANIACI BANQUET (69227 NORTH MAIN STREET IN RICHMOND)

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to receive and file the information provided. **The Motion Carried.**

**LETTER FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR RE:
DESIGNATION OF GENERAL MOTORS TECHNICAL CENTER IN WARREN
AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the letter from the United States Department of the Interior. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT PROCLAMATION COMMENDING JOHN SWATOSH FOR HIS YEARS
OF SERVICE AT THE SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION (SMART)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Mocerri, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending John Swatosh for his years of service at the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.



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Committee Reporter**