

**MINUTES OF THE  
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015**

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Wednesday, October 7, 2015, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Absent and excused was Miller.

Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:20 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 Marino, supported by Smith, to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**DISPATCH SERVICES CONTRACTS/SHERIFF**

**Clinton Township**

Sheriff Wickersham gave an overview of the contract renewal with Clinton Township.

The following commissioner spoke: Mijac.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Mijac, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to concur with the Sheriff's request to approve the contract renewal for dispatch services with Clinton Township for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 for a total three year cost of \$4,171,427.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Flynn, Smith and Sauger.

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

**City of Mount Clemens**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to concur with the Sheriff's request to approve the contract renewal for dispatch services with the City of Mount Clemens for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 for a total three year cost of \$1,347,691. **The Motion Carried.**

**City of Sterling Heights**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to concur with the Sheriff's request to approve the contract renewal for dispatch services with the City of Sterling Heights for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 for a total three year cost of \$5,134,064.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

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

**UPDATE BY SHERIFF WICKERSHAM ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM STUDY**

Sheriff Wickersham updated committee stating that they have been gathering data from the district and circuit courts for analysis by the consultants. He noted that the study will include a review of programs occurring throughout other counties and states.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Flynn, Marino and Vosburg.

**MOTION**

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIP IN 2017 AND A SECOND ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIP IN 2019**

**Memo from Chief Judge Biernat Regarding New Judgeships**

Chair Vosburg stated that a revised resolution was distributed for discussion purposes and the resolution will be forwarded to the Full Board meeting. Also provided was a memo from Chief Judge Biernat.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to refer the resolution to the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Full Board meeting.

Also present was Chief Judge James Biernat and Court Administrator Jennifer Phillips.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Klinefelt, Sauger and Flynn.

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

### **DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**

Deputy Executive Mark Deldin informed committee that several meetings with Chief Judge Biernat and court representatives have taken place to discuss numerous reform options for the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). Similar institutions across the state have also experienced a reduction in facility use and population. Mr. Deldin stated the Office of County Executive is committed to working with the courts and L'Anse Creuse Public Schools - the district overseeing the JJC school for the past 48 years - to explore educational program options to best suit the JJC's needs. He noted a reduction in the workforce is expected to occur in the near future in response to the decline in population at the JJC.

JJC Director Rhonda Westphal addressed some of the Board's specific areas of concern, including: trends; data and statistics having to do with population; forecasts; recidivism rate; and changes in programming. She stated her intention to continue to work collaboratively with the court to make institutional changes that will best meet the needs of the kids.

Juvenile Court Director Nicole Faulds commented on the decline of placing kids into a residential detention center and the increase and focus upon providing services to juveniles in their homes. She said the residential detention and treatment program is generally used as a last resort for those offenders who pose a threat to public safety.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Klinefelt, Tocco, Flynn, Sauger and Vosburg.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the presentation on the Juvenile Justice Center. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NACo's STEPPING UP INITIATIVE TO  
REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS  
(OFFERED BY MARINO)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Tocco, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting NACo's Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in Jails.

Chair Vosburg suggesting including all commissioners to the resolution; there were no objections.

The following commissioners spoke: Marino and Klinefelt.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Marino, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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**Corinne Bedard  
Committee Reporter**