

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Thursday, October 21, 2010, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Lampar (death in family).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Kepler 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 Szczepanski, supported by Sprys, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include 11a, b and c, 12b (resolution) and two additional travel requests. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Carabelli, to approve the September 22, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Grabow, Supervisor of Macomb Township

REPORT BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

James Laverty, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, provided an overview of the American Red Cross and the services they provide.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,608,508.31, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TOCCO ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR FAULK AND TOCCO, TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI AND SPRYS ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR JEFFERY SPRYS.**

**VEHICLE REQUEST FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
(REFERRED BACK FROM SEPTEMBER FULL BOARD MTG.)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A PATROL VEHICLE WITH POLICE PACKAGE AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR PATROL IN MACOMB TOWNSHIP; THIS VEHICLE WILL BE PURCHASED FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE MACOMB TOWNSHIP CONTRACT AND THE PURCHASE PRICE WILL NOT EXCEED \$25,500. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION BY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT ON COUNTY WIDE
ASSESSING**

Steve Mellen gave an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Carabelli, Crouchman, Brown, DiMaria, Boyle and Sprys.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the presentation provided by Mr. Mellen. **The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE "TEMPLATE" LOCATION AGREEMENT
(APPROVED BY PED COMMITTEE ON 10-14-10)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE "TEMPLATE" LOCATION AGREEMENT WHICH IS TO BE USED WHEN FILMMAKERS WISH TO USE COUNTY FACILITIES AND PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE EACH CONTRACT, WHEN APPLICABLE.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and Torrice.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Vosburg, to concur in the appointment of the law firm of Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseityne & Field to represent the County defendants in the litigation entitled Christina Peltier v. Macomb County, et al. **The Motion Carried.**

REQUEST FROM COURT HOUSE CAFÉ FOR RENT REDUCTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY TORRICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST BY COURT HOUSE CAFÉ FOR A RENT REDUCTION TO \$500 PER MONTH TOTAL

The following commissioners spoke: Crouchman, Bruley, Carabelli, Sauger, Szczepanski, Brdak, Sprys, Boyle, Torrice, Vosburg, Gielegem, Camphous-Peterson and Doherty.

Commissioner Bruley offered a friendly amendment: TO APPROVE A RENT REDUCTION TO \$500 PER MONTH TOTAL FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, BUT WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE MANAGER BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS CLASSES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT; ALSO, THAT THE KIOSK BE CLOSED IF MONEY IS BEING LOST; FURTHER, THAT THIS ISSUE BE BROUGHT BACK IN SIX MONTHS AND THAT A BUSINESS PLAN BE PROVIDED THAT WILL MAKE THE COURT HOUSE CAFÉ OPERATIONAL.

This was accepted by the maker and supporter.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, CARABELLI, CROUCHMAN, DOHERTY, D. FLYNN, RENGERT, ROCCA AND VOSBURG VOTING “NO.”**

**RATIFICATION OF ONE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN
FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME)
(WAIVED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ACCAVITTI, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RATIFICATION OF A ONE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) FROM JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, CARABELLI, DOHERTY AND ROCCA VOTING “NO.”**

**RATIFICATION OF ONE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN
NURSES ASSOCIATION – UNIT I (WAIVED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RATIFICATION OF A ONE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (MNA) UNIT I FROM JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BROWN, CARABELLI, DOHERTY, ROCCA AND VOSBURG VOTING “NO.”**

RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

COMMENDING ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESEARCH CENTER OF MACOMB COUNTY ON THEIR GRAND OPENING IN STERLING HEIGHTS (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN, MOCERI AND BRULEY) AND

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION MONTH IN MACOMB COUNTY (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Mocerri, to approve the travel requests, as submitted. **The Motion Carried** with Boyle voting "No."

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Accavitti, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Accavitti, Boyle, Brdak, Brown, Carabelli, Crouchman, Doherty, D. Flynn, Gielegem, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys, Szczepanski, Torrice, Vosburg, Bruley and Kepler. There were 19 "Yes" votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 10:50 a.m., with it concluding at 11:15 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING AN OCTOBER 20, 2010 ATTORNEY/CLIENT CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Accavitti, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**