

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Miller-Chair, Brown-Vice-Chair, Carabelli, Duzyj, Flynn, Klinefelt, Marino,
Mijac, Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Sabatini.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Commissioner Sauger requested the addition of a proclamation proclaiming November 2015 as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to adopt the agenda, as amended. **The Motion Carried.**

Chairman's Comments

Chair Miller spoke about today being "Back to the Future" Day and provided some facts.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 10-20-15 INFRASTRUCTURE/ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

SMART Public Transportation Millage Rate/Finance
(referred from 10-20 meeting)

Finance Director Steve Smigiel explained that state law requires approval by the Board of the millage amount being requested by SMART.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the SMART Public Transportation millage rate of 1.0000 mills for inclusion on the December 2015 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.**

**Contract with Z Contractors, Inc./Cass Avenue Embankment/
Department of Roads**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Duzyj, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the award of bid and contract between the Department of Roads and Z Contractors, Inc. outlining the scope of work and project cost for the slope stabilization of the Cass Avenue Embankment; 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: Tocco, Vosburg and Flynn.

Comments and concerns were expressed about the contract that is just now before the Board for consideration, but with the work already underway, and a request not being submitted to go through the Board's established by-pass process.

Chair Miller noted that this Board has instituted meaningful policies and if what is currently in place does not work, then the Board should be notified and informed of the needs that exist.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MILLER VOTING "NO."**

**Contract/Cleo/Stroom Secure Network Fax and Messaging System
Upgrade/I.T.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Cleo/Stroom Secure Network Fax and Messaging System proposal/contract; 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 WITH DUZYJ VOTING "NO."**

2015 APPORTIONMENT REPORT/FINANCE

Finance Director Steve Smigiel gave an overview, noting that the taxable value in 2015 increased 3.72 percent from 2014, which provided an additional \$4.1 million in tax revenue.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the 2015 Macomb County Apportionment Report as prepared by the Finance Department.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Brown.

After concerns were expressed because the new Equalization Director was not present to answer questions, the following action was taken:

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Marino, to refer this item to the October 22nd Full Board meeting.

The following commissioner spoke: Mijac.

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

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2015-01 (FY 2016 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE)/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Tocco, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance 2015-02 to amend Enrolled Ordinance No. 2015-01, entitled “FY 2016 Comprehensive General Appropriations Ordinance”, regarding the 7th and 8th recitals and Section 4, to correct certain inaccuracies identified 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 commissioners spoke: Miller, Vosburg and Flynn.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the following proclamations:

- a) Commending Derek Gee – Eagle Scout (**offered by Flynn**)
- b) Commending Bradley Heydel – Eagle Scout (**offered by Flynn**) and
- c) Proclaiming November 2015 as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month (**offered by Sauger**).

Chair Miller requested his name be added to the two Eagle Scout proclamations; there were no objections.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter