

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, DiMaria, Flynn, Frascchetti, Miller, Mocerri, Sabatini, Sauger,
Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Carabelli, Gralewski and Smith.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Brown requested the addition of a resolution for Susan Hoard, offered by Commissioner Flynn.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mocerri, to approve the April 26, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPT AMENDED 2011 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE AMENDED 2011 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RENEWAL OF MACOMB AUTO THEFT SQUAD GRANT/SHERIFF'S OFFICE
(RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 5-16-11)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MILLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE REQUEST OF THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE MACOMB AUTO THEFT SQUAD GRANT FOR 2012, REQUIRING A COUNTY MATCH OF \$344,209; 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: Tocco.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

The following commissioner spoke: Miller

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Miller, to concur in the appointment of the law firm of Martin, Bacon & Martin to represent the County defendants in the litigation entitled Matthew Pintar v Macomb County, et al and Bryan Trees v Macomb County, et al, which are pending in Macomb County Circuit Court. **The Motion Carried.**

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARTHA T. BERRY

Roger Faccione overviewed the financial report and noted that the money budgeted by the County for the first quarter was not used and they also obtained earnings for the quarter.

Chair Brown asked about the space that used to house the Health Department's water testing lab, but was vacated due to a rent increase.

Mr. Faccione spoke about the formula for budgeting the use of their space to satisfy the state cost allocation plan.

Ms. Morgan provided an explanation on why there was a cost to the Health Department for use of that space. She said the state looks at the square footage of the whole facility and then will determine the Medicaid rates. She said the state will not reimburse them for space not being used for the residents.

Chair Brown asked for the amount of rent that was charged to the Health Department. Ms. Morgan said she would have to provide that information.

The following commissioner spoke: Sauger.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the First Quarter Financial Report for Martha T. Berry. **The Motion Carried.**

PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the information provided on the proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011.

Pete Provenzano gave an overview of the budget amendments.

Commissioner Brown asked about the Department of Roads' budget and if it will remain in place through September. Mr. Provenzano said he intends to have an overview of their budget at the June 7th meeting of this committee.

Commissioner Tocco asked for an explanation regarding #19, transferring of funds. Mr. Provenzano explained that this will allow the Executive to do what the Finance Director has done in the past, move money between line items within a department, but if he wanted to move money from one department to another, it would require Board approval.

Commissioner Tocco referred to #17, drug forfeiture funds, and asked how much was in that fund. Mr. Provenzano said he would have to provide that information.

Commissioner Flynn referred to #18, accumulated surplus, and wondered if the number is going to change since the property values did not decline at the rate that was estimated. Mr. Provenzano said the original intent of this ordinance was to amend the actual resolution that was approved in December. He said the budget will be amended later based on the new estimates.

Commissioner Flynn asked Mr. Brumbaugh to review whether the charter includes any timeframe regarding budget amendments and report back in writing to the Board.

Commissioner Vosburg spoke about #19 and asked about the process for new positions for a department. Mr. Provenzano stated that the procedure is in place and new positions have to be viewed by the Human Resources and Finance Departments to determine the need and cost.

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

**ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING SUSAN HOARD
(OFFERED BY FLYNN)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SUSAN HOARD ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Frascchetti, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**