

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, March 14, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Carabelli, DiMaria, Flynn, Frascchetti, 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 10:45 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Brown requested the addition of four referrals from the March 13, 2012 Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting and a proclamation offered by Commissioner Miller to oppose the proposed cuts to the Michigan Air National Guard.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Miller, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include #6a, Request from Public Works Commissioner for 2012 Budget Adjustments in Wastewater Services Division). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to approve the February 8, 2012 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM DEENA BOSWORTH, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR, MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC), REGARDING REVENUE SHARING

Deena Bosworth provided an overview on revenue sharing and what is developing on the personal property tax issue. She asked commissioners to talk to their legislators and urge them to appropriate the funds that were promised.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Moceri.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the report from Deena Bosworth. **The Motion Carried.**

REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER FOR 2012 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS IN WASTEWATER SERVICES DIVISION

Bill Misterovich and Jim Pistilli overviewed their request for salary increases for four positions. Mr. Misterovich noted what the new salaries would be: Public Works Commissioner, \$137,540; Chief Deputy Public Works Commissioner, \$101,870; Finance Office, 89,631 and Operations Manager-Engineering, \$89,105.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN INCREASE IN SALARIES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS BY THE AMOUNTS INDICATED: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER (\$26,000), CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER (\$14,000), PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE FINANCE OFFICER (\$14,000) AND PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE ENGINEERING OPERATIONS MANAGER (\$14,000) TO BE FUNDED BY THE MACOMB COUNTY WASTEWATER DISPOSAL DISTRICT, NOT THE COUNTY OF MACOMB, DUE TO ADDITIONAL JOB RESPONSIBILITIES TAKEN ON AS A RESULT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MACOMB INTERCEPTOR DRAIN AND OAKLAND MACOMB INTERCEPTOR DRAIN PROJECTS; 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: Frascchetti.

Board Chair Vosburg offered a friendly amendment: THAT THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY CHARTER AND STATE STATUTE. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioner spoke: Sauger.

Commissioner Flynn confirmed that the communities will be paying for this out of the percentage that they are charged for running this interceptor project. Mr. Misterovich explained that there are 11 communities in the district and they are invoiced on a monthly basis and these types of costs will be included in the sewer rate that they are charged. Commissioner Flynn said he wanted to make sure that the increased personnel and pension costs would be charged back to the communities and Mr. Misterovich said they would commit to paying that expense.

The following commissioner spoke: Smith.

Chair Brown requested an update at a future meeting on the transition to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department system.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE CARABELLI, DiMARIA, FLYNN, FRASCHETTI, GRALEWSKI, MOCERI, SABATINI, SAUGER, SMITH, TOCCO, VOSBURG AND BROWN. THERE WERE 12 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WAS MILLER. THERE WAS 1 "NO" VOTE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 3-14-12**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CARABELLI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

A) CONCUR IN THE REQUEST OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE 2012 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS OF ROLLING FORWARD THE ENDING 2011 BALANCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: 22930549 TARGET, 22930520 JAIL MINISTRY, 22930501 BOOKING FEE, 22930580 OWI FORFEITURE, 22930510 HONOR GUARD, 22930542 MACE, 22930536 SET STATE AND 22930535 SET FEDERAL;

B) ACCEPT \$192,986 IN REMONUMENTATION GRANT FUNDS, GRANT YEAR 2012, PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF LAND SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION AND TO AUTHORIZE ITS INCLUSION IN THE MACOMB COUNTY REMONUMENTATION BUDGET; APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE FOR EXECUTION FOR GRANT YEAR 2012 THE MONUMENTATION-SURVEYOR CONTRACTS AND THE PEER GROUP MEMBER CONTRACTS; FILE THE STATUS REPORT DETAILING THE WORK COMPLETED THROUGH THE MACOMB COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM FROM 1993-2011;

C) APPROVE THE 2012 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 13TH YEAR OF THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,854 WITH \$38,569 IN GRANT FUNDING AND A \$4,285 CASH MATCH FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURT OPERATIONS; THE CASH MATCH IS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ADULT DRUG COURT GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION AND

D) APPROVE THE 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FUND 350 FOR NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$1,262,861 FOR THE NEW 2010 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT PROGRAM AND THE 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM;

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: Tocco and Frascchetti.

Commissioner Mocerri offered a friendly amendment to add the following language to A, C and D: 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. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Carabelli, to concur in the appointment of the law firm of Garan Lucow Miller, PC to represent the County defendants in the litigation entitled Robert Crosby vs. David Abbott and Macomb County, which is pending in Federal District Court.

The following commissioner spoke: Tocco.

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

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATIONS

Board Chair Vosburg withdrew her proclamation supporting the National Guard and Reserve and spoke in support of the proclamation offered by Commissioner Miller opposing the proposed cuts to the Michigan Air National Guard.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARABELLI, SUPPORTED BY DIMARIA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATIONS:

COMMEMORATING MAY 19-25, 2012 AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
(OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR) AND

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL
GUARD (OFFERED BY MILLER).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Flynn referred to the policy on purchasing previous service time that was suspended by the Board and asked that it be reviewed in the future, either by this committee or communication with the Human Resources Department. He said he has been contacted by several employees who are interested in purchasing service time. He noted that the suspension was not because the Board was against the purchase, but wanted an actuarial study to determine that the true cost was being covered.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter