

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
FINANCE COMMITTEES**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

At a **joint** meeting of the **Government Operations and Finance Committees**, held Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Klinefelt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Carabelli, to approve the August 4, 2015 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENTS/BOARDS &
COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

Jury Commission

The following individuals were present:

Ben Aloia
Leo LaLonde

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Advisory Board

The following individuals were present:

Joelene Beckett
Dan Chambers
Kathy Rager

The following individuals were unable to attend:

Barry Gross
Nicholas Sage
Ryan Zemke

Chair Klinefelt stated that the appointments will be made at the September 10th Full Board meeting.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH XEROX CORPORATION FOR LAND RECORDS INDEXING SERVICES/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and Craig Jones, Chief Deputy Register, were present and provided a brief overview of the contract.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the Clerk/Register of Deeds contract with Xerox Corporation to continue to index land records, for five years, at a rate reduction of \$0.045 per document for a per document cost of \$1.455, for an approximate annual cost of \$223,608; funds are available in the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. **The Motion Carried.**

ANNUAL UPDATE FROM MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC)

Steve Currie, Deputy Director, and Dana Gill, Director of Legislative Affairs, were present. Mr. Currie commented on current legislation pertaining to road funding, noting MAC's position of supporting new revenue. He spoke about issues they are currently working on, which include DDA and TIFA reforms and the "dark stores" property tax technique.

Ms. Gill commented on some of the issue areas that she covers, which includes prison and parole reform legislation that might be coming in the fall and pending legislation to change the age where individuals can be tried as adults.

The following commissioners spoke: Sauger, Brown and Klinefelt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Chair Klinefelt requested moving Executive Session to the end of the meeting. There were no objections.

Finance

Chair Miller began chairing the Finance Committee portion of the meeting.

Board Chair Flynn summarized the information that was sent to commissioners, department heads and elected officials pertaining to the proposed budget review procedures.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to receive and file the following correspondence:

- a) Prosecutor's Office 2014 Filings to State of Michigan of Asset Forfeiture Funds;
- b) Community Mental Health's Memo Responding to Follow-up Questions from 8-19-15 Finance Committee Meeting;
- c) 2014-15 Road Construction Project List/Department of Roads;
- d) Sheriff's Office Memo Regarding Body Cameras and Data Storage;
- e) Internal Services Expenditure Category Details from 2013-2018;
- f) General Liability Insurance Fund – Revenue and Expenses from 2005 to 2016 and
- g) Office of Substance Abuse's Memo Regarding Resources for Other County Departments.

The following commissioner spoke: Sabatini.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

Chief Circuit Court Judge James Biernat spoke about the budget amendment for Juvenile Court.

Prosecutor Eric Smith summarized his budget amendments that were outlined in a September 3rd letter.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Brown, Duzyj, Sabatini, Tocco and Klinefelt.

UPDATE ON MACOMB CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND ST. CLAIR/SANILAC CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRACT

Jill Smith, Assistant Corporation Counsel, spoke about the legalities of a partnership between the two districts and outlined the terms of the proposed agreement.

Also present was Joe Katz from the Sanilac Conservation District.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Carabelli and Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to receive and file the update provided by Jill Smith. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Miller offered an opportunity for Finance Director Steve Smigiel and Deputy Executive Mark Deldin to speak on the budget.

Mr. Smigiel commented on vacant positions and the seven percent turnover factor that is built into the budget, and the insurance bonus and its actual impact to the budget.

The following commissioner spoke: Sabatini.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Brown, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the FY 2016 Comprehensive General Appropriations Ordinance as recommended by the Board Chair; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

The following commissioners spoke: Klinefelt and Flynn.

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Brown, to amend the ordinance and insert the Board Chair's budget amendment recommendations (Document #2) in Section 4, Subsection C (page 2 of 3).

The following commissioners spoke: Sabatini, Klinefelt and Brown.

Commissioner Vosburg requested addressing the budget amendment recommendations individually.

Chair Miller recessed the meeting from 10:28-10:31 a.m.

Commissioners Flynn and Brown withdrew their amendment motion in order to review the amendments individually.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion to adopt the ordinance and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Document #2, FY 2016 Board Chair Recommended Budget Amendments

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Flynn, to amend the ordinance and adopt pages 1 and 2 (cuts) of Document #2, FY 2016 Board Chair Recommended Budget Amendments.

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Marino, to amend #3 and change amount from \$250,000 to \$50,000 for the HR/LR Compensation and Classification System Study.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Smith, Sabatini, Klinefelt, Marino and Miller.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

Voting yes were Brown, Carabelli, Marino, Sabatini and Vosburg. There were 5 “Yes” votes.

Voting no were Duzyj, Flynn, Klinefelt, Miller, Mijac, Sauger and Smith. There were 7 “No” votes.

The Amendment was Defeated.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion to adopt pages 1 and 2 of the budget amendments and **The Motion Carried.**

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Mijac, to amend the ordinance and adopt Items #8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 on pages 3 and 4 (cuts) of Document #2, FY 2016 Board Chair Recommended Budget Amendments. **The Motion Carried with Brown, Carabelli, Marino, Sabatini and Vosburg voting “No.”**

Document #3, Chair Recs in Amendment Format, with Legislative Intent Included

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Mijac, to amend the ordinance and approve a new subsection 4.E, as outlined in Document #3, with the exception of #1. **The Motion Carried with Carabelli, Marino, Sabatini and Vosburg voting “No.”**

Document #4, Corrections/Housekeeping Items

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Sauger, to amend the ordinance and approve Document #4. **The Motion Carried.**

Document #5, Proposed Commissioner Amendments

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Marino, to amend the ordinance and approve Document #5, which adds a new subsection 4.F.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Commissioner Marino requested a friendly amendment to add 527 organizations in subsection 2 under F, if permissible. That was accepted by the maker of the motion.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Klinefelt and Marino.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried with Duzyj, Klinefelt and Sauger voting “No.”**

Government Operations Committee Chair Klinefelt chaired the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, Carabelli, Duzyj, Flynn, Klinefelt, Marino, Mijac, Miller, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith and Vosburg. There were 12 “Yes” votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 11:16 a.m., with it concluding at 11:29 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter