

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Sprys.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chair Kepler requested the addition of an informational item: appropriation to conduct an environment impact study pertaining to the 70 Mile Trail Loop Project.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended, and to include 9a, revised resolution for 14a, 14h (resolution), 14i, 14j and one additional travel request (13f). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by J. Flynn, supported by Rocca, to approve the March 24, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,390,963.40, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI (PLLC/FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.)**

**REPORT BY DETROIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY**

Walter Watkins, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Cobo Hall, Tom McNaulty, Interim Chief Financial Officer of Cobo Hall, and Joe Abdo, Board appointee to the Authority, gave a presentation on the Authority's efforts to improve the facility and its operations.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Doherty and Gieleghem.

**APPROVE 2010 EQUALIZATION REPORT**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE 2010 EQUALIZATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT;

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Carabelli.

Commissioner Carabelli offered a friendly amendment: THAT THE EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO COMMUNITIES REGARDING THE STREAMLINING OF ASSESSING DEPARTMENTS AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF ASSESSING AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. This was accepted by the maker and supporter.

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

**APPROVE REQUEST FROM PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT. TO HOST A MEXICAN AMERICAN DELEGATION AND USE OF ADMINISTRATION BLDG. AND PARKING LOT (RECOMMENDED BY BUILDINGS, ROADS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ON 4-19-10)**

It was noted that the resolution should read: Mexican and Mexican American Business reception.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY TORRICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH THE REQUEST OF THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW THE HOSTING OF A MEXICAN AND MEXICAN AMERICAN BUSINESS RECEPTION ON JULY 2 AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND PARKING LOT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE LETTER TO ROAD COMMISSION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE  
RE: UNIMPROVED SEGMENTS OF THE 70 MILE TRAIL LOOP**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY CARABELLI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A LETTER BE SENT TO THE ROAD COMMISSION REGARDING THE ENGINEERING AND CREATION OF DRAWING AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO FINISH THE UNIMPROVED SEGMENTS OF THE 70 MILE TRAIL LOOP.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Sauger, Duzyj and Rengert.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE ACCAVITTI, BOYLE, BRDAK, BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CARABELLI, CROUCHMAN, DIMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LAMPAR, MIJAC, MOCERI, RENGERT, ROCCA, SAUGER, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO, TORRICE, VOSBURG, BRULEY AND KEPLER. THERE WERE 25 “YES” VOTES.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION RE: APPROPRIATION FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT  
IMPACT STUDY ON SELFRIDGE AIR FIELD LAKE ST. CLAIR SHORE LINE–  
70 MILE TRAIL LOOP PROJECT**

Commissioner Bruley explained that this issue is on today’s agenda for informational purposes, but will be on tomorrow’s Full Board agenda for approval of an appropriation.

John Crumm provided a brief overview and explained the need for an environmental assessment in order to complete the process.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to receive and file the information provided. **The Motion Carried.**

**REPORT BY GILBERT CHANG, FINANCE DIRECTOR, RE: RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO ENHANCE CURRENT FINANCIAL PLANNING AND REPORTING PROCESS**

Gilbert Chang highlighted his recommendations to enhance current financial planning and reporting processes.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Brown, Doherty, Mocerri, Duzyj and Brdak.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the report by Gilbert Chang, Finance Director. **The Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONTINENTAL CANTEEN RE: FOOD SERVICE AT JAIL**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Doherty, to receive and file the correspondence from Continental Canteen regarding food service at the Jail.

Michelle Sanborn, Jail Administrator, was present and addressed questions.

The following commissioners spoke: J. Flynn, Camphous-Peterson, Bruley, DiMaria, Gielegem, Doherty, Brdak and Boyle.

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

### **APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DiMaria, to concur in the appointment of the following law firms:

Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho, PLC to represent County of Macomb in the litigation entitled Timothy Barkovic v Township of Shelby, Officer Terrance Hogan, County of Macomb, Sheriff Mark Hackel and John Doe Police Officers and

McConaghy and Nyovich, PLLC to represent County of Macomb in the litigation entitled Rita Kendzierski, et al v County of Macomb.

**The Motion Carried.**

### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Lampar, to approve the travel requests, as submitted.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A revised resolution was provided for 14a (calling for a millage election for public transportation services).

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

- A) CALLING FOR A MILLAGE ELECTION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF BOARD**);
- B) COMMENDING RICK REPICKY – RETIREMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (**OFFERED BY D. FLYNN AND TOCCO**);
- C) COMMENDING MARK RUDOLPH ON HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS CLUB (**OFFERED BY TOCCO**);
- D) COMMENDING MARIE MARSH – 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY (**OFFERED BY BRDAK, CARABELLI AND VOSBURG**);
- E) ENCOURAGING SUPPORT AND UTILIZATION OF FEDERALLY FUNDED SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (**OFFERED BY D. FLYNN**);
- F) COMMENDING CHIEF DAN HAGEN – RETIREMENT FROM EASTPOINTE FIRE DEPARTMENT (**OFFERED BY DiMARIA**);
- G) CELEBRATING THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN SPORT CLUB CHERNYK (**OFFERED BY DUZYJ**) AND
- H) CONGRATULATING ALICE MOLLISON – 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY (**OFFERED BY DiMARIA AND DOHERTY**).

Commissioner Szczepanski requested separation of A.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on all resolutions, with the exception of A, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Resolution Calling for Millage Election for Public Transportation Services**

The following commissioner spoke: Szczepanski.

Chair Kepler called for a vote to approve the resolution and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Accavitti, Boyle, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lampar, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice, Vosburg, Bruley and Kepler. There were 23 "Yes" votes.

### **The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 11:13 a.m., with it concluding at 11:21 a.m.

## **RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: CASE OF PCSI/ LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY VS. MACOMB COUNTY**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY LAMPAR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CASE OF PCSI/LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY VS. MACOMB COUNTY. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CARABELLI VOTING "NO."**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brdak noted that the May 25 Budget Committee meeting has been moved to May 26 following the Finance Committee meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**