

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brdak-Chair, Accavitti, Boyle, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegthem, Kepler, Lampar, Mijac, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Sprys.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brdak called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Lampar, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #5A). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by J. Flynn, to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Bill Luft, 35548 Weideman Street, Clinton Township  
Leon Drolet, 46116 Lookout Drive, Macomb Township

**RECOMMENDATION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF 02-04-09**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY CLERK/ REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP FOR THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND A WIRELESS NETWORKING CARD AND BLUETOOTH CARD FOR THE CLERK'S CURRENT LAPTOP AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,200. BOTH LAPTOPS ARE MAINLY USED FOR MOBILE OFFICES AND MEETINGS. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FUND.

The following commissioners spoke: Duzyj and Brdak.

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

**RECOMMENDATION FROM TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 03-16-09**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT RECOMMENDATION ON PRINTER COST SAVINGS AS OUTLINED IN ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Camphous-Peterson, Bruley, Lampar and Szczepanski.

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

**RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 03-17-09**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENT OF WIRELESS E-911 FUNDS PURSUANT TO MACOMB COUNTY'S AMENDED 911 PLAN PER SCHEDULE A (ATTACHED) UTILIZING POPULATION FIGURES SUPPLIED BY SEMCOG. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **OVERVIEW OF MACOMB COUNTY FINANCES BY FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Diegel provided a slide presentation that appeared on the overhead drop down screens. The slide presentation consisted of the overview of the County Budget that was made at Town Hall meetings throughout the county.

A copy of Mr. Diegel's slide presentation is on file in the Board Office.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by DiMaria, to receive and file the overview of Macomb County finances by the Finance Director.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Vosburg.

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

### **REDUCE 2009 OPERATING BUDGET BY \$813,376**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REDUCE THE 2009 OPERATING BUDGET BY \$813,376 AS SUMMARIZED ON BUDGETARY REDUCTION SCHEDULE.

The following commissioners spoke: Camphous-Peterson, Brown, Bruley and DiMaria.

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

### **ADOPT 2009 COUNTY DRAIN DEBT MILLAGE RATE OF .0050 MILL**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A COUNTY DRAIN DEBT REQUIREMENT OF .0050 MILL FOR INCLUSION ON THE DECEMBER, 2009 MILLAGE LEVY.

The following commissioner spoke: Szczepanski.

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

**ADOPT 2009 SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .5900 MILL**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY D. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .5900 MILL, LESS ANY MILLAGE REDUCTION REQUIRED BY THE HEADLEE ROLL BACK FACTOR, FOR INCLUSION ON THE DECEMBER, 2009 MILLAGE LEVY.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert and Gielegem.

Chair Brdak called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ROCCA AND SZCZEPANSKI VOTING “NO.”** (FORWARDED TO THE APRIL 30, 2009 FULL BOARD)

**ADOPT 2009 VETERANS SERVICE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF .0400 MILL**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TORRICE, SUPPORTED BY ACCAVITTI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A VETERAN'S SERVICE MILLAGE RATE OF .0400 MILL, LESS ANY MILLAGE REDUCTION REQUIRED BY THE HEADLEE ROLL BACK FACTOR, FOR INCLUSION ON THE DECEMBER, 2009 MILLAGE LEVY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.** (FORWARDED TO THE APRIL 30, 2009 FULL BOARD)

**ADOPT 2009 COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 4.5685 MILLS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEPLER, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2009 COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 4.5685 MILLS.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Brdak.

**AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARABELLI, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO CHANGE THE RATE FROM 4.5685 MILLS TO 4.2000 MILLS.

The following commissioners spoke: Kepler, Rengert, Szczepanski, Carabelli, Sauger, Brown, Gielegem, Bruley, Brdak, Vosburg and Doherty.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **AMENDMENT** AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CARABELLI, CROUCHMAN, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, RENGERT, ROCCA, SZCZEPANSKI, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 12 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE ACCAVITTI, BOYLE, BRDAK, BRULEY, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, KEPLER, LAMPAR, MIJAC, MOCERI, SAUGER AND TOCCO. THERE WERE 13 "NO" VOTES.

**THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

The following commissioners spoke: Rocca, Brdak, Brown and Szczepanski.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **MAIN MOTION** AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE ACCAVITTI, BOYLE, BRDAK, BRULEY, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, KEPLER, LAMPAR, MIJAC, MOCERI, SAUGER AND TOCCO. THERE WERE 13 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CARABELLI, CROUCHMAN, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, RENGERT, ROCCA, SZCZEPANSKI, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 12 "NO" VOTES.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.** (FORWARDED TO THE APRIL 30, 2009 FULL BOARD)

**DISCUSSION ON WATERWAY CLEANUP PROGRAM**

Chair Brdak brought to commissioners attention that this agenda item should be listed as Discussion on the Environmental Problems: Lake/River Fund.

The following commissioner spoke: Szczepanski.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND BY \$75,000.

The following commissioners spoke: Gieleghem and Brown.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Bruley was accepted as follows: "To **refer** this back to the Health and Environmental Services Committee to re-evaluate and bring a recommendation back to the Board."

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley, Brdak, Vosburg, Camphous-Peterson and Boyle.

Chair Brdak called for a vote on the **motion to refer** and **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel as to the time of the Public Hearing (for the Millage) that will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Some commissioners felt that the Public Hearing should be held in the evening, to make it more convenience for the public. Board Chair Gielegghem said that he would take it under advisement.

Commissioner Szczepanski made inquiry as to when the county will start funding retiree health care. Mr. Diegel provided an answer to this inquiry.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Bill Luft, 35548 Weideman Street, Clinton Township  
Linda Godfrey, Sterling Heights  
Dan Tollis, Clinton Township  
Philis DeSaele, 42430 Utica Road, Sterling Heights  
Patrick Maceroni, 332 Cambridge  
Mr. Maynard, 45128 Utica Green East  
Shelley Salamango, 126 Gallop, Mount Clemens

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Tocco, to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter**