

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Monday, September 8, 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, Miller,  
Moceri, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Mijac (medical emergency).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Tocco called the meeting to order at 12:05 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.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren  
Dr. Don Amboyer, 54367 Queens Row, Shelby Township  
Nicholyn Brandenburg, 17396 Delaware, Macomb Township  
Verna Babula, 40239 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights  
Juanita Parker, Clarkson, Fraser  
Cena Elias, 3841 Eclipse Court, Sterling Heights  
Jasmine Early, 33294 Cherry Lane, Sterling Heights  
Tom Mitchell, 40171 William Drive, Sterling Heights  
Carole Brown, 39913 Baroque Boulevard, Clinton Township  
Jacquie Ryan, 5573 Gardner St., Sterling Heights  
Kevin Grand, 22079 Oakwood Avenue, Eastpointe  
Parvonti Orow, 42577 Flis Drive, Sterling Heights  
John Weigle, 39399 Sunderland Drive, Clinton Township  
Loretta Thielen, 31139 Kelly Road, Fraser

**ASSIGNMENT OF INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT  
DESIGNATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Chair Tocco stated that this Board replaces the former Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Miller, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the assignment of initial staggered terms for BOC appointment designations for the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board, per SUD Oversight Policy Board Agreement (07-31-14) as outlined on resolution sheet; 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.**

### **INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Ethics Board**

The following applicants were present and provided background information and spoke about their interest in serving on the Ethics Board:

Jim McGrail  
Dori Vazquez-Nolan

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and Brown.

Chair Tocco stated that all of the appointments on today's agenda will be made at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the interviews for the Ethics Board. **The Motion Carried.**

#### **Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board**

The following applicants were present and provided background information and spoke about their interest in serving on the Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board:

Brian Ashley  
Mark Boettcher  
Nancy Buyle  
Marya Drygalski  
Michael Gentry  
Dana Gire  
Ronderick Johnson  
Mark Koroj  
Karen LaForest  
Ellen Monroe  
Christine Nowakowski  
Kathleen Rager

Susan Smagacz  
Joanne Smythe  
Barbara VanJaarsveld  
Barbara Wagner

The following applicants were not present:

Michael Barrett  
Barry Gross  
Robert Kirchoff  
Barbara Wladischkin

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to receive and file the interviews for the Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Klinefelt.

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

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT**

John Schapka summarized the report and highlighted 11 new cases. He also introduced Robert Gazall, their newly hired Assistant Corporation Counsel.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Miller, to receive and file the monthly report submitted by Corporation Counsel. **The Motion Carried.**

### **APPROVE MACOMB COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY**

Chair Tocco stated that a revised policy was distributed, and if approved, will be forwarded to the September 18<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mocerri, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Macomb County Human Rights Policy; 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: Miller and Carabelli.

**AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Sabatini, to amend the motion and request the Board Chair to appoint a Board special committee to study the current hiring and contracting practices of the County and offer changes, if needed, so that the hiring and contracting policies would be about the County's need for a particular skill set, and that once hired the employee's and contractor's expertise and job performance are rewarded based on performance.

The following commissioners spoke on the amendment: Klinefelt and Miller.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, Carabelli, Sabatini and Vosburg. There were 4 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Boyle, Flynn, Klinefelt, Miller, Mocerri, Sauger and Tocco. There were 7 "No" votes.

**The Motion was Defeated.**

The following commissioner spoke: Klinefelt.

Commissioner Carabelli referred to Sec. 1 and noted the lettering of paragraphs needed correction. He offered a friendly amendment that involved moving language from (corrected) paragraph D to A.

Commissioner Miller did not accept the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Miller offered the following friendly amendments: Sec. 1, Policy and Purpose, A, second line: insert "of" after "basis"; Sec. 1, correct lettering of paragraphs to read A-E; and Sec. 2, Definitions, C, add "veterans status. These were accepted by the supporter.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Mocerri.

Commissioner Klinefelt offered a friendly amendment: Sec. 7, Complaints and Penalties, B, first line: delete "there". This was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown and Flynn.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows:

Voting Yes were Boyle, Flynn, Klinefelt, Miller, Mocerri, Sauger and Tocco. There were 7 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Brown, Carabelli, Sabatini and Vosburg. There were 4 "No" votes.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE (ORD. 2012-1)**

Chair Tocco stated that a document with track changes and a final copy were mailed and if approved, will be forwarded to the September 18<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mocerri, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the amendments to the Procurement Ordinance (Ord. 2012-1); 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: Miller.

### **AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Sabatini, to amend the motion and request the Board Chair to appoint a Board special committee to study the current procurement practices and offer changes, if needed, so that the procurement policies would be about the County's need for particular goods and/or a particular skill set, and that once hired the contractor's expertise and job performance are rewarded based on performance.

The following commissioners spoke on the amendment: Vosburg and Miller.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, Carabelli, Sabatini and Vosburg. There were 4 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Boyle, Flynn, Klinefelt, Miller, Mocerri, Sauger and Tocco. There were 7 "No" votes.

### **The Motion was Defeated.**

The following commissioner spoke on the motion to approve: Klinefelt.

Chair Tocco called for a vote on the motion to approve and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, CARABELLI, SABATINI AND VOSBURG VOTING "NO."**

### **DISCUSSION OF 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Board Chair Flynn reviewed the draft ordinance and a list of proposed changes that were distributed.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the information provided on 2015 budget amendments. **The Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Boyle questioned whether it was required for individuals to provide their address when speaking under Public Participation. Independent Counsel Scott Smith said he would review that.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cena Elias, 3841 Eclipse Court, Sterling Heights  
Jasmine Early, 33294 Cherry Lane, Sterling Heights  
Kevin Grand, 22079 Oakwood Avenue, Eastpointe  
Gino Vitale, 16473 Congress, Clinton Township  
Jacquie Ryan, 5573 Gardner St., Sterling Heights  
Parvonti Orow, 42577 Flis Drive, Sterling Heights

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Carabelli, to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**