

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Monday, April 14, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Tocco-Chair, Flynn-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Carabelli, Klinefelt, Mijac,  
Moceri, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Miller.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Tocco called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to approve the January 13 and February 3, 2014 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Timothy Barkovitch, 25805 Harper, St. Clair Shores

**MONUMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES GEOMATICS, LLC/  
CLERK/ROD**

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Brown.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Vosburg, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the Macomb County Monumentation Agreement with Great Lakes Geomatics, LLC, in the amount of \$46,002 for grant year 2014. **The Motion Carried.**

### **INTERVIEW OF JOHN SCHAPKA AS CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Assistant County Executive Al Lorenzo announced John Schapka has been recommended by the Office of County Executive for the permanent position of Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Schapka informed the Board of his qualifications and past work history including Assistant Corporation Counsel and his most recent role as Macomb County Interim Corporation Counsel.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Schapka: Brown, Flynn and Vosburg.

Note: confirmation vote will take place at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **APPOINTMENT**

#### **Building Authority**

The following applicant was present: Arnold (Butch) Hassig

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Smith.

Note: vote will take place at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **INTERVIEW OF DON MORANDINI AS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA) BOARD MEMBER**

Assistant Executive Melissa Roy recognized Don Morandini.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Morandini: Brown and Vosburg.

Note: vote will take place at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC.**

Gary Owens and Barb Farrah from GCSI, along with Assistant Executive Melissa Roy, were present and covered the following topics: the legislative session schedule, Personal Property Tax Reform, the Healthy Michigan website, Freedom of Information Act legislation, FY2014 Supplemental Appropriations Bill and the 2015 budget process.

The following commissioners asked questions: Brown, Smith and Sauger.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the state legislative update. **The Motion Carried.**

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT**

John Schapka, Interim Corporation Counsel, stated that no new litigation matters were received or resolved during March. He updated committee on a special case titled "Ruby Webster as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lillie Burroughs v Macomb County et al."

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the report provided by Mr. Schapka. **The Motion Carried.**

### **COUNTY CLERK (ELECTIONS) OPINION ON DEADLINE FOR SMART BALLOT LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION**

Committee was in receipt of an April 8, 2014 correspondence from Roger Cardamone, Chief Election Clerk, indicating that the deadline for the SMART millage language to be certified to the County Clerk for presentation at the August 5, 2014 state primary election is May 13, 2014.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the April 8, 2014 correspondence from the Chief Election Clerk. **The Motion Carried.**

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL OPINION ON SMART BALLOT ELECTION DATES**

Committee was in receipt of an April 7, 2014 correspondence from Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel, to Roger Cardamone, Chief Election Clerk, indicating that the deadline for the SMART millage language is May 13, 2014.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the April 7, 2014 correspondence from Corporation Counsel. **The Motion Carried.**

### **SMART RFI RESPONSES REVIEW/BALLOT LANGUAGE REVIEW**

The following individuals were present: John Swatosh, Deputy General Manager of Administration for SMART, John Foster, Director of Finance for SMART, Fred Barbret, SMART's Macomb County Ombudsman, Jerry Moffitt, SMART Board Member; Chief Deputy Treasurer of Macomb County, and Melissa Roy, SMART Board Member; Assistant Executive for Office of County Executive.

An overview was provided on the current SMART ridership and services, the millage increase proposal, SMART administration and SMART vision and planning. Also provided was a list of their shelters in Macomb County.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Carabelli, Flynn, Sauger and Mocerri.

Chair Tocco noted that Version 2 of the proposed language was distributed and will be on Thursday's Full Board agenda for action.

### **MEMO BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCES**

Andrew Kim, Director of Legislative Affairs, summarized an April 4, 2014 memo to commissioners from Board Chair Flynn and himself, which provided background information on the compensation ordinances for the Board of Commissioners and the County Executive.

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

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Smith, to receive and file the correspondence provided. **The Motion Carried.**

Board Chair Flynn stated that an amended ordinance for the Board of Commissioners was distributed and includes additional language regarding the attendance policy under Section 6.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

### **2015-2016 COMPENSATION ORDINANCE FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Committee was in receipt of an April 7, 2014 memo from Board Chair Flynn outlining possible options for the 2014 compensation ordinance for commissioner and Board Chair salaries.

Note: this was provided for informational and debate purposes and will be on the April 17<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee agenda for action.

### **2015-2018 COMPENSATION ORDINANCE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Note: this was provided for informational and debate purposes and will be on the April 17<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee agenda for action.

The following commissioner spoke: Klinefelt.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the proposed 2015-2018 compensation ordinance for the County Executive. **The Motion Carried.**

**PRESENTATION ON SELFRIDGE AIR SHOW/MAJOR BART WARD**

Major Bart Ward and Jim Timpa were present and provided information on the Selfridge Air Show that will be held the weekend after Labor Day. Mr. Timpa spoke about fundraising efforts for the show.

The following commissioner spoke: Smith.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to receive and file the presentation provided on the Selfridge Air Show. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN MACOMB COUNTY (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR ON BEHALF OF BOARD)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Macomb County. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard**  
Committee Reporter