

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 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, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lampar, Mijac, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Crouchman.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Kepler called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Kepler asked that the list of bills be moved to after the resolutions.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by J. Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include #12c-f (resolutions)). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Gielegem, to approve the September 23 and October 14, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jill Lezotte, 50778 Bower Court, Chesterfield

**PRESENTATION BY MERCER, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSULTANT,
ON DENTAL HMO AND FULLY-INSURED VISION RFP RESULTS**

Alette Drew provided an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown, Sprys, DiMaria, Duzyj, Doherty and J. Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Gielegem, to receive and file the presentation by Ms. Drew. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TASK FORCE TO REVIEW HEALTH CARE
RFP RESPONSES**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY SPRYS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

DELTA DENTAL AS THE DENTAL PPO PROVIDER;

ACCEPT THE GOLDEN DENTAL HMO'S BEST AND FINAL OFFER THAT REQUIRES NO UNION NEGOTIATIONS AS THE 2010 RENEWAL, UNTIL SUCH TIME THE HEALTH CARE RFP TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE PROVIDERS TO THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE DENTAL HMO PLAN CAN BE IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO UNION NEGOTIATIONS;

ACCEPT THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD SELF-INSURED VISION PLAN FOR THE 2010 RENEWAL, UNTIL SUCH TIME THE HEALTH CARE RFP TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE PROVIDERS TO SVS FULLY-INSURED VISION CAN BE IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO UNION NEGOTIATIONS;

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AS THE MEDICAL PPO AND STOP/LOSS PROVIDER;

HEALTH ALLIANCE PLAN (HAP) AND BLUE CARE NETWORK (BCN) AS THE MEDICAL HMOS AND

ACCEPT THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD MEDCO PROPOSAL AS THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2010; THIS PROPOSAL WAS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE PLAN RECEIVED DURING THE RFP BID PROCESS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLICATION OF MACOMB COUNTY SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS, COUNTY LOGO AND ARTWORK IN 2010 AT&T YELLOW PAGES, GRANT PERMISSION TO AT&T YELLOW PAGES TO USE DESIGNATION "OFFICIAL YELLOW PAGES OF MACOMB COUNTY" AND APPROVE CONTINUATION OF ADVERTISING CONTRACT (WAIVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE PUBLICATION OF MACOMB COUNTY SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS, COUNTY LOGO AND ARTWORK IN THE 2010 AT&T YELLOW PAGES AT NO COST TO MACOMB COUNTY; THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE AT&T YELLOW PAGES TO USE THE DESIGNATION "OFFICIAL YELLOW PAGES OF MACOMB COUNTY"; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE ADVERTISING CONTRACT AT \$255.50 PER YEAR.

The following commissioner spoke: Sprys.

Chair Vosburg confirmed that the cost of the advertising contract should be \$255.50 per month instead of year. That change was accepted by the maker and supporter.

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 J. Flynn, to concur in the appointment of the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.C. to represent the defendant county employees in the litigation entitled Ronnie Johnson vs. Macomb County deputies, et al. **The Motion Carried.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Szczepanski, to approve the travel requests, as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

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

COMMENDING GRACE SHORE ON BEING NAMED "MICHIGAN CHAMBER PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR (OFFERED BY D. FLYNN);

COMMENDING JAN WILSON – RETIREMENT FROM CITY OF FRASER (OFFERED BY TOCCO);

COMMENDING AND THANKING QIDONG FOR HOSTING THE MACOMB COUNTY DELEGATION (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR);

COMMENDING AND THANKING NANTONG FOR HOSTING THE MACOMB COUNTY DELEGATION (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR);

COMMENDING AND THANKING SHANGHAI FOR HOSTING THE MACOMB COUNTY DELEGATION (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR) AND

COMMENDING AND THANKING ZHABEI FOR HOSTING THE MACOMB COUNTY DELEGATION (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, 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 \$15,127,803.88, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco and Bruley.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SPRYS ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR SPRYS (FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Lampar, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Boyle, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lampar, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys, Szczepanski, Tocco, Vosburg, Bruley and Kepler. There were 22 "Yes" votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:44 a.m., with it concluding at 10:16 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY LAMPAR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF CORPORATION COUNSEL: CONCERNING THE CASE OF SANDRA AND EMMETT BARNES VS. MACOMB COUNTY AND THE CASE OF MACOMB COUNTY VS. BENEFIT CONTROL METHOD. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT PROPOSED RETIREE HEALTH CARE SAVINGS AND AUTHORIZE CREDITING OF ANTICIPATED 2010 BUDGET SURPLUS BACK TO ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENTS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMWINS/UNITED AMERICAN PLAN (A FULLY-INSURED RETIREE HEALTH PLAN) FOR ALL MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010; IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT ALL NON-MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES MOVE TO THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD PPO PLAN #6 (THE RECENT UNION NEGOTIATED PPO FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010; THE ESTIMATED SAVINGS FOR BOTH ACTIONS IS APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 MILLION FOR 2010, WHICH TOGETHER WITH ANTICIPATED BUDGET COMMITTEE ACTION ON NOVEMBER 23, 2009 AND NOVEMBER 24, 2009, WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED 2010 SURPLUS OF \$2,467,687; IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE ANTICIPATED SURPLUS OF \$2,467,687 BE CREDITED BACK TO ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENTS FOR THE 2010 BUDGET YEAR IN THE SAME RATIO USED TO ALLOCATE THE COST OF THE INITIAL PROJECTED DEFICIT OF \$15,711,382; FURTHER, THAT THE CREDIT FIRST BE USED TO OFFSET ANY REDUCTION TARGET NOT MET BY AN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT; ANY REMAINDER MAY BE USED AS CREDIT TOWARD FURTHER BUDGET REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS ANTICIPATED FOR THE 2011 BUDGET YEAR OR TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF 2010 BUDGET CUTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

John Anderson, along with George Mulnar of Health Insurance Services, Doug Roehm of Strategic Benefit Services, and Ed McMannis, Vice-President of AmWINS, were present to answer questions.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Camphous-Peterson, Sprys, Duzyj, Brown, Doherty, Sauger, Vosburg and Gielegghem.

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

VOTING YES WERE ACCAVITTI, BOYLE, BRDAK, BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CARABELLI, DiMARIA, DUZYJ, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LAMPAR, MIJAC, MOCERI, RENGERT, ROCCA, SAUGER, SPRYS, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO, VOSBURG, BRULEY AND KEPLER. THERE WERE 23 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WAS DOHERTY. THERE WAS 1 "NO" VOTE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leonard Reinowski, President of Retirees Association
Connie Miller, Harrison Township
Jill Lezotte, 50778 Bower Court, Chesterfield

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sprys, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**