

**MINUTES OF THE
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

DiMaria-Chair, Brown, Carabelli, Frascchetti, Gralewski, Miller, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present: Flynn and Tocco.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DiMaria called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair DiMaria stated that the Clerk has requested the removal of #7, Authorize Clerk to Negotiate and Renew Contract with ACS Enterprise Solutions, and said it will be on tomorrow's Finance Committee agenda.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include #5a, Approve Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Office). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT/SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Gralewski, to approve and forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to concur with the Sheriff's Office's request to amend the 2012 budget of the Sheriff calendar year grant fund (Fund 229) to reflect the receipt of a \$1,000 grant from Target Corporation; the budget amendment will increase the "Other Revenue" revenue line item and the "Supplies & Services" expense line item by \$1,000 each. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE FY 2013 ACCESS AND VISITATION CONTRACT/FRIEND OF THE COURT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 ACCESS AND VISITATION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 WHICH IS 100 PERCENT FEDERALLY FUNDED; THIS CONTRACT COVERS THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013; 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: Carabelli and Miller.

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

APPROVE 2012 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Frascchetti, to approve and forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the Clerk/Register of Deeds to negotiate and renew a contract with ACS Enterprise Solutions, Inc., a xerox company, to continue the Enhanced Search Real Estate "Super Index" Consumer Protection System to improve the way public real estate records are accessed and increase the ability to detect fraud; the result of the contract would be improved online access to public documents and the cost would not exceed online revenue generated from those services.

The following commissioners asked questions of Todd Schmitz and Crystal Brenner: Carabelli, Miller and Sauger.

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

REVIEW OF 2013 BUDGETS

Circuit Court

Pete Provenzano summarized the budget. He stated that the total expenditures are \$104,000 less than previous years, which is attributed to across the board reductions in operating expenses, and that there is no change in positions.

The following commissioner asked questions of Pete Provenzano, Jennifer Phillips and John Brennan: Miller.

Commissioner Miller referred to the breakdown between salaries and fringes and asked Mr. Provenzano if that can be provided. Mr. Provenzano replied that the total salaries and fringes for a particular department can be provided.

Clerk

Pete Provenzano summarized the budget. He stated that the department has lost 14 positions since 2006 and has reduced the total operating expenses. He referred to the \$80,000 Capital Outlay line item and said it is for a new filing system.

The following commissioners asked questions of Todd Schmitz and Crystal Brenner: Miller, Flynn, Sabatini, Smith and Brown.

District Court – New Baltimore and Romeo

Pete Provenzano stated that the courts have done a great job in reducing their budgets and have proposed to keep the position counts the same.

The following commissioners asked questions of Chief District Court Judge Denis LeDuc: Brown, Smith and Carabelli.

Emergency Management

Pete Provenzano summarized the budget. He said they have reduced their overall budget by \$9,000 and have eliminated a half position due to reorganization.

The following commissioners asked questions of Pete Provenzano and Vicki Wolber: Carabelli, Brown, Smith and Flynn.

Probate Court

Pete Provenzano summarized the budget and noted that both divisions are now located in one budget. He said they have lost 13 positions since 2006 and are proposing to eliminate 3½ positions in 2013. He said they brought expenditures down by \$150,000, which is mainly due to a reduction in positions.

The following commissioners asked questions of Pete Provenzano and Jennifer Phillips: Carabelli, Flynn, Brown and Sabatini.

Probation – Circuit and District

Pete Provenzano summarized the budgets. He said Circuit Court Probation is a state program and the County pays the operating costs, which is required. He said District Court Probation is a County-run program and they have significantly reduced their operating costs by \$120,000 and there is no change in positions.

Prosecutor

Pete Provenzano provided an overview. He said this office has eliminated 13 positions since 2006. He noted that in 2012, the Prosecutor agreed to hold off filling six vacant positions, which allowed the County to save money, but he is not able to continue that due to an increase in activity and volume of casework.

The following commissioner asked questions of Pete Provenzano and Eric Smith: Sabatini.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter