

**MINUTES OF THE  
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

DiMaria-Chair, Brown, Carabelli, Frascchetti, Miller, Sauger, Sabatini,  
Smith and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Gralewski.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DiMaria called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to approve the minutes from Courts & Clerk/Register of Deeds Committee dated August 23, 2011 and from Public Safety Committee dated August 15, 2011, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVE COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS PLAN TO OFFER A NEW SERVICE, VETERANS PHOTO ID CARDS, FOR A FEE**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to authorize the Clerk/Register of Deeds to help veterans receive the recognition from area businesses that they deserve by offering veteran photo ID cards and charge a fee not to exceed \$10 per card for the service. The revenue shall be credited to the county clerk when considering budget cuts. **Forward to the Finance Committee.**

Carmella Sabaugh introduced veteran Fred Humig and Kermit Harris, Director of the Veterans' Services Department, who were in attendance.

Fred Humig explained why he proposed this idea to the County Clerk's Office.

Kermit Harris applauded Carmella Sabaugh for offering this new service to veterans. His office receives numerous requests on a weekly basis. On behalf of the Veterans' Services Commission, he asked that this request be approved.

Carmella Sabaugh passed around a sample of the Veteran's Identification Card.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Sauger and Vosburg.

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

**APPROVE COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS REAL ESTATE "SUPER INDEX" CONSUMER PROTECTION SYSTEM TO MORE EASILY DETECT POTENTIAL FRAUD**

Present were Carmella Sabaugh, Todd Schmitz, Betty Oleksik, Crystal Brenner, and Richard Strobl.

Crystal Brenner gave a PowerPoint slide presentation which covered the following key topics: Register of Deeds, types of recordings, and first to develop online entry book.

Carmella Sabaugh showed a 14-minute segment that was televised on 60 Minutes: "The next housing shock."

Crystal Brenner continued on with the slide presentation that consisted of the following key topics: Macomb County foreclosures, automation fund, current search screen, super index search, name search and results sorted by relevancy, Fifth Amendment, and building for the future.

Carmella Sabaugh gave an overview of her request.

Todd Schmitz overviewed the function and enhanced search capabilities of having a "super index."

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Fraschetti, Carabelli, Brown, Smith, DiMaria, Miller, Sabatini and Sauger.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Miller, to consent to the Clerk/Register of Deeds recommendation to implement an enhanced search real estate "super index"

consumer protection system that will improve the way public real estate records may be accessed and increase the ability to detect fraud, at a one-time cost not to exceed \$330,006.72 and an annual cost not to exceed \$37,000, or \$0.08 per document plus \$25,000. Funding is available in the Register of Deeds Automation Fund. **Forward to the Finance Committee. The Motion Carried with Brown and Carabelli voting "No."**

**RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE FROM SHERIFF WICKERSHAM REGARDING THE COST TO OPEN THE MACOMB COUNTY JAIL ANNEX WHICH WAS CLOSED IN AUGUST OF 2009**

Present were Sheriff Anthony Wickersham and Captain John Roberts, Chief of Staff.

Sheriff Anthony Wickersham overviewed his one-page letter dated September 26, 2011. The letter indicated it would take \$1,458,308 to open up the Annex. He noted the Finance Department felt there was a discrepancy on the operational costs of 200 beds. They thought the cost of \$9.56/day should be a little higher. The Annex is set up and can only be used for work release and that program was terminated when the Annex closed in 2009. Additionally, for security purposes, the Annex cannot be used to house state inmates.

The following commissioners spoke: DiMaria, Carabelli, Sauger and Frascchetti.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file correspondence from Sheriff Anthony Wickersham regarding the cost to open the Macomb County Jail Annex which was closed in August of 2009. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks**  
**Committee Reporter**