

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Miller, Mocerri, Sabatini, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Gralewski.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

Fraschetti

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Co-Chair Carabelli removed item #7a from today's agenda at the request of Bill Misterovich.

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Flynn, to approve the December 8, 2010 minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Education and Training Committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Two handouts were distributed. The first handout was a colored copy of the PowerPoint presentation. The second handout was a flyer entitled, Stand Up for Southeast Michigan – General Assembly Meeting.

### a) Presentation from SEMCOG

Paul Tait, Executive Director of SEMCOG, introduced two staff members who were in attendance. He then referred to his 15-page presentation and overviewed the slides: Southeast Michigan Government and SEMCOG Issues.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Kathleen Lomako, Deputy Executive Director of SEMCOG, invited commissioners to attend SEMCOG's General Assembly Meeting next Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. She then referred to the 15-page presentation and overviewed the section entitled, Our Economy. Key slides covered included: We had a great ride with the auto industry for a century; Percent Change in Wage & Salary Employment; Wage and Salary Employment Change; Manufacturing vs. Health Care Jobs; Total Employment; Income; Education and Income Rankings, 1970; Education and Income Rankings, 2007; and Top 10 Countries with In-Migrants to Southeast Michigan.

Kathleen Lomako overviewed the next section entitled, Our Strengths. Key slides covered included: Our Innovation, Collaboration, Productivity, Quality; Our Diverse, Professional, Highly Skilled Workforce; Our Workforce for the Future; Our Transforming Economy; and Our Innovation.

Paul Tait then overviewed the slides: Increase Jobs and Prosperity in Southeast Michigan, Economic Development Strategies, Six Priority Action Steps, Regionally Focused Priority Projects and Implications.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Mocerri, Carabelli and Frascchetti.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the presentation from SEMCOG. **The Motion Carried.**

### b) Presentation from Department of Planning & Economic Development

Two handouts were distributed. The first handout was a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. The second handout was an eight-page document entitled, Department of Planning & Economic Development Activity and Program Overview.

Stephen Cassin referred to his 10-page PowerPoint presentation and overviewed the slides: Program Areas, 2011 Department Budget, Economic Development, Community Development, Planning & Mapping, Communications & Marketing, Water Resources, Library Reference Center and Contact Information.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the presentation from the Department of Planning & Economic Development.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and Tocco.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

c) Authorization to Apply for NSP3 Funding

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SUPPORTED BY SABATINI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE COUNTY'S NSP3 APPLICATION TO HUD. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Mike Rozny gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, NSP3 Overview. Key slides covered included: Features, Considerations, Housing Development, Project Benefits and Dual Track Processing.

The following commissioners spoke: Frascchetti, Tocco and Mocerri.

Randy Altimus, acting City Manager of Eastpointe, addressed the committee.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Carabelli.

Stephen Cassin addressed the committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Van Fox from MHT Housing addressed the committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

a) Presentation from Michigan Works

A folder containing numerous pieces of information was distributed.

John Bierbusse, Executive Director of Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board, overviewed the information that was distributed. Documents overviewed were entitled: Macomb County Labor Force Statistics, Macomb County Residents Employed, Macomb County Facility/Plant Closures, Employment Services Registrations, Calendar Year 2010 Michigan Talent Bank Registrations by Service Center, 2011 Catalog of Services, Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board Program Definitions, 2010-2011 Macomb/St. Clair Growth Occupations, Workforce Investment Act Training Enrollments July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, Trade Adjustment Assistance Training Enrollments October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 and Annual Accounts of Funding Sources.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the presentation from Michigan Works.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

b) Authorize MSU Extension to Accept \$1,800 Per Child Mentored Through the Amachi Michigan Project

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE MACOMB MSU EXTENSION TO ACCEPT \$1,800 PER CHILD MENTORED THROUGH THE AMACHI MICHIGAN PROJECT TO EXPAND THE 4-H YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM. THIS THREE-YEAR PROJECT BEGAN OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND RUNS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2013. A PART-TIME PROGRAM EDUCATOR WILL BE HIRED AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Jan Gwozdz, Coordinator for the 4-H Youth Mentor Program, gave an overview of this request.

The following commissioner spoke: Mocerri.

Jan Gwozdz introduced Edward Scott from Wayne County MSU Extension who was in attendance.

Edward Scott addressed the committee.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco and Flynn.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Authorize MSU Extension to Accept \$25,500 from MCCSA Early Head Start

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION TO ACCEPT \$25,500 FROM THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY (MCCSA) EARLY HEAD START TO PROVIDE PARENT EDUCATION FOR IDENTIFIED MACOMB COUNTY FAMILIES FROM APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. THIS GRANT WILL SUPPLEMENT THE FUNDING FOR ONE EXISTING PROGRAM COORDINATOR. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Mary Frontiero, Early Childhood Program Coordinator, gave an overview of this request.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- d) Regional Director Report from Marie Ruemenapp, District Coordinator, Macomb MSU Extension

Marie Ruemenapp was unable to attend today's committee meeting.

Hannah Stevens, MSU Extension Educator, gave a brief overview of her job duties/functions. She spoke specifically about the Cottage Food Law and the three-session course in the law, food safety and business management.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the report from Macomb MSU Extension.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco and Mocerri.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LYNNE SEYMOUR FOR BEING NAMED THE 2011 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR BY THE MICHIGAN WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR**). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Miller, to receive and file the update on upcoming events. **The Motion Carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks**  
**Committee Reporter**