

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, August 8, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Miller-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Carabelli, Flynn, Klinefelt, Mijac, Sabatini,
Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Mocerri.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Boyle, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #11, proclamation). **The Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Miller provided historical facts.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Sauger, to approve the June 13, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM 8-5-13 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

BUDGET AMENDMENT/CIRCUIT COURT/COUNTY CLERK

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the 2013 Circuit Court budget to the 2013 County Clerk budget to provide funding for Clerk staff overtime for court-related work; Further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires

Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM 8-5-13 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

QUAD-TRAN CONTRACT RENEWAL/42-1 AND 42-2 DISTRICT COURTS

Chair Miller noted that correspondence was provided by Judge LeDuc, who was unable to attend, in which he outlined key points for renewing the contract with Quad-Tran.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a three year contract renewal to Quad-Tran to provide data processing services to the 42-1 and 42-2 District Courts; the cost of this contract for the three year period is a total of \$72,000; additional costs associated with Quad-Tran are as follows: unlimited terminal access, unlimited LEIN access, postage, forms/notices, mail processing and UPS; the Court's total average costs for three years are 42-1 \$133,000 and 42-2 \$149,000; Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR JUNE 30, 2013

Pete Provenzano overviewed the reports and noted that a revised revenue summary sheet was distributed.

The following commissioners spoke: Boyle, Brown and Vosburg.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the period ending June 30, 2013. **The Motion Carried.**

APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS

Board Chair Flynn stated that he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss the request to represent the Honorable Richard Caretti.

Action was taken on the remaining two appointments as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the appointments of the following law firms:

Garan Lucow to represent the County in the litigation entitled Jeremy Benjamin Proffitt vs County of Macomb, et al, which is pending in Macomb County Circuit Court and

McConaghy & Nyovich, PLLC to represent the County of Macomb and the Macomb County Sheriff in the litigation entitled Police Officers Association of Michigan and Jacqueline Felix v County of Macomb, et al.

Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment of Law Firm to Represent Honorable Richard Caretti in the Matter Pending Before the Judicial Tenure Commission

Board Chair Flynn asked Skip Maccarone, Interim Corporation Counsel, if the request from Judge Caretti is a matter for public discussion or Executive Session. Mr. Maccarone replied Executive Session.

Chair Miller suggested referring this issue to the Full Board meeting that immediately follows and holding an Executive Session then.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to refer this issue to the Full Board meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION COMMENDING DAN HOEKENGA – RETIREMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (MEA) (OFFERED BY FLYNN AND MILLER)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending Dan Hoekenga – Retirement from the Michigan Education Association (MEA). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brown referred to an article from the Detroit News (July 26, 2013 edition) entitled "DIA gears up for bankruptcy fight it hopes won't come," and expressed concern regarding the affect of Detroit bankruptcy proceedings on the DIA as well as Arts Authority millage funding contributed by the taxpayers in surrounding communities. He requested an opinion from Corporation Counsel regarding related potential legal options.

Skip Maccarone said he would conduct research and provide a written opinion.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Miller and Carabelli.

Commissioner Brown requested a copy of the Arts Authority contract and a list of the Arts Authority members with contact information for all regions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter