

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Monday, October 6, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused were Mijac and Miller.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Karen Springer, 7520 Hudson, Warren  
Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren  
Jerry Sieja, 12927 Docksin, Sterling Heights  
Sharon Schmidt, Clinton Township

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

**Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board**

Carrie Fortune provided background information and spoke about her interest in serving on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

**Jury Commission**

Leo Lalonde provided background information and spoke about his interest in serving on the Jury Commission.

### **Social Services Board**

The following individuals provided background information and spoke about their interest in serving on the Social Services Board:

Margaret Hader  
Thomas Ensign  
Jeremy Fisher  
Kevin Haynes  
Robert Jones  
Kindra Speech  
James Timpa

Chair Tocco stated that all of the appointments will be made at the October 9<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the interviews. **The Motion Carried.**

### **AMENDED PEER GROUP MEMBER APPOINTMENTS FOR MACOMB COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM, RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 12, 2014/CLERK/ REGISTER OF DEEDS**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Brown, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the appointments of professional surveyors: Christopher Asiala, P.S. #49376, Mike DeDecker, P.S. #44282, Robert Drouillard, P.S. #52517, John Fenn, P.S. #23505, Huston Kennedy, P.S. #17623, Derek Kosicki, P.S. #43058 and Roger Stecker, P.S. #30103 as Peer Review Group members for the Macomb County Remonumentation Program, per MCL 54.269b, retroactive to June 12, 2014; 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.**

### **PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COURTHOUSE KIOSKS WITH CASH DISPENSER FROM COURTHOUSE TECHNOLOGIES, LTD./CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

In attendance to provide an overview were Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk/Register of Deeds; Todd Schmitz, Chief Deputy County Clerk, and Genafer Brewer, Jury Supervisor.

Mr. Schmitz stated that they have decreased staff from three budgeted employees to one and Ms. Brewer has looked at ways to improve customer service while providing for the needs of the courtrooms.

The following commissioners spoke: Boyle, Brown, Carabelli, Vosburg, Klinefelt, Sabatini and Flynn.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Sauger, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds to purchase and install two courthouse kiosks with cash dispenser at a one time cost of \$35,000 and annual support not to exceed \$6,800 per year; the Clerk's Office currently has a credit through Courthouse Technologies of \$45,555.20; the one time cost would be applied to the credit; on-going annual support of \$6,800 is available in fund/org 10116601/80185. **The Motion Carried with Brown, Carabelli and Sabatini voting "No."**

### **PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR ADDITIONAL SELF-SERVICE JURY KIOSKS/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Klinefelt, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds to purchase and install four additional self-service kiosks, at a one time cost of \$15,000 and annual support not to exceed \$2,800 per year; funds are available in fund/org 10116601/97002 for the one time cost and fund/org 10116601/80185 for the annual support. **The Motion Carried.**

### **PURCHASE OF JURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TABLET SOFTWARE FROM COURTHOUSE TECHNOLOGIES, LTD./CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Jury Supervisor Genafer Brewer gave an overview.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to authorize the Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds to purchase the Courthouse Tablet software at a one time cost of \$10,000 and annual support not to exceed \$1,500 per year; the Clerk's Office currently has a credit through Courthouse Technologies of \$45,555.20; the one time cost would be applied to the credit; on-going annual support of \$1,500 is available in fund/org 10116601/80185. **The Motion Carried with Carabelli voting "No."**

### **CHANGE IN RATE OF PAY FOR JURORS TO FLAT FEE/CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Jury Supervisor Genafer Brewer gave an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown and Klinefelt.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a change in rate of pay for jurors to a flat rate so that the payments are divisible by \$5 and will include a transportation fee instead of mileage; the rate of pay is set by MCL 600.1344 which authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to set any rate above the minimum. Rates would be changed as follows: first day ½ day of service from \$12.50 plus .10 per mile to \$15; first day full day from \$25 plus .10 per mile to \$30; subsequent ½ day from \$20 plus .10 per mile to \$25; subsequent full day from \$40 plus .10 per mile to \$45; the new rate of pay would be in compliance with state law and will allow jurors to be paid day of service through a new cash dispenser kiosk; the annual net increase in juror expense would be \$36,661.78; the amount is available in the fund/org 10111301/80901 – jury fees; jury fees are reimbursed at a two tiered rate and that will remain unaffected as the state does not pay for mileage. **The Motion Carried with Brown, Carabelli and Sabatini voting “No.”**

Chair Tocco asked to move #12 up. There were no objections.

### **PRESENTATION ON GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY – FOCUS ON OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Board Chair Flynn shared an overview presentation regarding the proposed Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) agreement which focused on the specific topic areas of operations and maintenance. Information included financial estimates, decisions that will fall under the oversight of the GLWA, transitional situations and DWSD customer facts. Distributed documents included a printed copy of the presentation, RFI response from the Office of County Executive and Public Works correspondence.

Public Works Commissioner Anthony Marrocco provided testimony pertaining to membership makeup of the GLWA, voting issues and lease payment amount.

Assistant County Executive Melissa Roy offered a brief commentary regarding the formation process of the GLWA.

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

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the presentation on the Great Lakes Water Authority. **The Motion Carried.**

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT**

John Schapka summarized the report. He spoke about two new cases and four cases that were resolved.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the monthly report submitted by Corporation Counsel. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren  
Sharon Schmidt, Clinton Township  
Jerry Sieja, 12927 Docksin, Sterling Heights  
Karen Springer, 7520 Hudson, Warren

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**