

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Public Services Committee**, held Thursday, September 17, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Torrice-Chair, Accavitti, Boyle, Brdak, Bruley, Kepler, Lampar, Mijac and Tocco.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Torrice called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Kepler, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #9a). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Kepler, to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**STATUS REPORT BY VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR**

Mr. Harris overviewed his written report and also spoke about the telephone call he received regarding the flags, flag pole and replacement of the POW flag at Freedom Hill.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Boyle and Bruley.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Kepler, to receive and file the status report provided by the Director of the Veterans' Services Department for the month of August. **The Motion Carried.**

**STATUS REPORT BY MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Chair Torrice indicated that Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Andrzejak were in Lansing, but provided a written report.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Kepler, to receive and file the Caseload Trend Report submitted by the Department of Human Services. **The Motion Carried.**

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM CLINTON TOWNSHIP TO SUPPORT CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY ACCAVITTI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM CLINTON TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

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

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM CITY OF WARREN FOR SENIOR CHORE PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000 FOR THE SENIOR CHORE PROGRAM. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM CLINTON TOWNSHIP FOR SENIOR CHORE PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM CLINTON TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000 FOR THE SENIOR CHORE PROGRAM. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND READJUSTMENT AND ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND READJUSTMENT AND ASSISTANCE (ARRA) FUNDS TO OPERATE THE SENIOR CITIZENS NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO PROVIDE HOME ENERGY CRISIS ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$18,863 TO PROVIDE HOME ENERGY CRISIS ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Taylor provided an update on the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program 2010 funding and spoke about the Weatherization Program and a pre-bid conference being held at the VerKuilen Building.

The following commissioner spoke: Brdak.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Kepler, to receive and file the status report provided by the Community Services Agency Director. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMY COMMUNITY COVENANT (OFFERED BY CHAIR ON BEHALF OF BOARD)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMY COMMUNITY COVENANT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kepler stated that she received a telephone call from Ms. Jessica Cheshire from United Way who indicated that part of the state budget reductions includes the entire funding for the Michigan Agriculture Surplus System, which is a loss of three million pounds of food for southeast Michigan. Ms. Cheshire asked that commissioners contact their state representative and let them know the impact that this will have on the food banks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Brdak, to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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