

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Monday, February 3, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Miller.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Tocco called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Tocco requested moving Corporation Counsel's Monthly Report (#6) after the appointment of Board of Commissioners Independent Counsel (#7).

MOTION

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON 2014 MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES-MACOMB COUNTY STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

The following Macomb County State Legislators were in attendance:

Representative Jeff Farrington (District #30)
Representative Anthony Forlini (District #24)
Representative Ken Goike (District #33)
Zvonko Blazevski on behalf of Representative Harold Haugh (District #22)
John Fleming on behalf of Representative Marilyn Lane (District #31)
Representative Sarah Roberts (District #18)
Representative Jon Switalski (District #21)

The following state legislative topics were discussed: transportation and road funding; constitutionality of the state tax structure; water quality (sewer infrastructure); Detroit Water and Sewer Department; 2014 budget surplus; Detroit Institute of Arts; goose droppings along water front; weight limits on trucks; and state unemployment.

The following commissioners spoke: Klinefelt, Brown, Vosburg, Carabelli, Flynn, Smith, Mijac, Boyle and Sauger.

Chair Tocco thanked everyone for attending.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

Chair Tocco explained that voting will continue until one firm receives a majority vote; 12 commissioners are present, 7 votes will be a majority.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner	Beier Howlett	Bellanca LaBarge	Clark Hill	Dickinson Wright	Secret Wardle	Seibert and Dloski
Boyle				X		
Brown			X			
Carabelli					X	
Klinefelt	X					
Mijac				X		
Miller						
Moceri				X		
Sabatini				X		
Sauger					X	
Smith				X		
Vosburg				X		
Flynn (V-Chair)				X		
Tocco (Chair)				X		
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Moceri, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the law firm of Dickinson Wright as the Board’s Independent Counsel. 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.**

CORPORATION COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT

Interim Corporation Counsel John Schapka summarized two new litigation cases and provided a brief synopsis of his opinions regarding the Open Meetings Act and commissioner attendance at informational meetings.

Vice-Chair Flynn took over chairing of the meeting (1:32 p.m.)

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Flynn, Smith, Vosburg and Klinefelt.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report provided by Mr. Schapka. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Boyle, to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter