

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, July 18, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Miller-Chair, Mocerri-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Carabelli, Flynn, Klinefelt,
Mijac, Sabatini, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Sauger (death in family).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Mijac, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Miller provided historical facts. He referred to the resolution adopted by the Board urging federal lawmakers to maintain the tax exempt status on municipal bonds. He said it was his intent to have someone from Sen. Stabenow's office, but they have indicated there is nothing new to report, but that issue is still in play out in Washington D.C.

RECOMMENDATION FROM 7-16-13 JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

BUDGET AMENDMENT/SHERIFF/SECONDARY ROAD PATROL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the budget of the Sheriff Grant for Secondary Road Patrol for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$31,038, to receive monies from a supplemental allocation from the Office of Highway Safety; the amendment will increase the personnel budget by \$31,038; Further, this

budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION FROM 7-17-13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANT FUNDS 361

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Klinefelt, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a 2013 budget amendment request from the Planning & Economic Development Department resulting in a net increase of \$231,000 under Planning Grants – Fund 361; Further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; 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.**

ADOPT SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .5900 MILL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a SMART Public Transportation millage rate of .5900 mill for inclusion on the December, 2013 levy; Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

Commissioner Mijac asked that consideration be given in the future to have this millage on the November ballot.

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

PURCHASE OF MILITARY SERVICE TIME

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize Donna Mileski to purchase three months of military service time in the Macomb County Employees Retirement System under State Law MCLA 46.12a(14); 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.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – HUMAN RESOURCES/LABOR RELATIONS

Peter Provenzano referred to the distributed document entitled, "General Fund Summary - Personnel Requests for 2014," which had been requested at yesterday's Economic Development Committee meeting. He explained that the document summarizes all the positions the Office of County Executive denied. Also included is the dollar impact (salaries and fringe benefits) to each of the budgets if the positions had been added.

Commissioner Klinefelt requested a list of the positions that were approved. Mr. Provenzano noted there were two; one position in the Human Resources Department and the other in the Public Works Department. Both positions added are budget neutral.

Mr. Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for the Human Resources/Labor Relations Department. He noted that total expenditures have increased in two line items, salaries and wages and fringe benefits. This is due to furlough days being eliminated, as well as other pension costs, and the addition of two positions, which will be reimbursed by the Retirement system. Nothing has been formalized with the pension system, but he felt that should be included in the budget.

He said the addition of two individuals to the Finance Department budget and movement of the entire payroll function to the Finance Department was also requested, but due to budgetary constraints, the Office of County Executive has asked to hold the second phase; the two positions to the retirement will be allowed since they are budget neutral.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Provenzano and Human Resources Director Eric Herppich: Miller, Brown, Klinefelt, Smith, Vosburg, Miller, Sabatini, Carabelli and Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Smith, to receive and file the departmental budget review for the Human Resources/Labor Relations Department. **The Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – FINANCE

Peter Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for the Finance Department. He said expenditures have increased about five percent; this is due to the elimination of furlough days and increased pension costs. He noted the only change from what was requested by the department and being recommended from the Office of County Executive was the addition of the two payroll employees.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Tocco, Klinefelt, Sabatini, Brown, Mocerri and Flynn.

Commissioner Klinefelt asked for the number of parking spaces available at Freedom Hill to be available when the Parks and Recreation budget review takes place at an Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Chair Miller requested the fund balances for the Capital Fund and for the Internal Services Fund.

Mr. Provenzano overviewed the Risk Management portion of the Finance Department's budget. He stated that all items have been incorporated into the Finance Department's budget.

Mr. Provenzano overviewed the Equalization Department budget. He noted the department has lost four positions since 2006, but has not requested additional staff. He said the slight increase in salaries and wages is due to the elimination of furlough days and increased fringe benefits.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the departmental budget review for the Finance Department. **The Motion Carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur in the appointment of the law firm of McConaghy & Nyovich, PLLC, to represent the County in the litigation entitled Macomb County Professional Deputy Sheriff's Association and Road Technicians Association v County of Macomb.

Commissioner Tocco requested the hourly rate for this law firm. Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel, noted that the salary has been included in their quarterly reports provided to the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to postpone this appointment until the Full Board meeting immediately following.

The following commissioners spoke: Smith and Sabatini.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was provided.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending Kermit Harris on his retirement as Director of Veterans Services for the County of Macomb.

Chair Miller asked that his name be included.


After discussion, it was decided that all commissioners' names will be included on the proclamation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter