

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FULL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2004**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2004 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. Chair White called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Mike Walsh	District 4
Susan L. Doherty	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sue Rocca	District 7
Diana J. Kolakowski	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Phillis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
Don Brown	District 13
Kurt S. Kramer	District 14
Keith Rengert	District 15
William J. Revoir	District 16
Bobby L. Hill	District 17
Michael C. Sessa	District 18
James M. Perna	District 19
Nancy M. White	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
Roland R. Frascchetti	District 23
Peggy Kennard	District 24
Kathy Vosburg	District 25
Nicholyn Brandenburg	District 26

INVOCATION

Commissioner Brown gave the invocation.

AGENDA

A **MOTION** to Adopt the Agenda, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE #12 a & b was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Perna, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated 12/11/03 (Full Board) and 1/6/04 (Organizational Meeting) was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Revoir, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gregory Murray, 62 Rathbone, Mt. Clemens

Commended the board for their courageous passing of the new hiring practice. Commended Commissioner DiMaria for his proactive approach to the issues at the Macomb County Youth Home. The Macomb County Ministerial Alliance offered their assistance to sit on the committee if needed.

Announced the Macomb Ministerial Alliance, twelve churches in Macomb County, will be hosting the MCCREST program this year. Requested donations or volunteers from the board.

Dr. William Lakin, 4260 Boulder, Clinton Township

Thanked the board for the experience and opportunity to speak with them regarding the vision care program.

***Dr. James Klein, Director/Owner of Metropolitan Eye Center
21711 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores***

Applauds the commissioner's intent to help seniors and 18-59 year olds with vision care. However, does not feel limited eye care providers is wise. All doctors should be able to participate in the program. Should not limit the options to patients.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – January 7, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Legislative and Administrative Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Szczepanski, supported by Vice-Chairperson Hill, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CURRENT RULES FOR APPLICATION OF THE "ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND" AND TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHERE NECESSARY.

2. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

ONE STANDARD LAPTOP PERSONAL COMPUTER, ONE MS OFFICE PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SOFTWARE LICENSE AND ONE GROUPWISE LICENSE FOR CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,712.89; FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FELONY DRUG COURT GRANT;

ONE SQL SERVER SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR MCCSA AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,680.00; FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE MCCSA NEW EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT;

THREE STANDARD DESKTOP PERSONAL COMPUTERS, THREE MS OFFICE STANDARD BUSINESS SOFTWARE LICENSES, THREE GROUPWISE LICENSES AND TWO STANDARD NETWORKED LASER PRINTERS FOR PROBATE COURT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$7,733.41; FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – MIS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT; AND

ONE PERSONAL COMPUTER AND ONE ESRI SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,134.95; FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – MIS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE – January 8, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Health Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson DeSaele, supported by Vice-Chairperson Haggerty, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Brown asked to separate Motion #1. There were **NO** objections.

A vote was taken on the following:

2. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$438,174 FOR THE ILLICIT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION IN WARREN AND CENTER LINE PROJECT.
3. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$484,350 FOR THE ILLICIT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION PROJECT PHASE II.
4. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL MILLS CHAMPIONS YOUTH NUTRITION AND FITNESS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE HEALTHY KIDS-HEALTHY HEARTS PROGRAM.
5. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A DELL COMPUTER COMPANY RECYCLING GRANT.
6. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO EMPHASIZE SPECIFIC AREAS OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY FOR 2004.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATED MOTION

1. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMISSIONER PHILIS DeSAELE, CHAIR, HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE, KATHRYN DODGE AND

RICHARD GASOWSKI, DIRECTORS OF SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY DEPARTMENTS TO ADD THE PHARMACARE VISION PROGRAM TO THE MACOMB COUNTY 18-59 YEAR OLD AND SENIOR CITIZEN PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARE PROGRAMS. ***Further, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Senior Citizens Committee be charged with the development of an addition to the Senior newsletter that would include those optometrist willing to offer a discount vision plan to seniors and 18-59 year olds.***

A discussion ensued.

A **MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Commissioner Brown, supported by Commissioner Flynn, to add the language: ***Further, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Senior Citizens Committee be charged with the development of an addition to the Senior newsletter that would include those optometrists willing to offer a discount vision plan to seniors and 18-59 year olds,*** and the **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**

THE MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – January 12, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Personnel Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Mijac, supported by Vice-Chairperson Doherty, to adopt the committee recommendations.

A discussion ensued regarding the space issue and the four additional employees for the hiring process.

1. RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:

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| 1. (1) ACCOUNT CLERK III | COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH |
| 2. (1) REGISTERED NURSE | COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH |
| 3. (1) TRADESMAN | FACILITIES & OPERATIONS |
| 4. (2) COMMUNITY HEALTH
TECHNICIANS | HEALTH |
| 5. (1) CHILD CARE FACILITY
ATTENDANT | JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER |
| 6. (1) TYPIST CLERK I/II | PROBATE COURT |
| 7. (1) COMPUTER MAINTENANCE
CLERK | PROSECUTING ATTORNEY |
| 8. (1) SENIOR SECRETARY | PUBLIC WORKS |
| 9. (1) JUDICIAL SECRETARY | CIRCUIT COURT |
| 10. (1) SITE SUPERVISOR | COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY |
| 11. (1) COURT ADMINISTRATOR | 42-2 DISTRICT COURT |

2. APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE TYPIST CLERK III POSITION TO ONE ACCOUNT CLERK III IN THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
3. ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO THE 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PART II SOLUTION AREA PLANNER (SAP) GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,000.00 FOR THE HIRING OF A SOLUTION AREA PLANNER IN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS.
4. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OF THE MICHIGAN NURSES ASSOCIATION – PHN'S UNIT 1 FOR A WAGE REOPENER FOR THE YEAR 2003.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – January 14, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Finance Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Revoir, supported by Vice-Chairperson Slinde, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioners' Brandenburg, Szczepanski, Sessa and Revoir asked their **NO** votes be recorded from committee. There were **NO** objections.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to separate Motion #3. There were **NO** objections.

A vote was taken on the following:

1. APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,109,328.63, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.
2. CONCUR WITH THE PURCHASING MANAGER AND AWARD THE PRINTING AND MAILING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2004 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR PRINTING TO TWEDDLE LITHO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,745.00 AND LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR MAILING TO AMERICAN MAILERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,605.54; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT FUND.
4. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING THE CASE OF BARKER V MACOMB COUNTY.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATED MOTION

3. AUTHORIZE AN RFP FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY BUILDING AND THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURT BUILDING.

Commissioner Brandenburg feels this is the wrong approach on dealing with the space issue.

THE MOTION CARRIED, with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO**.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – January 14, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Budget Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Kolakowski, supported by Vice-Chairperson Sessa, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Doherty asked to separate Motion #1. There were **NO** objections.

A vote was taken on the following:

2. APPROVE THE REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FROM THE “ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS; LAKE/RIVER FUND” AS FOLLOWS:
 - a) \$25,000.00 TO THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS FOR GIBSON DRAIN SOUTH LAKE DREDGING PROJECT;
 - b) A TOTAL OF \$40,000.00 FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL IN THE CLINTON RIVER BETWEEN YATES CIDER MILL AND DODGE PARK. FURTHER, TO ALLOCATE FUNDING AS FOLLOWS: STERLING HEIGHTS, \$16,000.00; UTICA, \$12,000.00 AND SHELBY TOWNSHIP, \$12,000.00;
 - c) \$35,000.00 TO THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS FOR DREDGING, TREE CUTTING AND REMOVAL AND STREAMBANK STABILIZATION; AND
 - d) \$40,000.00 TO THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS FOR ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN WORK FOR SEAWALL REPAIRS BETWEEN THE CROCKER AND DICKINSON BRIDGES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATED MOTION

1. AUTHORIZE TO INCREASE THE 2004 STATE REVENUE SHARING (INCOME TAX) BUDGET BY \$250,000.00 AND ADD FOUR POSITIONS TO THE 2004

HUMAN RESOURCES BUDGET AS OUTLINED IN THE 12/1/03

CORRESPONDENCE FROM Mr. TED CWIEK AT A COST OF \$231,572.00 WITH THE BALANCE OF \$18,428.00 ALLOCATED TO THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT. ***Further, to direct the Macomb County Human Resource Department to implement the new hiring practices immediately starting with the hiring at Juvenile Justice Center regardless whether the positions for hiring have been filled or space is an issue.***

A **MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Commissioner Doherty, supported by Commissioner Hill to include the language: ***Further, to direct the Macomb County Human Resource Department to implement the new hiring practices immediately starting with the hiring at Juvenile Justice Center regardless whether the positions for hiring have been filled or space is an issue.***

Commissioner Sessa (**Verbatim**): I would like my presentation here to be verbatim. I will be opposing proposal number one, simply because I am unwilling to spend \$231,572.00 forever. Not for only this year when it is implemented, but forever, to correct a problem that I think could have been corrected a lot simpler and a lot less costly. And that could have involved a special committee of the county board of commissioners because in fact we are the final arbiters. Now we can't hide behind people. We can't put people in there and say; well it's their responsibility. It's our responsibility. And that is why I am voting NO. I think this is bad public policy and I am not willing to put the tax payers threw the ringer. Thank you.

Commissioner Brandenburg indicated she also would be voting NO to Motion #1 and the amendment. Feels this is a waste of money. We should have a policy that should be implemented where people do not show bias or prejudice and if that is occurring, the people who have done this should be brought forward and eliminated.

Commissioner Hill indicated that \$250,000.00 is a drop in the bucket to straighten out this hiring system.

The discussion continued.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

	YES	NO
BRANDENBURG		X
BROWN	X	
DESAELE	X	
DI MARIA	X	
DOHERTY	X	
FLYNN	X	
FRASCHETTI		X

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HAGGERTY	X	
HILL	X	
KENNARD	X	
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
KRAMER		X
LIBERATO	X	
LUND	X	
MIJAC	X	
PERNA	X	
RENGERT	X	
REVOIR	X	
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SESSA		X
SLINDE	X	
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
VOSBURG	X	
WALSH	X	
WHITE	X	
TOTAL	22	4

THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSES.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

	YES	NO
BRANDENBURG		X
BROWN	X	
DESAELE	X	
DI MARIA	X	
DOHERTY	X	
FLYNN	X	
FRASCHETTI		X
HAGGERTY	X	
HILL	X	
KENNARD	X	
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
KRAMER		X
LIBERATO	X	
LUND	X	
MIJAC	X	
PERNA	X	
RENGERT	X	
REVOIR	X	
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SESSA		X

SLINDE	X	
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
VOSBURG	X	
WALSH	X	
WHITE	X	
TOTAL	22	4

THE MOTION AS AMENDED PASSES.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – January 15, 2004

The Clerk read the recommendation from the Justice and Public Safety Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson DiMaria, supported by Vice-Chairperson Doherty, to adopt the committee recommendation.

1. APPROVE THE FORMATION OF A MACOMB COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS/TRIBUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Doherty, supported by Commissioner Flynn, to adopt the Resolutions and Tributes in their entirety.

Res. No. 04-01 Commending Richmond-Lenox EMS on the Opening of Station #3 (offered by Rengert and Kramer; recommended by LAS Committee on 1/7/04)

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS WAIVE TO FULL BOARD BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SZCZEPANSKI TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- a) CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,357.00 AND CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,856.00 FOR THE YOUTH HOME ADDITION RENOVATION PROJECTS. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY; AND
- b) PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING FOR WORK PERFORMED:

Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility	Edmund London & Assoc., Inc.	\$ 11,334.06
Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility	Ellis Don Michigan, Inc.	\$466,645.35

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Youth Home	Project Control Systems, Inc.	\$278,190.65
Public Works Building (new)	Wakely Assoc., Inc.	\$ 26,250.00
Juvenile Justice Center	Wakely Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,555.86

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER PERNA, SUPPORTED TO COMMISSIONER RENGERT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RESOURCE REECYCLING SYSTEMS INCORPORATED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PREPARATION OF AN UPDATE TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN. ASSISTANCE IS ON A PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS WITH FUNDING COMING FROM THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SOLID WASTE PLANNING FUND, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENTS

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

- a) **AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B**
Helen Baldwiin Older Adult Representative
- b) **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**
Fred Jasmund Category: Fire

THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sessa reiterated his feelings of spending \$231,000.00 of tax payers money for four new employees to handle the hiring process. Secondly through the chair to Todd Schmitz, Deputy County Clerk, Commissioner Sessa inquired of the status of campaign finance being posted on the internet. He also thanked Carmella Sabaugh for the effort in this area because it has taken seven years of resistance to finally get to this point.

Todd Schmitz indicated the project is on schedule. Work continues with the MIS Department and the clerk plans to have it up and running for the campaign finance-reporting deadline which occurs before the August primary. At the end of this month the base system will be in place after which the scanning components and others will be added on. He also, thanked all the commissioners who supported this project on behalf of Carmella Sabaugh. Macomb County will be the first in the state of Michigan to shed sunlight on county and local campaign finances by providing Internet access to the records.

Commissioner Hill spoke regarding the new ombudsman position that will be filled for the new hiring practices.

Commissioner Sauger introduced Lieutenant Daniel Heythaler and welcomed him as the new head of security for the county buildings.

Commissioner Revoir wished everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. William Lakin, Clinton Township

Indicated how disturbed he was after attending the December Full Board meeting and hearing from approximately 20 employees from Community Mental Health Department and the problems in that department. He hopes the board spends time on these issues.

Pastor John Mack, New Haven, Macomb County Ministerial Alliance

Gregory Murray, 62 Rathbone, Mt. Clemens

Pastor D.L. Bradley, 22625 Quinn Road, Clinton Township

Commended the Board of Commissioners for moving forward to rectify the problems with the hiring practice in Macomb County.

Tiffani Alford, 88 Gibbs, Mt. Clemens

Inquired why she was reduced from a full time employee to part-time employee when new management was brought in at Martha T. Berry.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER LUND, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m., until the call of the Chair.

Nancy M. White, Chair
Todd Schmitz, Deputy Clerk