

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Gralewski, to approve the May 10 (special), May 24 and May 31 (special), 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Irene Marek, 42445 Lynda, Clinton Township  
Juanita Parker, Clarkson Drive, Fraser

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED  
MEMORANDUMS FROM INDEPENDENT COUNSEL**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Moceri, supported by Frascchetti, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney/client privileged memorandums dated June 14, 17 and 21, 2011.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Carabelli, Flynn, Frascchetti, Gralewski, Mocerri, Sauger, Smith, Vosburg, Miller and Brown. There were 10 "Yes" votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:12 a.m., with it concluding at 9:53 a.m.

**PRESENTATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

John Anderson, Director, provided an overview of his department, staff and their responsibilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the County Executive's proposal for reorganization of the Risk Management & Safety Department within the Finance and Human Resources Departments.

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

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file the presentation on the Risk Management and Safety Department. **The Motion Carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by DiMaria, to separate the issues. **The Motion Carried.**

**Budget Ordinance**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE RESTATING AND AMENDING THE FY 2011 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, AS PROVIDED BY INDEPENDENT COUNSEL; FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

After brief discussion, Board Chair Vosburg requested the following friendly amendments: correct section numbering and include the figure of \$13,538,934 in Section 6, Use of Fund Balance. Those were accepted by the maker and supporter.

A recess was taken from 10:29-10:41 a.m. so that copies could be made for distribution to staff and public in attendance.

Commissioner Miller requested a friendly amendment: add number 5 to Ordinance No. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

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

### **Budget Amendments**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY CARABELLI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Commissioner Flynn requested a point of information: he referred to a proposal from the Public Works Department that would have a savings of \$300,000 and asked if that was part of these amendments. Pete Provenzano said the proposal for the Public Works' Wastewater Services Division is included, but adjustments were made by the Public Works Commissioner and those numbers are reflected in the budget amendments.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Sabatini, Flynn, Miller and Tocco.

Commissioner Miller referred to the bottom of page 1, Health and Community Services, salary and fringes, and asked questions of Pete Provenzano regarding the justification for this, what is happening with the current Health Department and Community Services Agency and why those were not included in the Reorganization Plan.

#### **AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY MILLER, TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO MAINTAIN THE LINE ITEM FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, SALARY AND FRINGES, AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING EXPENSES, BUT ZERO IT OUT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRING FORTH AN AMENDMENT WHEN THEY HAVE A PLAN.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Smith.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE DiMARIA, MOCERI, TOCCO AND MILLER. THERE WERE 4 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE CARABELLI, FLYNN, FRASCHETTI, GRALEWSKI, SABATINI, SMITH, VOSBURG AND BROWN. THERE WERE 8 "NO" VOTES.

**THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

Commissioner Miller referred to the amounts of \$50,000 (legislative consulting) and \$40,191 (unused balance of transition funds) listed under Expenditures, "Other Appropriations: Operating Expenses" and asked for a description and plans for the legislative consulting funds and whether there will be an audit for the expenditure of the transition funds. Explanations were provided by Pete Provenzano.

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

**AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY FLYNN, TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO EQUALLY DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SO THE COMMISSION AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE WOULD EACH RECEIVE \$72,500.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Smith.

A recess was taken from 11:36-11:43 a.m.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Carabelli.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE CARABELLI, DiMARIA, FLYNN, GRALEWSKI, MOCERI, SABATINI, SMITH AND TOCCO. THERE WERE 8 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE FRASCHETTI, VOSBURG, MILLER AND BROWN. THERE WERE 4 "NO" VOTES.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

As requested by Commissioner Miller, Pete Provenzano provided an explanation for the expenditure line items of Salary and Fringes and Operating Expenses for the County Executive.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Mocerri, DiMaria and Flynn.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE CARABELLI, DiMARIA, FLYNN, FRASCHETTI, GRALEWSKI, SABATINI, SMITH, VOSBURG AND BROWN. THERE WERE 9 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE MOCERI, TOCCO AND MILLER. THERE WERE 3 "NO" VOTES.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Vosburg, to concur in the appointment of the following law firms:

Garan Lucow & Miller, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the litigation entitled Patricia Dewandeler vs. Macomb County, et al, which is pending in the United States District Court and

Plunkett Cooney, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the litigation entitled Shawn Johnson vs. Macomb County, et al, which is pending in the United States District Court.

**The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

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

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2011 AS PATRIOT WEEK IN MACOMB COUNTY (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR) AND

THANKING DOUG MARTZ FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE WATER QUALITY BOARD (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR).

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Frascetti referred to the correspondence received from the Executive's Office regarding the cost for evening meetings. He asked that the Executive's Office provide a report to the Audit Committee on the cost to the County budget for evening meetings held in 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascetti, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Corinne Bedard  
Committee Reporter**