

**MINUTES OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

At a meeting of the **Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Tocco.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH STERLING HEIGHTS/DEPARTMENT OF ROADS**

Bob Hoepfner, Department of Roads Director, gave an overview of the agreement for concrete pavement repairs on Schoenherr Road from north of 14 Mile Road to south of Moravian. He indicated the costs will be shared 50-50.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Flynn, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the contract between the Department of Roads and the City of Sterling Heights outlining the scope of work and cost sharing for concrete pavement repairs on Schoenherr Road from north of 14 Mile Road to south of Moravian.  
**The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF Da FRANCESCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT (OFFERED BY CARABELLI)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Da Francesco's Italian Restaurant. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **MACOMB COUNTY CENTRAL CAMPUS RENOVATIONS UPDATE**

Co-Chair Carabelli moved to the next agenda item while awaiting the arrival of Jeff Atkins from Plante Moran Cresa.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the following correspondence:

CLOSUP Survey on Complete Streets Policies in Michigan and

Free Advance Manufacturing (Job Training) Classes at Macomb Community College.

### **The Motion Carried.**

## **DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW – DEPARTMENT OF ROADS**

Finance Director Steve Smigiel noted a correction to the bottom of page D-42; the position count should reflect an increase of four positions, making the total 254.

Michelle Mykytiak, Assistant Finance Director-Fiscal Services, and Bob Hoepfner, Director of Roads, were also present. Mr. Hoepfner reviewed their mission statement and outlined some of their goals.

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

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Marino, to receive and file the budget review for the Department of Roads. **The Motion Carried.**

Co-Chair Carabelli moved back to the Macomb County Central Campus Renovations Update.

## **MACOMB COUNTY CENTRAL CAMPUS RENOVATIONS UPDATE**

Jeff Atkins of Plante Moran CRESA overviewed the information provided on the Old County Building and new parking structure.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Marino, to receive and file the update provided by Mr. Atkins. **The Motion Carried.**

### **DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Finance Director Steve Smigiel summarized the budget for the Information Technology Department.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

IT Director Sandy Jurek revealed the department's new mission statement and summarized some accomplishments made during the past year and stated long term goals and challenges. She also described reorganizational changes being looked at to address and support departmental needs.

The following commissioners spoke: Sabatini, Marino, Flynn and Sauger.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Smith, to receive and file the budget review for the Information Technology Department. **The Motion Carried.**

### **DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW – FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

Finance Director Steve Smigiel summarized the budget for the Facilities and Operations Department.

Lynn Arnott-Bryks, Facilities and Operations Director, was also present and addressed some of the increases in her budget, specifically pertaining to the completion of some of the downtown projects (County Building and new parking deck) and plans for grounds care improvements.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Carabelli, Klinefelt and Sabatini.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the budget review for the Facilities and Operations Department. **The Motion Carried.**

### **DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW – MICHIGAN WORKS**

Finance Director Steve Smigiel summarized the budget for Michigan Works, noting that the position count listed is 68, but they are only funding 43 positions, so a correction will need to be made to the Human Resources system. He said their budget is entirely funded through state and federal dollars through the Workforce Development Board.

Chris Riley, Michigan Works Director, gave an update on recent changes to their program's operation and spoke about the monthly Veterans Boot Camp.

The following commissioners spoke: Mijac and Miller.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the budget review for Michigan Works. **The Motion Carried.**

### **UPDATE ON SANILAC & ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FARM BILL INFO SESSION, AND PROPOSAL FOR COLLABORATION WITH MACOMB COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Co-Chair Carabelli explained that a request has been received by the Sanilac and St. Clair Conservation Districts from the Macomb Conservation District to become part of their collaborative efforts. It was indicated that if the request was accepted, the Sanilac CD would be responsible for receiving and disbursing funds on behalf of the Macomb CD, which would include contributions made by Macomb County.

He acknowledged Joe Kautz, Administrator for Sanilac, who was present to answer any questions.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

Megan Naplin, a Farm Bill Technician, provided the committee with conservation updates and future plans. She highlighted her focus area of Natural Resources Conservation Services' Equip (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) Program which brings cost share dollars to land owners and producers in both St. Clair and Macomb counties.

Ms. Naplin spoke about the ten completed conservation plans submitted from various land owners and producers in Macomb County which resulted in the funding of three contracts totaling approximately \$41,000 of cost share money from the NRCS, with land owners contributing their own 10-25 percent. Currently, work is being done with land owners on conservation plans for the upcoming year.

Mr. Kautz noted that he has attended meetings to learn about new opportunities to benefit Macomb County needs. He also outlined some recent accomplishments.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Carabelli and Miller.

### **MOTION**

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

### **UPDATE ON MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL COMMISSION (MOTC)**

Co-Chair Carabelli updated committee and spoke about the MOTC collaboration with SEMCOG for a phragmites removal grant which would allow a pilot program to be funded in Macomb County, a June meeting with ITC regarding trail maintenance-related items, working with John Paul Rea, the liaison from the Office of the County Executive, on maintenance requests, trail needs and citizen concerns and the interlocal agreement, which is still in effect as discussion to modify is ongoing.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the update provided. **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vosburg stated that she attended a Metropolitan Affairs Coalition meeting at SEMCOG this morning where a brief report was provided from the RTA, and she said she is very concerned that Macomb County is not included in the plan as much as it should be.

Board Chair Flynn suggested inviting Roy Rose and Don Morandini to a meeting to discuss the plan's development process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Marino, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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