

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, September 8, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Miller, Mocerri, Sabatini, Smith and Tocco.

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 added an item to the agenda (request to excuse Commissioner Mocerri from committee meeting absences for the month of October). He added this as agenda item #8c. There were no objections.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include a substitute resolution sheet for item #7a and add item #8a). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sabatini, to approve the July 28, 2011 (special meeting) minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a) Presentation on Complete Streets

- State Representative Jon Switalski
- JohnPaul Rea and Jeff Schroeder from the Planning and Economic Development Department

A handout from State Representative Jon Switalski was distributed.

Two handouts from the Planning and Economic Development Department were distributed.

State Representative Jon Switalski spoke extensively about the following topics: the necessity and benefits of Complete Streets policies, the economy, Complete Streets ordinance, safety needs of pedestrians and bicyclists when roadways are designed, creating a healthy environment and encouraging residents to bike and walk instead of drive, Complete Streets Policy, Public Act 134, Public Act 135 of 2010, and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

As stated in the handout: "As defined by law, a Complete Street provides appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle."

As stated in the handout: "Neither Public Act 134 nor Public Act 135 requires local agencies to adopt a Complete Streets policy. It is voluntarily adopted by communities. So far eight communities have local ordinances and 46 communities have a resolution in support of implementing a Complete Streets policy."

As stated in the handout: "The law requires road commissions, MDOT and local units of government to consult with one another regarding projects or plans and to agree on how best to address their respective Complete Streets policies."

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Carabelli, Miller and Flynn.

Jeff Schroeder summarized the two handouts.

JohnPaul Rea gave a PowerPoint presentation on Complete Streets. Key topics covered included: The Evolution of Macomb County's Streets, What are Complete Streets, Incomplete Streets, Why Should Complete Streets Matter, Benefits of Complete Streets, State of Michigan Enabling Legislation, Making Macomb's Streets More Complete, Complete Streets Toolbox, Van Dyke Complete Streets Improvements, and Garfield Complete Streets Improvements.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Mocerri.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Smith, to receive and file the presentation on Complete Streets by State Representative Jon Switalski and by JohnPaul Rea and Jeff Schroeder from the Planning and Economic Development Department. **The Motion Carried.**

SOLID WASTE

- a) Receive and File Discussion on the Amendment of the Solid Waste Plan to Consider the Request of St. Clair County Regarding Septage Disposal and Consultation with the MDEQ (referred back at 08-25-11 Full Board meeting)

A substitute resolution sheet was attached to the final agenda.

Jill Smith explained why action needed to be taken to request the County Executive to re-establish and appoint a Solid Waste Planning Commission, subject to Board approval.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Tocco, Smith and Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Tocco, to receive and file discussion on the amendment of the Solid Waste Plan to consider the request of St. Clair County regarding septage disposal and consultation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. **The Motion Carried.**

- b) Request County Executive to Re-Establish and Appoint (Nominate) a Solid Waste Planning Commission

Co-Chairs Carabelli and Flynn referred to the resolution sheet and asked that the word "appoint" be changed to "nominate." There were no objections.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY SABATINI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUEST THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO RE-ESTABLISH AND NOMINATE A SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMISSION. 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: Sabatini.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a) **Amendments to CDBG-R Program**

Mike Rozny gave an overview of this request.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDED CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE MACOMB HOME CONSORTIUM. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Commissioner Miller asked for an update on Turning Point. Mike Rozny gave an update and has requested a status report by the end of the month. His plan is to have a RFP ready to place on next month's committee meeting agenda.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Flynn and Carabelli.

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

b) **Planning Update for Tri-County Summit**

Patti Dib reported that 280 invitations have been mailed, funding from sponsorships is a bit over \$25,000, regional partners from six entities have met, the main topic of discussion will be transit, four guests will talk about the successful implementation of Denver's mass transit system, and it is anticipated there will be a lot of involvement from various levels of government. As a reminder, the SE Michigan Regional Summit will be held on Friday, September 30th at the Lorenzo Cultural Center; breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. After the summit, a luncheon will be held at Rojo Mexican Bistro at Partridge Creek.

Co-Chair Flynn commended Commissioner Smith for his involvement with the individuals from Denver.

Commissioner Smith noted the individuals from Denver will be talking about regional mass transit.

Co-Chair Carabelli commended Patti Dib for doing a fabulous job, along with Commissioners Flynn and Smith who have put a lot of hours into this event.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the planning update for the Tri-County Summit. **The Motion Carried.**

- c) Request that Commissioner Mocerri be Excused from Committee Meetings for the Month of October

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY MILLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THAT COMMISSIONER TONI MOCERI BE EXCUSED FROM COMMITTEE MEETING ABSENCES THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: BOARD OPERATIONS (OCTOBER 11), ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (OCTOBER 13), FINANCE (OCTOBER 18) AND FULL BOARD (OCTOBER 20), DUE TO HER BEING AWARDED A MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP AND INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 24-DAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN EUROPE FROM SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 23, 2011 REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THESE ABSENCES WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS A REDUCTION IN PAY. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Commissioner Mocerri gave an overview of her upcoming trip to Europe in which she will be representing the Board. She received a full scholarship to pay for the trip and there will be no cost to the county.

Co-Chair Flynn congratulated Commissioner Mocerri for being awarded this prestigious award.

Co-Chair Carabelli indicated a report from Commissioner Mocerri will be placed on a future committee meeting agenda.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter