

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013**

At a meeting of the **Health and Human Services Committee**, held Monday, December 16, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Moceri-Chair, Boyle-Vice-Chair, Klinefelt, Mijac, Miller, Sauger, Tocco and Flynn (ex-officio).

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chair Moceri asked to move #6a, 2012 Annual Report for MSU Extension, to follow the Health items.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Miller, to adopt the agenda, as amended, (and to include #8B, Adopt Resolution Urging Federal Government to Extend Emergency Unemployment Benefits Before the Year-End). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Boyle, to approve the October 28 and November 7, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fred Warner, Clinton Township

**HEALTH**

**Information Re: RFI 12-02 HHS ME Contract Exp. 12-31-13/Request for Proposal for Chief Forensic Pathologist and Medical Examiner Office Administration Services**

Chair Moceri noted the correspondence was provided for informational purposes.

**Appointment of Daniel Spitz, M.D. as Chief Medical Examiner**

**Contract for Chief Forensic Pathologist, Forensic Pathologist and Medical Examiner Office Administration Services**

Al Lorenzo, Assistant County Executive, Steve Gold, Director of the Department of Health and Community Services, Bill Ridella, Director/Health Officer, and Dr. Daniel Spitz, Chief Medical Examiner, were present.

Mr. Ridella briefed committee on the process that occurred for the Chief Forensic Pathologist and Medical Examiner Office Administration Services RFP and explained the recommendation of appointment of Spitz Pathology Group and Daniel Spitz, M.D.

Chair Mocerri noted that the bid documents, RFP and response were included in the agenda materials. She reminded commissioners of previously-taken Board action to require professional accreditation for the Macomb County Medical Examiner's Office and pointed out this issue had not been addressed in materials provided for the proposed appointment. Further, she mentioned the correspondence shared by the Board Chair's office as well as information which Chair Flynn received after his conversation with Assistant County Executive Al Lorenzo.

Scott Smith, Independent Counsel, explained the intent of the resolution provided on commissioners' desks. He said because of the enhanced exchange of communication occurring between the BOC and OCE, the resolution suggests both appointments be denied at this point, with the understanding that the issue of accreditation and the Medical Examiner contract will be worked out in such a way that is in keeping with the Board action adopted earlier this year.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Miller, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution recommending declining to appoint Daniel M. Spitz as Medical Examiner and approval of the proposed Medical Examiner Services Agreement only if modified to be consistent with Commission Resolution R13-120.

Commissioner Klinefelt questioned the wording of the first paragraph where it states both declining and appointing.

Scott Smith suggested the following wording: A Resolution recommending appointment of Daniel M. Spitz as Medical Examiner and approval of the proposed Medical Examiner Services Agreement only if modified to be consistent with Commission Resolution R13-120.

The following commissioners spoke: Klinefelt, Boyle and Miller.

Further discussion ensued on the wording for the first paragraph and the following friendly amendment was suggested by Scott Smith: A Resolution recommending declining appointment of Daniel M. Spitz as Medical Examiner and rejecting approval of the proposed Medical Examiner Services Agreement unless modified to be consistent with Commission Resolution R13-120. This language was agreed to by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioner spoke: Mijac.

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

Voting Yes were Boyle, Mijac, Miller, Mocerri, Sauger and Tocco. There were 6 "Yes" votes.

Voting No was Klinefelt. There was 1 "No" vote.

### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **MSU EXTENSION**

#### **2012 ANNUAL REPORT/MSU EXTENSION**

Marie Ruemenapp, District Coordinator for Macomb County MSU Extension, highlighted the report. She outlined new programming that MSU Extension will be focusing on in 2014 and noted some staff changes that have occurred in the department.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Klinefelt.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sauger, to receive and file MSU Extension's 2012 Annual Report. **The Motion Carried.**

### **HHS COMMITTEE CHAIR ITEMS**

#### **MICHIGAN LEAGUE FOR PUBLIC POLICY-MACOMB COUNTY 2013 FACT SHEET**

Chair Mocerri stated that this information was provided for informational purposes.

The following commissioner spoke: Mijac.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the Michigan League for Public Policy-Macomb County 2013 fact sheet. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND  
EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION (EUC) PROGRAM) BEFORE THE YEAR-END  
(OFFERED BY MOCERI)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution urging the federal government to extend emergency unemployment benefits (Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Program) before the year-end. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard  
Committee Reporter**