

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, May 16, 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,
Mocerri, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Commissioner Sabatini requested the addition of three proclamations: commending the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, John Brennan and Bob and Cheryl Cannon.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to approve the April 11, 2012 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECOMMENDATION FROM 3-29-12 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Approve Increase in Senior Citizen Services General Fund Budget

Rhonda Powell provided an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Flynn and Smith.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARABELLI, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR \$29,057.93 IN SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THROUGHOUT PREVIOUS YEARS THROUGH FUNDRAISING EFFORTS; THE REQUESTED FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FUND BALANCE; 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; 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.**

ITEM WAIVED BY JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Approve Renewal of Macomb Auto Theft Squad Grant/Prosecutor's Office

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE REQUEST OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE MACOMB AUTO THEFT SQUAD GRANT FOR 2012/2013, REQUIRING A COUNTY MATCH OF \$70,002.50; 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.**

BUDGET REQUEST FOR ETHICS BOARD

Dr. Amboyer, Chair of the Ethics Board, overviewed the budget request and how the funds will be utilized. Karen Smith, Vice-Chair, was also present.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Flynn, Mocerri, Vosburg, Miller, Smith and Sauger.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SUPPORTED BY GRALEWSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A BUDGET FOR THE ETHICS BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000, WITH FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; 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.**

**REPORT BY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REGARDING
MILITARY SERVICE PURCHASES**

Eric Herppich explained that action was taken in 2011 to suspend the purchase of prior county, government and military service time as long as it did not violate any collective bargaining agreements. He said that after review of the collective bargaining agreements and the Macomb County Retirement Ordinance, the purchase of military service credit should be continued and will be allowed moving forward.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Miller.

Board Chair Vosburg wondered how often requests are received and how much it costs the retirement system. Mr. Herppich said he will ask the Finance Department to provide a report.

Commissioner Flynn asked if an employee pays the true cost for the impact to the retirement system. Mr. Herppich responded that an employee does not pay the true cost, and he will have the Finance Department provide a breakdown of the costs.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the report by the Human Resources Department Director regarding military service purchases. **The Motion Carried.**

**REPORT BY CORPORATION COUNSEL ON LITIGATION REGARDING
HILLSIDE PRODUCTIONS**

George Brumbaugh gave an overview of the Hillside Productions lawsuit that was pending in federal court, which included monies owed for guaranteed parking revenues, advertising and use and lease of the building.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Tocco, Flynn, Vosburg, Sauger, Smith and Mocerri.

Mr. Brumbaugh said he will report back when the monies are received from Hillside and where the funds will go in the budget, as well as the issue of any new lease agreement.

Mr. Brumbaugh gave an update on a case regarding retirement plans and mortality tables.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the reports by Corporation Counsel. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mocerri referred to the issue of personal property tax that was passed by the Senate and said there were significant changes and appears there will be less financial impact on local government. She said the Michigan Association of Counties is looking at the financial implications of the proposal.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

COMMENDING THE CLINTON-MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY - 20TH ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY SABATINI; INCLUDE SMITH AND MILLER),

COMMENDING JOHN BRENNAN ON THE DEDICATION OF A CONFERENCE ROOM IN HIS HONOR AT THE CLINTON-MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY (OFFERED BY SABATINI; INCLUDE SMITH AND MILLER) AND


COMMENDING BOB AND CHERYL CANNON ON THE DEDICATION OF A CONFERENCE ROOM IN THEIR HONOR AT THE CLINTON-MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY (OFFERED BY SABATINI; INCLUDE SMITH AND MILLER).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter