

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9th 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, Sprys, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Kepler called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Lampar, to adopt the agenda, as amended to include a revised resolution sheet for #10, two additional resolutions and one additional travel request. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by J. Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to approve the June 17, 2009 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 (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,278,872.31 WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SPRYS ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR ADAM LATRA (FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

REPORT ON 2009 SPRING AUCTION RESULTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the report on the 2009 Macomb County Spring Auction results. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT BY FINANCE DIRECTOR RE: MACOMB COUNTY'S BOND RATING WITH MOODY'S RATING AGENCY

Mr. Diegel stated that a meeting was held with Moody's on July 13, but he has not received the results yet on whether the County will maintain the current bond rating.

The following commissioner spoke: Szczepanski.

ANNUAL REPORT BY COMMISSION ON WOMEN

Ms. Jessica Cheshire, Chair, provided a report on the Commission's first year and overviewed their 2008-09 Annual Report.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Torrice, to receive and file the annual report provided by Ms. Cheshire.

The following commissioner spoke: Gieleghem.

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

REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LIVING WAGE POLICY

A revised resolution sheet was provided listing the following providers requesting an exemption: ARC Services of Macomb, Inc., Blue Water Developmental Housing, Community Homes, Inc., Creative Employment Opportunities, Inc., Creative Lifestyles, Inc., Developmental Essential Services, Inc., Friends and Family, Inc., Homes of Opportunity, Inc., Hope Network Southeast, Independent Opportunities of Michigan, Inc., Innovative Lifestyles, Inc., Integrated Living, Inc., Judson Center, Life Center, Inc., Life Skills Centers, Inc., Macomb Family Services, Inc., Macomb Residential Opportunities, Inc., Neighborhood Residential, Inc., North-Oakland Residential Services, Inc. and Quest, Inc.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE LIVING WAGE POLICY FOR THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD AS LISTED ON THE RESOLUTION SHEET.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Gielegem, Rengert, Vosburg, Brdak and J. Flynn.

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

ATTORNEY FEES FORM TO BE COMPLETED MONTHLY BY CORPORATION COUNSEL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY TORRICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ATTORNEY FEES FORM THAT WILL BE COMPLETED BY CORPORATION COUNSEL ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

The following commissioner spoke: Tocco.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by J. Flynn, to concur with the appointment of the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.C. to represent the County and Macomb County Sheriff's Department in the litigation entitled John Bellmore v Macomb County, et al.

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley, Sprys, Tocco and Crouchman.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried with Bruley voting "No."**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

CONGRATULATING MARY KOTOWSKI ON THE HONOR OF BEING NAMED CLERK OF THE YEAR BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS (OFFERED BY BOYLE AND CROUCHMAN);

COMMENDING ROBERT KOESTER FOR HIS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENIORS OF MACOMB COUNTY (OFFERED BY ROCCA);

COMMENDING RYAN BRUNK – EAGLE SCOUT (OFFERED BY CARABELLI);

IN SUPPORT OF THE LAKE ST. CLAIR TOURISM INITIATIVE (OFFERED BY GIELEGHEM);

COMMENDING DEBBIE DeSANTIS FOR HER HEROIC ACTIONS (OFFERED BY GIELEGHEM); (note: this was later changed to include Patrick)

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN – 140TH ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY BRDAK)

TRIBUTE TO THE FAMILY OF DIANA KOLAKOWSKI (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Carabelli, to approve the travel requests, as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

The following commissioners spoke regarding the spring auction: J. Flynn, Doherty, Camphous-Peterson and Carabelli.

Board Chair Gieleghem asked that a report be provided by Corporation Counsel regarding late bids received for the employee healthcare. Mr. Krycia and Mr. Anderson addressed committee.

The following commissioners spoke: Sprys, Doherty, Gieleghem, DiMaria, Szczepanski, Carabelli, Brown, Crouchman, Vosburg and Bruley.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Crouchman, to suspend the rules for the purpose of making a motion to follow the recommendation of Corporation Counsel and allow them to proceed accordingly.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Chair Kepler called a recess at 10:01 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Crouchman, to refer this issue to tomorrow's Full Board meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Mocerri, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter