

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, May 6, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Mijac-Chair, Carabelli-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Klinefelt, Mocerri, Smith and Flynn (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mijac called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to approve the March 12, 2014 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY OMEGA PLASTICS

Chair Mijac introduced Chris Buch, Sales Director for Omega Plastics, and congratulated him on being the 2014 winner of the Macomb Business Award for Diversification Leadership for expanding mold making services along industries.

Mr. Buch provided an overview about Omega Plastics and shared their process for diversifying from the automotive industry to the medical device sector.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Klinefelt, Flynn and Mijac.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to receive and file the presentation provided by Chris Buch. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION ON PRODUCTION OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Marcie Burt, a Case Manager at Michigan Works, stated that Michigan Works and Macomb Community College have partnered in a federally funded Department of Labor grant called the Advanced Energy Storage Systems Initiative which targets long term unemployed individuals for training in Production Operation. She described the Production Operator Certificate Program and Michigan Work's role in the grant, which is the training program, and spoke about their partnership with the VA Hospital in Detroit to assist veterans in re-entering the workforce.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown, Klinefelt and Mijac.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Klinefelt, to receive and file the presentation on the Production Operator Certificate Program. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter