

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, July 25, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Gralewski, Miller, Moceri, Sabatini,
Smith, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Smith, to approve the May 16, June 6 and June 20, 2012 (special meeting) minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

MACOMB ARTS AUTHORITY CONTRACT UPDATE

A nine-page copy of the Art Institute Service Agreement Between The Macomb County Art Institute Authority and The Detroit Institute of Arts, Inc., was provided.

At the request of Co-Chairs Carabelli and Flynn they invited members of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority to attend today's committee meeting to go over the contract.

Co-Chair Flynn felt everybody should be updated on what is in the contract if the millage does pass on August 7th.

Three members from the Macomb County Art Institute Authority introduced themselves: Jennifer Callans, Stan Simek and David Maquera.

While copies of the Agreement were being made, Co-Chair Flynn moved on to agenda item #9. There were no objections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

a) Receive and File Update on Upcoming Events

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Miller, to receive and file the update on upcoming events. **The Motion Carried.**

Co-Chair Flynn moved back to agenda item #6.

MACOMB ARTS AUTHORITY CONTRACT UPDATE

Stan Simek, Chairman of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority overviewed numerous major points contained within the nine-page Agreement.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Carabelli.

Annamarie Erickson from the Detroit Institute of Arts addressed the committee.

MOTION

A motion was made by Moceri, supported by Miller, to receive and file the Art Institute Service Agreement Between The Macomb County Art Institute Authority and The Detroit Institute of Arts, Inc. **The Motion Carried.**

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

a) Quarterly Report by John Bierbusse from Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board

Three updated charts were distributed.

John Bierbusse overviewed the three updated charts:

- Macomb County Labor Force
- Macomb County Residents Employed
- Macomb County Residents Unemployed & Rate of Unemployment

He then overviewed the following charts that were provided in committee packets:

- Labor Force Statistics - Annual Figures
- Employment Services Registrations
- Annual Accounts of Funding Sources

He then explained how the Federal Extended Benefits Program works. He reported the federal government gave them a grant of almost \$700,000 which expires January 3, 2013.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocer, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the quarterly report by John Bierbusse from Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION

a) Selfridge Air National Guard Base

A colored brochure entitled Selfridge Air National Guard Base: Tomorrow's Military Installation Model Today was distributed.

Joe Hallman, President of the Selfridge Base Community Council gave a verbal presentation. Key topics discussed consisted of the following:

- Role of Selfridge Base Community Council
- Encouraged commissioners to become a member of the Selfridge Base Community Council
- There needs to be a greater awareness of what is going on at Selfridge for anybody who lives in Macomb County
- Selfridge is the only joint installation in the United States that handles all branches of the military
- Base realignment
- Stats on number of people and aircraft currently at Selfridge
- Stats on number of relocated reservists
- Department of Defense slated cuts
- It being critical to secure a strong fighter unit at Selfridge
- The need to address the issue that statistically Michigan is 50th out of 50 states in Department of Defense spending

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Miller and Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the presentation by Joe Hallman from Selfridge Base Community Council. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair Flynn announced Ron Kagan from the Detroit Zoo will give a presentation at the August 15th meeting of this committee. He noted if commissioners need any specific information to let himself or Co-Chair Carabelli know so information can be obtained ahead of time.

Co-Chair Flynn announced Dr. Christine Johns from Utica Community Schools will be invited to a future meeting of this committee to talk about the program they have in conjunction with the Detroit Zoo.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Jacks", written over a horizontal line.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter