

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

At a **special meeting** of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, July 28, 2011, 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, Mocerri, Sabatini,
Smith, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Brown, DiMaria and Frascchetti.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- a) Approve or Reject Contract with Clinton-Macomb Public Library for the Macomb Blind and Physically Handicapped

(Note: Action was taken at the July 21st meeting of the Economic Development Committee to move this agenda item to a special meeting on July 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.)

Commissioners were provided with all of the information relating to this agenda item from the July 21, 2011 committee meeting packet.

A draft Agreement dated July 27, 2011 was distributed.

Co-Chair Flynn indicated that Andrew Richner worked with Jill Smith on the draft Agreement dated July 27th.

Steve Cassin gave a run-through on the procedural part of the negotiations.

Jill Smith went over the revisions that were included in the draft Agreement dated July 27th.

Co-Chair Flynn asked if the funds received from the federal and state government that will be transferred over to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) will be strictly used for the Macomb Blind and Physically Handicapped. Jill Smith replied, correct.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SUPPORTED BY GRALEWSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CLINTON-MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR MACOMB BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Commissioner Smith inquired as to who will monitor the money. Jill Smith said that there is a reporting requirement in the Agreement that CMPL will report back to the County; and the federal and state government also monitor it.

Commissioner Mocerri inquired about paragraph 4, **Startup Costs**. Jill Smith said the itemized list was inadvertently not attached to the Agreement. She will provide it to her.

Commissioner Gralewski inquired about paragraph 3, **Consideration**. He asked what the consideration numbers encompass. Steve Cassin indicated that there was a memo prepared by the library director that detailed those costs.

Commissioner Gralewski inquired if four employees will be laid off. Steve Cassin believed three will be laid off and one position is vacant. Commissioner Gralewski asked if they are laid off, would unemployment be paid by the County. Jill Smith replied, yes.

Commissioner Sabatini inquired about paragraph 2, **Term**. He thought the term should be for five years with a five year option. Steve Cassin explained why CMPL would not take less than 10 years.

Commissioner Sabatini inquired about paragraph 6, **MLBPH State Aid**. Steve Cassin said the library director is confident the \$40,000 figure will stay.

Commissioner Sabatini inquired about paragraph 7, **Appropriation of Funds**. He felt there should be a quarterly report given to the Board. Steve Cassin said he had no problem in asking for a quarterly report.

AMENDMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SABATINI, SUPPORTED BY GRALEWSKI, TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO THE MOTION: "THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND WOULD BE IN A SPECIFIC FUND DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND ALL REPORTING OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS WOULD BE SUBMITTED BACK QUARTERLY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. "

Commissioner Smith inquired as to who would receive the quarterly reporting; the Finance Department or Finance Committee. Pete Provenzano thought when Steve Cassin receives the report, the Executive's Office could forward it to the Board on a regular basis. He felt it should be kept separately from the quarterly reports of the County, because the money is very separate.

Jill Smith indicated that library funds are not county funds; the MLBPH is not a county department, per se. They have reporting requirements and agreed to provide those reports to the County.

Commissioner Miller was not in favor of the amendment.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the **amendment** and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MILLER, MOCERI, SMITH AND TOCCO VOTING "NO."**

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the **main motion, as amended,** and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The motion that was forwarded to the Full Board reads as follows:

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(Note: THIS ITEM WAS WAIVED TO THE JULY 28TH FULL BOARD MEETING BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR)

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair Flynn reminded commissioners that next month's meeting will be held at the Electrical Industry Training Center in Warren.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter