

MINUTES OF THE

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO BEGIN DELIBERATIONS REGARDING TRANSITIONAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE COUNTY CHARTER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

At a meeting of the **Ad Hoc Committee to Begin Deliberations Regarding Transitional Issues Related to the County Charter**, held Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the Board Conference Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Tocco-Chair, Carabelli, Crouchman, D. Flynn and Mocerri.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Camphous-Peterson

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Tocco called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Mocerri, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

IDENTIFY TRANSITIONAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY COMMITTEE

A copy of the motions that were approved at the last meeting and being forwarded to the Full Board were distributed. Members were in agreement.

Chair Tocco referred to the issue of Boards and Commissions appointments and said an outline was provided which lists the appointments that will be coming up in November and December.

Commissioner Crouchman asked if these were provided for under the new charter or Board rules and wondered if they will have to be recreated in January. Jill Smith noted that most of these are statutory and will remain in existence.

Transition Budget

Chair Tocco referred to the issue of funds available from the Charter Commission. Gil Chang explained that the funds not used were returned back to the General Fund and are part of the \$8.1 million savings in 2009 being applied to the 2011 budget deficit.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the Contingency Fund.

MOTION

A motion was made by Crouchman, supported by Carabelli, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation that \$300,000 of discretionary monies out of the Contingency Fund be made immediately available to the County Executive-Elect to assist in establishing the Office of County Executive as called for by the new County Charter and to be used to support ordinary and necessary expenditures commonly appropriated through the County's General Fund Budget; the Executive-Elect will submit an audit report of expenditures to the 2011-12 County Board of Commissioners.

The following commissioners spoke: D. Flynn, Carabelli and Camphous-Peterson.

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

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Commissioner D. Flynn said it was indicated to the Executive-Elect that a special meeting could be called if additional funds were needed.

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

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Finance Committee meeting of 11-23-10)

Access to Staff and Records

MOTION

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Mocerri, to recognize that in order to be prepared to assume office on January 1, 2011, the Executive-Elect and/or his representatives will need to have freedom of access to county staff and records, the Board of Commissioners will encourage full cooperation with the Executive and his team during this period of transition.

Commissioner Carabelli offered a friendly amendment: the Executive-Elect only will have access to all electronic files and passwords with the exception of those exempted by law. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Camphous-Peterson, D. Flynn and Mocerri.

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

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Full Board meeting of 11-23-10)

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by D. Flynn, to recommend that the County Board Chair and Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee be authorized to approve any additional individuals access to electronic files and passwords. **The Motion Carried.**

The following commissioners spoke: Crouchman and Camphous-Peterson.

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Full Board meeting of 11-23-10)

Appointment to Boards and Commissions

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by D. Flynn, to recognize that after January 1, 2011, appointments to county boards and commissions will be made by the County Executive and approved by the Board of Commissioners, and that in order to not limit the future role of the Executive and Board, the current Board of Commissioners agrees to limit such appointments during this interim period and will review any such appointments deemed necessary with the Executive-Elect before they are made. **The Motion Carried.**

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Full Board meeting of 11-23-10)

Allocation of Space

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by D. Flynn, to recognize that the Office of County Executive and his immediate staff should be located on the ninth floor of the County Administration Building; the Board of Commissioners will continue to utilize the large meeting room on the ninth floor for both committee and full board meetings; the offices of the Board of Commissioners and its immediate staff will be relocated to the eighth floor in space currently occupied by Corporation Counsel; it is understood that some build out may be necessary to house the Office of Corporation Counsel, but every effort will be made to have both the County Executive and Board of Commissioners utilize existing space on the respective floors; since both the Executive and Board of Commissioners want to be fully operational on January 1, 2011, physical moves as well as telephone and technology relocations will be implemented during the last two weeks of December or as soon as practical.

Commissioner Carabelli offered a friendly amendment: any costs associated with the transition would come out of the 2010 Contingency Fund. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by D. Flynn, that any build out or infrastructure changes beyond basic costs of moving need to be evaluated.

The following commissioners spoke: Crouchman and Mocerri.

Lynn Arnott-Bryks requested authorization to work with Corporation Counsel to accommodate them with the least amount of build out.

After further discussion, Commissioners Mocerri and D. Flynn withdrew their amendment.

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

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Finance Committee meeting of 11-23-10)

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Carabelli, to authorize the Director of the Facilities and Operations Department to work with Corporation Counsel and the Department of Planning, Economic Development and Research Department to facilitate the moving of Corporation Counsel with the least amount of financial impact to the County. **The Motion Carried.**

(note: the motion was forwarded to the Full Board meeting of 11-23-10)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Mocerri, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**