

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Duzyj.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Klinefelt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Klinefelt requested moving up the legislative update by Governmental Consultant Services to follow public participation.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to approve the November 3, 2015 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF THE VILLAGE OF ARMADA TO
ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS TO THE VILLAGE OF ARMADA**

Chair Klinefelt called for public comment; there were no public comments.

Board Chair Flynn requested a moment of silence for Treasurer Ted Wahby, who passed away on Saturday.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC.

Gary Owens from GCSI summarized the report, which included the following topics: legislative session schedule, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, transportation infrastructure funding, statewide electronic court filing system and Dark Store legislation.

MOTION

A motion as made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to receive and file the legislative update.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

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

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDER AND DETERMINATION BY THE
MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS
TO THE VILLAGE OF ARMADA, MICHIGAN**

Commissioner Brown said he would like to hear from the Township of Armada on whether they are in support or not.

Chair Klinefelt asked Commissioner Miller if he would place this item on the Finance Committee agenda if a response is received from the Township of Armada. Commissioner Miller agreed.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Flynn and Brown.

Chair Klinefelt said she will let Finance Chair Miller and Board Chair Flynn determine whether sufficient information is provided and which meeting agenda this item will be placed on.

**INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENTS/BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
APPOINTMENTS**

Friend of the Court Advisory Committee

The following individuals were present:

Wendi Johnson
Kelly Mitchell
Perry Simmons
Jill Thomas-Little

The following individuals were unable to attend:

Suzan Fischer
Robert Leonetti

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

Friend of the Court Director Tom Blohm highlighted the committee's purpose and spoke in support of all of the applicants.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Blohm: Tocco and Vosburg.

Chair Klinefelt indicated these appointments will be made at the December 10th Full Board meeting.

Executive Director, Planning & Economic Development Department

John Paul Rea, the OCE-recommended confirmation candidate for the position of PED Executive Director, paid tribute to retiring Executive Director Steve Cassin and thanked him for his years of mentorship and guidance. He offered some background information and expressed his interest in serving as the Executive Director.

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

Chair Klinefelt indicated that this appointment will be made at the December 17th Full Board meeting.

CONTRACT WITH ACS ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS, LLC/USLandRecords AND SUPER INDEX REAL ESTATE SEARCH SITES/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

Chair Klinefelt noted that revised information was provided and the revision is on page 67.

MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Sabatini, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the County Clerk/Register of Deeds to renew the USLandRecords and Super Index real estate search sites contract with ACS Enterprise Solutions, LLC (a Xerox company) at an estimated cost of \$1,096,736 for three-years, which, when off-set by revenue, results in a total estimated net cost of \$52,736 for three-years, the cost of which is available in the Register of Deeds Technology Fund.

Present from the Clerk's Office were County Clerk/Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh, Chief Deputy Clerk Todd Schmitz and Administrative Coordinator Crystal Brenner.

Register of Deeds Craig Jones gave an overview of the contract.

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

CONTRACT WITH COURTHOUSE TECHNOLOGIES, LTD./JURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a contract with Courthouse Technologies, Ltd. for an enhancement to the Jury Management System that allows SMS text reminders, information and directions to be sent to jurors at a cost not to exceed \$9,780 annually, which is available in the Jury Room's budget (10116601-72901).

Jury Supervisor Genafer Brewer gave an overview of the contract.

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF FRAUD ALERT SYSTEM/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the County Clerk/Register of Deeds to implement a Fraud Alert System at annual estimated cost of \$61,782 annually, beginning January 1, 2016, which is available in the Register of Deeds Technology Fund.

Carmella Sabaugh and Craig Jones spoke about the implementation of a fraud alert system, which will make Macomb County real estate transactions the safest in the nation and help protect private property rights by reducing the risk of real estate fraud through the use of real estate consumer alert notices.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

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

ADOPT PROCLAMATION COMMENDING RICK FLYNN FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR FLYNN)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending Rick Flynn for Years of Dedicated Service upon his retirement from the Michigan Education Association.

Board Chair Flynn noted two grammatical changes; those were accepted as friendly amendments.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the 11-13-15 letter from Timothy Wiley—resignation from Ethics Board. **The Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Smith, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting yes were Brown, Carabelli, Flynn, Klinefelt, Marino, Miller, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg. There were 11 “Yes” votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 10:22 a.m., with it concluding at 10:46 a.m.

CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL RE: CASE OF TIMOTHY DANKS VS. COUNTY OF MACOMB, ET AL

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to concur in the recommendation of Corporation Counsel concerning the case of Timothy Danks vs. County of Macomb, et al. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter