

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Government Operations Committee**, held Monday, November 10, 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, Mijac,  
Miller, Mocerri, Sabatini, Sauger, Smith and Vosburg.

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 Smith, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Brown, to approve the July 21, August 11, September 8 and October 6, 2014 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fred Barnes, 39160 Chantilly Drive, Sterling Heights

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

**Community Mental Health**

John Kinch, Executive Director of Community Mental Health, summarized some of the responsibilities of the Community Mental Health Board.

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

Ken DeBeaussaert  
Ronald Kolito, PhD  
Mark Koroj

James Timpa  
Sally Vaughn  
Patricia Widman

The following individual was not present:

Deanna Murray

Chair Tocco stated that the appointment will be made at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **Great Lakes Water Authority**

Assistant Executive Melissa Roy offered comments on the County Executive's recommendation of Brian Baker to the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Brian Baker provided background information and spoke about his interest in serving as Macomb County's representative on the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The following commissioners spoke: Mijac, Vosburg, Carabelli and Brown.

Chair Tocco stated that the appointment will be made at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC.**

Gary Owens and Barb Farrah from GCSI were present and covered the following topics: legislative session schedule, transportation infrastructure funding, SB 922, HB 5457 and 2014 General Elections.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the state legislative update. **The Motion Carried.**

### **GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC. AGREEMENT/COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Smith, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a two year agreement between the Macomb County Executive Office and Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$4,500 per month.

Assistant Executive Melissa Roy summarized the contract changes, noting that it will give the board more regular updates, as well as changed their reporting and presentation format so they will attend meetings prior to key legislative movements. She also indicated that the contract was changed to a two year contract.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Flynn.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER RE: GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Smith, to receive and file the October 17, 2014 correspondence from the Public Works Commissioner regarding the Great Lakes Water Authority. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT PROCLAMATION COMMENDING CENTER LINE RESERVE POLICE UNIT CAPTAIN GARY WATTS – 34 YEARS OF SERVICE (OFFERED BY SAUGER)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Miller, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending Center Line Reserve Police Unit Captain Gary Watts – 34 years of service. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORPORATION COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT**

John Schapka, Corporation Counsel, summarized the report.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller and Klinefelt.

**MOTION**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Flynn, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an attorney/client privileged correspondence from Corporation Counsel dated November 7, 2014.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Boyle, Brown, Carabelli, Flynn, Klinefelt, Miller, Mocerri, Sauger, Smith, Tocco and Vosburg. There were 11 "Yes" votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 1:27 p.m., with it concluding at 1:29 p.m.

Commissioner Carabelli noted for the record that no discussion took place in Executive Session because the issue was referred to the November 19th Finance Committee meeting.

**New Business**

Commissioner Sauger requested a proclamation for an Eagle Scout.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Tocco, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation commending Andrew Chmura – Eagle Scout.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Tocco noted that the Board Office staff donated a Christmas tree for the Anton Art Center's miniature Christmas tree silent auction fundraiser, which is held during their annual Christmas Market, with funds raised for the center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Carabelli, to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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