

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, October 10, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Carabelli, DiMaria, Flynn, Fraschetti, Gralewski, Miller,  
Moceri, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Tocco, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include #11a and b, Recommendations from 10-9-12 Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Fraschetti, to approve the September 12 and 27 (special), 2012 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley Drive, Warren

**REPORT BY MACOMB CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Ryan Rowinski, Chair of the Macomb Conservation District, reported on some of their activities, which included a needs survey that was sent to Macomb County citizens, development of a Plat Book and involvement in an Eagle Scout project at the Nicholson Nature Center. He said their mandate is to ensure the relevance of natural resources for future generations and their current focus is on youth education.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Smith and Fraschetti.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Smith, to receive and file the report provided by Ryan Rowinski, Chair of the Macomb Conservation District. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Brown asked that #11a be moved up in order to accommodate Sheriff Wickersham's schedule. There were no objections.

### **2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT/SHERIFF'S OFFICE (RECOMMENDATION FROM 10-9-12 JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING)**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SUPPORTED BY FRASCHETTI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT REDUCING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET \$500,000 IN THE PERSONNEL LINE ITEM AND INCREASING THE COUNTY VEHICLE PURCHASING ACCOUNT BY THE SAME AMOUNT; THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND HAS APPROVED THIS PROPOSAL; 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 commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Smith, Fraschetti, Brown, Sauger and Flynn.

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

### **ADOPT 2012 APPORTIONMENT REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2012 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; 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: Fraschetti.

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

## **ADOPT VETERANS SERVICES MILLAGE RATE**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY GRALEWSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A VETERANS SERVICES MILLAGE RATE OF .0400 MILL, LESS ANY MILLAGE REDUCTION REQUIRED BY THE HEADLEE ROLL BACK FACTOR, FOR INCLUSION ON THE DECEMBER, 2012 MILLAGE LEVY; 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 COUNTY DRAIN DEBT REQUIREMENT**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A COUNTY DRAIN DEBT REQUIREMENT OF .0050 MILL FOR INCLUSION ON THE DECEMBER, 2012 MILLAGE LEVY; 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: Vosburg.

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

## **APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Sauger, to concur in the appointment of the law firm of Plunkett Cooney, PC to represent Macomb County in the litigation entitled Alan Baynes vs. County of Macomb, et al, which is pending in the United States District Court. **The Motion Carried.**

## **2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (RECOMMENDATION FROM 19=0-9-12 JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY GRALEWSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE IN THE 2012 BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF BEING AWARDED A FEDERAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT COVERING THE YEAR 2012-2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,201; THIS GRANT WAS NOT INCLUDED

IN THE 2012 BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN DECEMBER 2011 BECAUSE THE GRANT WAS NOT AWARDED UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2012; THE BUDGETED LINE ITEMS BEING INCREASED ARE AS FOLLOWS: REVENUES-INTERGOVERNMENTAL (\$94,201) AND EXPENDITURES (SUPPLIES AND SERVICES - 18,357 AND CAPITAL OUTLAY - \$75,844); 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.**

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGET TIMELINE FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12-31-2013**

Chair Brown referred to the timeline that was provided and said he will be following the same process that was used for the last budget. He said committee was provided with questions that could be used during budget deliberations and those will be provided to the Office of County Executive (OCE). He asked that additional questions be submitted to the Board Chair so they can be forwarded to the OCE. He asked committee chairs to review if additional meetings will be needed for review of their departments' budgets.

The following commissioners spoke: Frascchetti, Flynn, Miller, Smith, Vosburg and Tocco.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the discussion of the budget timeline for General Fund, Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds for Fiscal Year Ending 12-31-13. **The Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Frascchetti requested a detailed report from the Office of County Executive regarding all budget cuts; to include the department, the line item and a reason for the reduction/cut.

Commissioner Flynn noted that he provided committee with a copy of the Michigan Department of Treasury's uniform chart of accounts for counties and local units of government. He felt it is a good synopsis of what is allowed in a line item budget.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley Drive, Warren

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**