BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation by Commissioner Bob Smith
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes dated October 30, 2013 (previously distributed)
7. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson related only to issues contained on the agenda)
8. Correspondence from Executive (none)
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    a) Government Operations, November 4 (no report)
    b) Justice & Public Safety, November 5 (no report)
    c) Economic Development, November 5 (no report)
d) Finance, November 6 (page 4) (attached)
e) Health & Human Services, November 7 (page 11) (attached)
f) Infrastructure, November 7 (no report)

11. Item Waived to Full Board by Economic Development Committee Chair:
   a) Request to Schedule Public Hearing Re: Brownfield Plan for Macomb Mall in Roseville (page 17) (attached)

12. Item Waived by Government Operations Committee Chair:
   a) Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee on Boards & Commissions Procedures Regarding Updating Process for Appointment to Boards and Commissions (page 18) (attached)

13. Approve Amendment to Macomb County Board of Commissioners Policy Regarding Living Wage (page 24) (attached)

14. Board Chair’s Report (page 25) (attached)

15. Presentation on Macomb County Parks & Recreation Master Plan/John Paul Rea (page 43) (attached)

16. Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) Regional Authority Proposal/Update from Richard Sulaka, Jr., Deputy Public Works Commissioner (page 54) (attached)

17. Adoption of Resolutions:
   a) Supporting the Nomination of the General Motors Technical Center, City of Warren, as a National Historic Landmark (offered by Mijac; include Moceri; recommended by Economic Development Committee on 11-5-13) (page 64) (attached)
   b) Supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (H.R. 1755 & S. 815) to Extend Principle of Fairness and Equal Opportunity in the Workplace (offered by Moceri; recommended by Health & Human Services Committee on 11-7-13) (page 66) (attached)
   c) Establish November 15, 2013 as America Recycles Day in Macomb County and Support Furthering Recycling Efforts in Macomb County (offered by Board Chair on behalf of Board) (page 68) (attached)

18. Adoption of Proclamations:
   a) Commending Sigrid Dale on Receiving the Rachel Corrie Peacemaker Award (offered by Moceri; recommended by Health & Human Services Committee on 11-7-13; previously provided at committee meeting)
19. New Business

20. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)

21. Roll Call

22. Adjournment
ENHANCED ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY

This policy is established pursuant to the authority of the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, 1996 P.A. 462.

1. Definitions

A. “Enhanced Access” means a public record’s immediate availability for public inspection, purchase or copying by digital means. Enhanced access does not include the transfer of ownership of a public record.

B. “Geographical information system” means an informational unit or network capable of producing customized maps based upon a digital representation of geographical data.

C. “Operating expenses” includes but is not limited to, a public body's direct cost of creating, compiling, storing, maintaining, processing, upgrading, or enhancing information or data in a form available for enhanced access, including the cost of computer hardware and software, system development, employee time, and the actual cost of supplying the information or record in the form requested by the purchaser


2. Policy

A. It is the policy of Macomb County to charge a reasonable fee for providing enhanced access to a public record.
B. This policy does not require Macomb County to provide enhanced access to any specific public record.

C. Except as otherwise provided by act or statute, the Finance Department shall establish proposed reasonable fee(s) for each public record made available for enhanced access. The proposed fee(s), and any amendment or sum of amendments greater than 50% to enacted fee(s), shall be presented to and approved by the Board of Commissioners before they shall be effective.

D. The fee schedule shall be posted on either the digital interface that serves as the point of sale or adjacent to electronic device that facilitates payment.

E. A public body may furnish access or enhanced access without charge or at a reduced charge if the public body determines that a waiver or reduction of fee is in the public interest because access or enhanced access can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public. Examples include, but are not limited to, instances when:

   a) The cost of administering the fees would exceed the revenue to be collected;
   
   b) The reasonable fee established would have a serious detrimental impact on the financial position of particular groups or classes of users;
   
   c) The reasonable fee established would limit the number of users enough to compromise achieving program or other governmental objectives.
   
   d) The information is critical to public health or safety.
   
   e) The information is required for nonprofit research purposes such as academic or public interest research.
   
   f) The information is required to meet legal, programmatic, or governmental objectives.
F. Waiver or fee reductions may be granted by the elected official, department head, agency, board, commission, council, or other county public body with whom the transaction is occurring.

G. This Policy also applies to the charge of a reasonable fee for providing access to:

1. A geographical information system
2. The output from a geographical information system
3. The output from digital orthophotography and related products

3. **Disclaimer**

A. Recipients of enhanced access receive all information “AS IS”. Macomb County, its officers, officials, employees, and public bodies make no warranties of any kind, including but not limited to warranties of accuracy, fitness for a particular purpose, or of a recipient’s right of use. Recipients are solely responsible for investigating, resisting, litigating and settling such complaints, including the payment of any damages or costs, unless the Macomb County Board of Commissioners elects to participate in the process at the County’s expense.
November 6, 2013

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: FRED MILLER, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2013

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held Wednesday, November 6, 2013, the following recommendations were made and are being forwarded to the November 12, 2013 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the agreement for I.T. services between Oakland County and Macomb County with no monetary value for an interlocal agreement between Macomb County and Oakland County; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

2. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Klinefelt, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve increases in budget revenues (“Other”) and expenses (“Supplies and Services”) in the amount of $4,643.20 which represent funds donated in 2013 by sponsors to the BOC Green Schools program; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission’s approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County’s Contracting Policy or the County’s Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**
3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION  (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Tocco, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a transfer of $2,215 from the 2013 Circuit Court budget to the 2013 County Clerk budget to provide funding for Clerk staff overtime for court-related work; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission’s approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County’s Contracting Policy or the County’s Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.  **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION  (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve an increase in the FY2014 budgeted state revenues and expenditures of the Macomb County Mental Health Court in the amount of $108,370 to account for the final amount awarded by the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program, which was not included in the FY2014 budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners in September, 2013; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission’s approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County’s Contracting Policy or the County’s Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.  **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION  (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Tocco, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve an increase in the FY2014 budgeted state revenues and expenditures of the Macomb County Veterans Treatment Court in the amount of $50,125 to account for the final amount awarded by the Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program, which was not included in the FY2014 budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners in September, 2013; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission’s approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County’s Contracting Policy or the County’s Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.  **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE BY CHAIR MILLER, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR MOCERI.
Resolution to:
Approve the Agreement for I.T. Services between Oakland County and Macomb County with no monetary value for an interlocal agreement between Macomb County and Oakland County.

Introduced By:
James Carabelli, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
This Agreement for I.T. Services between Oakland County and Macomb County details the relationship between Macomb County and Oakland County for sharing I.T. services.

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FORWARD TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

* (This language was added by Government Operations Committee Chair Tocco.)

Introduced By:

Dave Flynn, Board Chairman  Kathy Tocco, Chair, Government Operations Committee

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Transfer $2,215 from the 2013 Circuit Court Budget to the 2013 County Clerk Budget to provide funding for clerk staff overtime for court-related work.

*SEE BELOW

Introduced By:
Jennifer Phillips, Court Administrator  Kathy Vosburg, Chair, JPS Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

This will reduce the Circuit Court Budget Special Project line item by $2,215 and increase the County Clerk Personnel Overtime Salary and Fringe line items by $2,215.

This transfer will allow for approximately 60 hours of overtime spread among 10 different Clerk court section employees.

*Further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately.

FORWARD TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*(This language was added by Justice & Public Safety Committee Chair Vosburg.)

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Introduced By:

Jennifer Phillips, Court Administrator  Kathy Vosburg, Chair, JPS Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

The Mental Health Court seeks to address a need in the community for persons with severe and persistent Axis 1 diagnoses that are involved in the justice system and many times incarcerated. This program is designed to allow court supervision in the community, thus alleviating the use of many jail beds for these individuals.

This will increase the State Grant Revenue line item by $108,370. The expenditure line items will be adjusted as follows: Program Supplies, increase $2,000; Provider Assistance / Incentive, increase $6,260; Electronic Monitor Program, increase $4,500; Mental Health Treatment, increase $70,650; Substance Abuse Treatment, increase $24,960.

The Mental Health Court will offer a sentencing alternative to incarcerations to the bench where treatment and close monitoring will take place and assurances can be made that if strict conditions are not being met, the individual can be institutionalized in a quick manner.

*(This language was added by JPS Committee Chair Vosburg.)*

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Introduced By:
Jennifer Phillips, Court Administrator
Kathy Vosburg, Chair, JPS Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
The Veterans Treatment Court seeks to treat veterans who have an alcohol and/or drug dependency and/or a mental illness resulting from military service while offering an alternative to incarceration.

This will increase the State Grant Revenue line item by $50,125. The expenditure line items will be adjusted as follows: Program Supplies, increase $1,500; Provider Assistance / Incentive, increase $6,600; Printing & Reproduction, increase $1,000; Employee Training, increase $825; Electronic Monitor Program, increase $4,500; Substance Abuse Treatment, increase $35,700.

This grant will allow Veterans to participate who are not financially able to pay for their own treatment and alcohol / drug testing.

*(This language was added by JPS Committee Chair Vosburg.)
November 7, 2013

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: TONI MOCERI, CHAIR
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
RE: RECOMMENDATION FROM HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2013

At a meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee, held Thursday, November 7, 2013, the following recommendation was made and is being forwarded to the November 12 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION  (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Miller, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners waive the County Charter, Section 10.6.2, to authorize Macomb County Community Services Agency to rehire Karen Hengehold on a temporary basis, not to exceed 26 weeks (975 hours); further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners’ action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.  THE MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE BY CHAIR MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR BOYLE.
To:      David Flynn, Board Chair

From:   Pamela J. Lavers, Assistant County Executive

Date:   October 28, 2013

RE:      Agenda Item – MCCSA, Temporary Rehire Karen Hengehold

Attached you will find documentation and a resolution from MCCSA Director, Mary Solomon, to waive the County Charter, Section 10.6.2, to authorize Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) to rehire Karen Hengehold on a temporary basis, not to exceed 26 weeks (975 hours).

The Executive Office respectfully submits this agenda item for the Commission’s consideration and recommends approval of the temporary rehire as stated above.

PJL/smf

cc:      Steve Gold
         Mary Solomon
Resolution to:
Waive the County Charter, Section 10.6.2, to authorize Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) to rehire Karen Hengehold on a temporary basis, not to exceed 26 weeks (975 hours).

Introduced By:
Toni Moceri, Chair, Health & Human Services Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
Karen Hengehold is scheduled to retire at the end of October 2013. As of December 2012 the Community Development program staff consisted of one (1) Program Manager and three (3) Associate Planners. Since that time, the Program Manager retired and was not replaced until May 2013. An Associate Planner hired in December 2012 was transferred back to her previous program after a conflict of interest was identified by a funding source. Upon Ms. Hengehold’s retirement, the Community Development program will have experienced a 75% turnover in less than one year.

There is no impact on the County’s General Fund, as these are federal funds. There will be sufficient administrative dollars to cover the expenses for the 26 week period during Fiscal Year 2013/14

As Ms. Hengehold is a wealth of knowledge in the NSP, Housing Rehabilitation and HOME programs, it would be of great benefit to the Community Development program to continue her employment with us on a temporary basis, while newer employees continue to learn the different programs and requirements. We have spoken to Ms. Hengehold, and she is willing to stay on in a temporary capacity for six months.

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September 9, 2013

Office of County Executive
County of Macomb
One South Main, 8th Floor
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Macomb County Community Services Agency
REQUEST APPROVAL / ADOPTION OF
Temporary employment of Karen Hengehold

SUBJECT:
Temporary part-time employment of Karen Hengehold

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE SUBMIT TO THE BOARD:
A resolution to waive the County Charter, Section 10.6.2, to authorize Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) to rehire Karen Hengehold on a temporary basis, not to exceed 26 weeks (975 hours).

PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION:
Karen Hengehold is scheduled to retire at the end of October 2013. As of December 2012 the Community Development program staff consisted of one (1) Program Manager and three (3) Associate Planners. Since that time, the Program Manager retired and was not replaced until May 2013. An Associate Planner hired in December 2012 was transferred back to her previous program after a conflict of interest was identified by a funding source. Upon Ms. Hengehold’s retirement, the Community Development program will have experienced a 75% turnover in less than one year.

FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING:
There is no impact on the County's General Fund, as these are federal funds. There will be sufficient administrative dollars to cover the expenses for the 26 week period during Fiscal Year 2013/14.
FACTS AND PROVISION / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:
N/A

CONTRACTING PROCESS:
No contract is required if Section 10.6.2 of the County Charter is waived. Karen Hengehold will be rehired on a temporary basis.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (PROJECTS):
As Ms. Hengehold is a wealth of knowledge in the NSP, Housing Rehabilitation and HOME programs, it would be of great benefit to the Community Development program to continue her employment with us on a temporary basis, while newer employees continue to learn the different programs and requirements. We have spoken to Ms. Hengehold, and she is willing to stay on in a temporary capacity for six months.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Mary Solomon
Macomb County Community Services Agency
September 9, 2013

TO: Eric Herppich, Director
    Human Resources and Labor Relations

FROM: Mary Solomon, Director
    Macomb County Community Services Agency

RE: Temporary Hire Request

Due to upcoming changes in retiree health care, employee Karen Hengehold will be retiring at the end of October. She is an Associate Planner in our Community Development program. Due to dramatic staff turnover, delay of the closeout of the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP1) grant, revival of the Housing Rehabilitation Program, and 2012 HOME commitment requirements, we are requesting a temporary waiver of Section 10.6.2 of the County Charter to hire Ms. Hengehold on a temporary basis, not to exceed six (6) months.

In April 2013, oversight of the Community Development program was transferred from the Department of Planning and Economic Development to Community Services. As of December 2012 the Community Development program staff consisted of one (1) Program Manager and three (3) Associate Planners. Since that time, the Program Manager retired and was not replaced until May 2013. An Associate Planner hired in December 2012 was transferred back to her previous program after a conflict of interest was identified by a funding source. Upon Ms. Hengehold’s retirement, the Community Development program will have experienced a 75% turnover in less than one year.

As Ms. Hengehold has a wealth of knowledge in the NSP, Housing Rehabilitation and HOME programs, it would be of great benefit to the Community Development program to continue her employment with us on a temporary basis, while newer employees continue to learn the different programs and requirements. We have spoken to Ms. Hengehold, and she is willing to stay on in a temporary capacity for six months.

Please contact me if any further information is needed.
RESOLUTION TO approve the scheduling of a public hearing, as required by statute, to be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 9 a.m., on the Brownfield Plan for the Macomb Mall in Roseville

INTRODUCED BY: Robert Mijac, Chair, Economic Development Committee

The Board of Commissioners will have an opportunity to review the plan at the December 11, 2013 meeting of the Economic Development Committee. The Economic Development Committee will recommend to the Board of Commissioners whether to approve or deny the plan.

*WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE
Full Board 11-12-13*
Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners

RE: Updating the Process for Appointment to Boards and Commissions

I. Objective: To update and streamline the appointment process for Macomb County Boards/Commissions over which the Board of Commissioners or Board Chair has appointment authority.
   a. Attachments
      i. Board action dated 02-12-2009 (out of date, impractical)
      ii. Corporation Counsel Opinion dated 06-13-13

II. Posting/Notification of Openings/Vacancies
   a. Upcoming vacancies for boards/commissions positions are posted 90 days in advance on the county website and other digital media channels.
   b. Notification of upcoming vacancies for boards/commissions is communicated to commissioners via email or Board Chair announcement.
   c. Notice of acceptance of applications for boards/commissions is sent to the media.
   d. Notice shall include description of function, membership requirements, any per diem paid, term of appointment, method of appointment, application instructions and due date of materials, dates of informal/formal interview opportunities, date the appointment is expected to be made and where to find more information (i.e. website address, phone number, contact name).

III. Board/Commissions Web Page (inclusive of all other digital media)
   a. The Boards/Commissions web pages are maintained by BOC staff.
   b. Information included on the web pages includes a complete list of boards/commissions over which the BOC has appointment authority.
   c. Descriptive detail regarding function, origin, position descriptions, term length, term expiration, per diems, meeting frequency and schedule (if possible), method of appointment and contact information is included for each board/commission.

IV. Application Materials
   a. The Application for Appointment has been updated to a fillable, pdf format to increase ease of use and accessibility.
      i. Information requested has been reviewed and updated. (attached)
   b. The Criminal History Check Authorization Form has been discarded and will no longer be required as a part of the application for appointment process.
   c. Applicants must include any required documentation per statute and may include non-mandatory items such as a resume, letter of intent or letter of reference.
V. Application Procedure
   a. The Appointment for Application, and any application materials, shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners’ Government Operations Committee by a due date which allows compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements, as outlined in the Board Rules.
      i. If application materials are received after the posted due date, the Board Chair and Government Operations Committee Chair reserve the right to consider acceptance of tardy applications.
   b. Application materials shall be included in the Agenda Packet which is publicly available.
   c. Candidates shall be invited to attend the committee meeting for 1.) an informal “Meet and Greet” session with commissioners, and 2.) an “Interview Opportunity” during the public meeting. These sessions shall not be mandatory but are recommended.

VI. Appointment
   a. Appointment(s) shall be made at a Full Board meeting following the Government Operations Committee meeting at which the Interview Opportunity is held. Applicants are welcome to attend the Full Board meeting, but their presence is not required.
   b. All candidates will be notified of the outcome via a letter from the Board Chair.
   c. Notice of the appointment will be provided to appropriate departmental or agency representatives via a letter from the Board Chair and a copy shall be placed in the BOC’s Full Board file for record-keeping.
   d. Prior to appointment, a member of the Board staff will compile a summary of the residential/geographical location of current appointees.

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Application for Appointment or Re-Appointment to 
Macomb County Board/Commission

TO THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
STATE OF MICHIGAN) )ss
COUNTY OF MACOMB) )

Name of Board/Commission to which appointment is being made:

Term: years; from (date/year) to (date/year)

1. Applicant Information

Name:
Residence Address:
City, Zip Code:
County of Residence:
Mailing Address (if different than above):
Preferred Phone:
Email:
Best method of contact:

2. I am at least 18 years of age: Yes No

3. I am currently registered to vote: Yes No

4. Citizenship:

5. Employer:

   Employer Address:

   Nature of your work:

   Position:
6. Educational level, degree(s) received, other relevant certification or endorsements:

7. I presently hold the following appointments and elected positions:
   
   Title/Board-Commission:
   
   Appointment/Election Date:
   
   Title/Board-Commission:
   
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   Title/Board-Commission:
   
   Appointment/Election Date:

8. Previously-held appointments and/or elected positions:
   
   Title/Board-Commission:
   
   Dates Served:
   
   Title/Board-Commission:
   
   Dates Served:
   
   Title/Board-Commission:
   
   Dates Served:

9. Have you been convicted of a felony?   Yes    No

   If yes, list each – provide date, nature of offense or violation, name and location of court, penalty imposed (if any) or the disposition of the case. A conviction will not automatically bar you from appointment.
10. Do you have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest such as a financial or business interest in any contracts, grants, permits, etc., with Macomb County? * If so, please explain. *Please reference the Macomb County Ethics Policy at www.macombBOC.com.

11. List any family members who are, or have been, employed by Macomb County or who have been elected to County offices.

12. Is this an application for re-appointment? Yes No
   If yes, how many years have you served on this board/commission?
   Please indicate your attendance record for term(s) served:
   Number of meetings attended Number of meetings held
   Comments/Clarification (if necessary)

13. Briefly indicate your qualifications for appointment to this specific board and the reason you believe your appointment will benefit Macomb County:
14. Statement of Application to Board/Commission

I hereby apply for appointment and do swear or affirm that, (1) if appointed, I will comply with all statutory and other requirements and obligations of my appointment; (2) if I cease to comply with such requirements, I automatically forfeit said appointed position; (3) I hold no position or appointment which is a conflict of interest with the appointment position applied for; and (4) to the best of my knowledge and belief, I possess the requisite qualifications for the office I am seeking:

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , .

Notary Public
Macomb County, Michigan

My Commission expires:

Note to Applicants: You may – but it is not required – attach additional information pertaining to this Application for Appointment as long as attachments do not exceed the maximum for each item listed below:

- Resume – up to one page
- Letter of Reference – up to two pages
- Letter of Intent – up to one page
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO approve amendment to Section 9 of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Policy Regarding Living Wage (see below)

INTRODUCED BY: Dave Flynn, Chairman

Section 9 of the Policy Regarding Living Wage is amended as follows:

e. Macomb County Community Mental Health is exempt from this policy upon the adoption by the Macomb County Community Mental Health Services Board of a living wage policy that is substantially equivalent to this policy. The Macomb County Community Mental Health Services Board shall provide a copy of the policy to the Board of Commissioners as soon as it is adopted. Unless terminated earlier by action of the Board of Commissioners, this exemption will remain in effect only as long as the living wage policy of the Macomb County Mental Health Board remains in effect.

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE
Full Board 11-12-13
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO receive and file report from Board Chair for November 2013

INTRODUCED BY: Dave Flynn, Full Board

- The following is a report on activities within the Board Office which do not usually appear on committee agendas.

Meetings:
OCE – Mark Deldin, Pete Provenzano
County-wide Electeds
Drain Board, Pension Board
Corporation Counsel
CMH – Lou Burdi

Office:
We are working with the HR-LR Department to post the vacant Media/Communications Specialist position.

Board Activities:
- Nominations of charities wishing to be recipients of the Board’s Casual Day charitable donations collection are being accepted now for 2014. Submissions are due by December 13, 2013.
- Last call for commissioners to submit 2014 meeting calendar requests.

Emerging Issues:
Corporation Counsel – RFI sent to OCE for status update on search for permanent Corp Counsel; no answer received.
Independent Counsel
Budget Publication, Appropriations Ordinance
Independent Counsel
DWSD – working to get informational sessions before BOC
Martha T. Berry Facility, SSB – entered into 90-day negotiating period with OCE.

Region:
RTA Meetings – see SEMCOG website
Macomb County Veterans’ Treatment Court Graduation
Southeastern Michigan Regional Summit (formerly Tri-County Summit) is Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Washtenaw Community College.

Media:
See attached articles.

**BOC – Independent Counsel:** Expenditures for Outside Counsel Professional Services

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Macomb County clerk pushes for online voter registration

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh continues her bid to bring online voter registration to Michigan, or at least to Macomb County. Sabaugh hopes to convince state lawmakers to establish Internet-based registration in Michigan, or to allow Macomb County to go first as either a pilot project or a county granted a special exemption due to the lack of a state law.

Currently, 12 states allow online registration and six others are in the process of implementing such a system. Beyond the convenience involved, supporters say offering voter registration on a website appeals to tech-savvy young adults, a group whose percentage of registrants is noticeably low.

Sabaugh has met with Secretary of State Ruth Johnson to push for online registration as recently as April, and two Democratic lawmakers from Macomb County, Sen. Steve Bieda of Warren and state Rep. Sarah Roberts of St. Clair Shores, have introduced legislation to make the high-tech version of registration happen.

Johnson, an Oakland County Republican who has a long-standing bipartisan relationship with Sabaugh, a Warren Democrat, is also an advocate. Some political observers say that a group of conservative Republicans in the Legislature have held back the advance of any online registration bills, largely due to concerns about fraud and computer hackers.

However, Johnson has publicly expressed unequivocal support, saying that a secure online process is fully achievable.

In January, she said in an interview that an online registration process could be integrated with the current computer system that keeps tabs on hard-copy registration forms. "We want everybody to have as many ways to register as possible," said the former Oakland County clerk.

Sabaugh, who has led the way among Michigan clerks in embracing numerous new technologies that improve customer service, has favored online voter registration for several years.

In addition to Johnson, she met with former secretary of state Terri Lynn Land, Gov. Rick Snyder's chief of staff, Bill Rustem, and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners since 2011 to make a presentation promoting the concept. Snyder endorsed online registration in his January State of the State Address.

The county Board of Commissioners was apparently unaware of Sabaugh's widespread efforts until last week, when a legal bill for about $25,000 was presented for payment. Sabaugh had hired the law firm of Jacobs and Diemer, which enjoys a national reputation in handling federalism issues, to research the county's relative authority to establish online registration unilaterally, given the lack of a state law and the overlapping jurisdiction within state and federal election law.

The county's interim legal chief, John Schapka, explained that the legal bill had "slipped through the cracks"
when he took over as corporation counsel in August.
Supporters say online registration is cheaper and more able to detect fraud than the current paper system for several reasons:
* Illegible handwriting on paper can lead to inconclusive information;
* A person cannot register twice because their computer IP address, or Internet Protocol, would reveal such a scheme;
* Proof of when and what was filed is captured in a database, eliminating many forms of human error;
* Non-citizens are locked out of the online registration process, preventing inadvertent registrations;
* Traditional mail costs, which amounted to $40,000 in Macomb and Oakland counties from 2009-12, would be eliminated;
* And state law requires any newly registered voter to cast their first ballot in-person at the polls, which requires a state-issued photo ID to receive a ballot.
As with paper registration forms, those seeking to gain a spot on the voter rolls would provide basic information — name, address, birthdate. But they would sign the electronic form using their computer mouse, which can result in a sloppy signature that barely resembles the registrant’s typical cursive.
“The question is not whether online voter registration is perfect, but whether it is better than the paper forms involved in prior fraud allegations,” said county Chief Deputy Clerk Todd Schmitz. “Anyone who has recently made a credit card payment at a store, or signed for a package, knows electronic forms can have more safeguards than paper.”

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Macomb County's high-tech operations center on track to open in December

By Christina Hall Detroit Free Press Staff Writer Filed Under Local News Macomb County

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Matt Hetner walked on tall metal stilts and with the twist of a wrist, the Dearborn man installed ceiling tiles one by one.

On the floor below, workers stood on scaffolding or laid different-colored wiring for Macomb County's new $13.5-million operations center in Mt. Clemens.

Even in the nooks and crannies of the basement, people worked on projects related to the new center, which county Executive Mark Hackel said today is under budget and on track to be done in December.

"It's like Uncle Mark watching his nephew grow up," Hackel said of the progression he's seen at the site during weekly visits since construction began earlier this year.

Construction, much of it in former vacant space at the county road department building, is ongoing. But offices have been carved out; some carpet laid and black racks line a room in the basement eventually to house and cool the county's new data center. Nearby, a room with three large and nine small screens show traffic activity around the county.

Those screens are a small model of the 20-foot-by-50-foot video wall that will be comprised of dozens of big screens in the main operations center, where tiered work stations for traffic monitoring, sheriff's dispatch and emergency operations will be installed.

The county, which lagged in technology, will be ahead of the tech game with the more than 25,000-square-foot center.

Nearly three-quarters of the funding came from grant money with the county covering the rest. Renovating the unused space in the road department building helped keep costs down, Hackel said.

Once the center is operational, staff will be able to monitor weather radar, TV reports and road department cameras at the same time on the video wall. For example, sheriff's dispatchers handling an accident at a busy intersection will be able to see what's going on if a traffic camera is at the location.

Hackel said there is room for growth at the center if communities want to contract with the county for dispatch services, like Clinton Township and Sterling Heights are doing.

"It's exciting," said Vicki Wolber, director of the county's emergency management and communications and who will be the director of the new operations center. "If I could get through the building and design, it's nothing but good things to come."
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Hackel: Macomb Co. consolidating services to save money

URSULA WATSON | THE DETROIT NEWS

— Macomb County's new emergency operations center will open on schedule in December and under budget, officials said during a media tour Wednesday.

The $13.5 million facility, housed in a renovated structure that was once the county road department building on Groesbeck Highway, will consolidate emergency management and operations, information technology and data, road department traffic operations and the Sheriff's Office dispatchers.

"We are extremely excited because you are not going to see anything of this kind from any local municipality or county government," County Executive Mark Hackel said.

The center unites parts of county government to save money, he said.

"We had a separate dispatch, communications center for roads, emergency management, our IT director was located somewhere else," Hackel said. "We had to consolidate the efforts. ... We are building this with the capabilities of expanding beyond Macomb County government."

Already, Clinton Township and Sterling Heights have contracted to join the system and Hackel said he expects other municipalities to follow. "So now we are not only consolidating county government but local government as well and saving taxpayers money and providing much better service," he said.

The center features eight traffic monitoring posts, 24 dispatch posts, three generators, weather mapping, road department cameras, siren alert system, mobile command post and more. It will accommodate 70 current staff and has room to add more.

A 20 foot-by-40 foot video wall that will include 40 monitors accessible to the roads department, sheriff's dispatch and emergency management is what Hackel calls the center's "premier feature."

Dispatchers will be able to call up scenes captured by 70 cameras throughout the county. That number will increase to 360 after cameras are installed at every major intersection.

Many of the services that will be handled at the operations center were affected by a fire in April at the Old Macomb County Building. The blaze caused a disruption of government and information technology services and cut Internet and phone access. The county didn’t have a back-up server.

Data on the computers housed in the building were migrated to Oakland’s County’s IT building in Pontiac. The data was then moved to Macomb Community College until the new communications center is completed by the end of the year.

The facility’s new data center has a high-tech fire suppression system, county officials said.
Sandy Jurek, the county chief information officer, said the system at Macomb Community College will serve as a back-up. Data is replicated every nanosecond of the day, she said.

"We will be the first county government to have an Active Replication system in a data center in the state," Jurek said. "This is the kind of stuff that most high-tech private sector corporations have."
Mount Clemens — The Board of Commissioners discussed the future layout of the downtown campus

of Macomb’s county seat during its full meeting Wednesday night.

A space utilization study conducted by Plante Moran Cresa, was prompted by the electrical fire in the Old Macomb County administration building in April, said Deputy County Executive Mark Deldin.

The building has been empty since the fire. Deldin said they are still in negotiations with the insurance company

and the total claim won’t be determined until the end of the year. He estimated the number would be several millions of dollars.

When pressed by Commissioner Robert Mijac for a total, Deldin said a generous

estimate would be $10 million.

- **Election 2013: Macomb Co. voters to decide public safety, road millages along with candidates**

Residents in Macomb County communities will be asked Tuesday to approve proposals to help buoy dwindling general funds, improve roads and finance public safety, as well as select new mayors and council members.

- **Hackel: Macomb Co. consolidating services to save money**
Mount Clemens — In the wake of last spring’s fire at the old Macomb County administration building, officials are considering a $61 million proposal to add space for some county departments and revamp some facilities, including a 37-year-old parking garage.

During a Board of Commissioners’ meeting Wednesday, Deputy County Executive Mark Deldin and Greg VanKirkand Gino Del Pup of Plante Moran Cresa presented the proposal.

Deldin said the study was prompted by the electrical fire in the old building. The 13-floor facility housed such departments as finance, file storage, human resources and administrative offices. More than 200 county employees were relocated.

“The building has not been occupied since the middle of April, and we needed to figure out how we were going to repurpose it,” Deldin said. “They (employees) are now squeezed in some nooks and crannies and rented space that we have been utilizing for the last several months.”

VanKirk said that in June a space survey was emailed to department heads in the county’s central campus. Those departments were then interviewed about space needs as well as parking. Site visits were conducted at the administration and the old county buildings, the Talmer Bank Building and the Clemens Center.

Del Pup highlighted possible changes at the administration building, which has two floors dedicated to storage. The ever-growing Prosecutor’s Office takes up two floors, while the finance department is located in the Talmer building. The study proposes dedicating one of those floors to the Prosecutor’s Office and the other to the finance department.

The two-story Talmer building would be home to the Register of Deeds and the planning department. Currently, the county rents space at the Talmer building for $10,000 month plus utilities, said Deldin.

The study suggests the county purchase the Talmer building, which is valued up to $1 million.

Friend of the Court and Juvenile Court would be moved out of the 16th Circuit Court and into the old county building. The circuit court building would then be dedicated strictly to courts, said Del Pup.
The study also addressed public parking. The county has a 100 percent employee dedicated parking system, making it difficult for the public to find a spot near county departments. The study found that 300 parking spaces could be reallocated and made available to the public.

“Go through these parking lots at any given time of the day, there is ample room in these reserved spots because of staff not being there,” said Del Pup. “Nowadays people work mobile or from home.”

Del Pup said the 37-year-old parking structure adjacent to the 16th Circuit Court should be replaced. The county spends up to $300,000 a year maintaining the 600-vehicle structure.

“It has a useful life span of 40 years,” Del Pup said. “Eventually within the next few years, the county will have to spend quite a bit of money to make it last another 10 or 20 years.”

A new parking structure would cost up to $25 million and accommodate 700 vehicles.

Del Pup said the overall project could be done in 30 months.

The insurance claim on the old Macomb County administration building — estimated to be up to $10 million, according to Deldin — would be deducted from the $61 million project cost.

Deldin said county officials are still in negotiations with the insurance company and the total claim won’t be determined until the end of the year.

• Election 2013: Macomb Co. voters to decide public safety, road millages along with candidates

Burnt debris sits in the basement of the old Macomb County Building, Friday morning, April 19. The historic building, built in 1931, caught fire in a basement utility chase that houses county communications fiber optics and phone lines.
County to ‘go local' to help farmers

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

Friday, November 1, 2013

Macomb County is joining the local food movement, with officials eyeing a policy that would give preference to locally grown food and produce when the county government purchases food products. A resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners calls for several steps to encourage local purchasing when the county acquires meats, poultry, dairy, fruits or vegetables. While no mandates will be created, the plan is designed to boost the local agricultural economy.

“We want to give advantages to local vendors and producers,” said Commissioner Toni Moceri, the Warren Democrat who initiated the push for the new policy. “We … want to start small and see what kind of progress we can make.”

The first push will establish a standard request that bidders for banquet events, such as the annual county salute to the volunteers of the year, detail how much of their food is locally grown.

The local food first approach could eventually influence bid awards for food services at the county jail, the Juvenile Justice Center and for daily senior nutrition meals, including the Meals on Wheels program.

The plan calls for the county to establish incentives, much like the points system in the new purchasing ordinance that gives a slight advantage in the bidding process to Macomb companies and products.

The policy will recommend that food providers favor local farmers that participate in the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program or those who have a Good Agricultural Practices certification. The county Purchasing Department will maintain a list of local agricultural businesses that should be considered by vendors when buying food products.

The new approach could also spread to periodic banquet-style events held by the chambers of commerce -- often in cooperation with county government -- that attract thousands of people annually.

Local food movements sprang up across the nation nearly a decade ago and have grown rapidly in recent years.

The goal is to boost a local economy by integrating food production, processing and distribution at the local level, rather than relying upon corporate agri-business.

The movement has led to an explosion of urban and suburban farmer’s markets. In addition, many restaurants and grocery stores now promote their locally grown offerings.

Supporters say going local has several advantages: food is fresher, healthier and contains fewer preservatives; by providing new business opportunities to local farmers it preserves open spaces; a county policy can serve as a model for municipalities; and it may reduce the county’s carbon footprint by cutting the farmers’ drive time for food deliveries.

Officials will work with the Macomb County Farm Bureau and Macomb County’s Michigan State University Extension, or MSUE, to gradually enhance and promote the effort.

Katie Hale, an MSUE food systems educator who is helping to develop the policy, said Macomb farmers could offer large batches of surplus food in late summer and fall. Others with cold-storage facilities could provide...
certain fruits for several months of the year.
The leader of the non-profit Macomb Food Collaborative, Hale said establishing a stronger local customer base
would provide fewer costs and significant time savings for Macomb growers who typically deliver to Eastern
Market in Detroit several days per week.
Michigan’s agricultural industry is far more diverse than what’s available in most states, with 300 types of food
grown here. In addition, Macomb County farms, while few, offer a wide array of fruits and vegetables.
“We’ve got a lot of good farms and good produce farms here,” Hale said. “We’re just trying to get people to
think about all this when making purchases.”

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Macomb plans $61 million overhaul of county buildings

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Macomb County officials are weighing an ambitious, $61 million plan to renovate five government buildings in downtown Mount Clemens and to engage in a major shuffling of department locations. The proposal comes several months after the old County Building on Main Street in the downtown area was shut down following an electrical fire, forcing dozens of employees to take up temporary quarters, a situation that continues.

In addition to the County Building, changes would be in store for the Administration Building, the courthouse and two facilities located in an adjacent shopping center. The 36-year-old, 600-space county parking structure, which is literally crumbling in places, may be demolished and replaced as part of this multi-phase project.

The moves would mean resettling some of the county’s busiest departments, including the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court, Juvenile Court and Friend of the Court.

“Sometimes local governments and school districts don’t necessarily do a good job of planning for the future,” said Deputy County Executive Mark Deldin. “We’re trying to look out into the future for the next several years, to look out and say, what’s needed for the next five or 10 years.”

Paying for the changes would likely involve a mix of money from a bond sale, the county’s “rainy day” fund, the capital projects fund and the upcoming insurance settlement following the County Building fire, which will likely consist of at least several million dollars.

The total price tag, including a new parking deck, is estimated at between $53.5 million and $61.3 million.

The highlights of the project are:

- Moving the Clerk’s Office and Register of Deeds, except for court-related staff, out of the courthouse to the former Talmer Bank administrative building, located directly north on Main Street. The Planning and Economic Development Department would also take up residence there. The former Community Central Bank headquarters will be leased for $16,000 a month and may later be purchased for up to $1 million.
- Adding four courtrooms to the Court Building so that the overloaded Circuit Court can add four judges and reduce its heavy docket. Space would be cleared for two additional courtrooms in the future.
- Transforming nine of the 13 floors in the old County Building into hearing rooms and offices for the Friend of the Court and the Juvenile Court. The Probate Court would occupy the first floor.
- Shifting the Finance Department, the Health and Community Services Department a portion of the Prosecutor’s Office to the fifth and sixth floors of the Administration Building, which has been vacant and used to store thousands of boxes since the gleaming glass tower opened in 1998.
• Moving the jury room and related facilities to the first floor of the Court Building.
• Using a portion of the county space in the Clemens Center, a former shopping center on Market Street, as storage space.

The proposed overhaul of what is now called the county “Central Campus” was formulated in a study by Plante Moran CRESA. By the end of November, the county executive’s office will present the Board of Commissioners with several financing options.

Board of Commissioners Chair Dave Flynn complimented Plante Moran on a thorough analysis designed to meet future space needs and greater efficiencies.

“At some point in time, Macomb County needs to look to the future and improve our facilities. Our infrastructure has been neglected for decades and decades and decades,” Flynn said.

Because interest rates are low, the board chairman said he envisions financing a sizable portion of the project through a bond sale.

Delkin said the changes would make the county employees’ parking area’s more space-efficient, the Clerk’s Office more amenable to a quick in and out, and eliminate the pedestrian “traffic jams” in the lobby of the courthouse.

He said the alterations would come in phases as design and reconstruction would occur over 2½ years.


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Following the lead of Romeo High School and Indian Hills Elementary School, all schools in the Romeo Community Schools district will now be part of a new energy-saving program.

At the Nov. 4 school board meeting, several teachers spoke to the board about what has been done in the past and what will be done in the future in the district.

Amanda Rocha from Indian Hills and Kelly Carson from Romeo High School spoke about the foundation they have built for others to follow.

Carson is the Students Enriching Romeo through Volunteer Experience coordinator at RHS and received the top Evergreen Award in Macomb County in April from the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

The high school reached top Evergreen status by accumulating points in five categories within Michigan Green Schools Program Guidelines. Schools can accumulate points in areas such as self-created projects, energy conservation, recycling and environmental protection.

An alternative energy class is in its third year at the Romeo Engineering and Technology Center. A solar array system installed on the roof of the RETC building and water testing by a biology class in the Clinton River tributary are just a few examples of the opportunities the district has taken to become green.

"She (Carson) just did so many activities to really garner so many points," Superintendent Nancy Campbell said of efforts at RHS to beat out more than 150 schools in the county for the top award. "No one has been doing as much as Romeo High School."

The high school has also begun to branch out to educate the next generation through projects such as an Earth Day program at an afterschool day-care program. The current generation is working hard as well, performing energy audits on their own homes, and recycling batteries and ink cartridges.

Rocha said Indian Hills has students vote for an animal to be adopted as part of an endangered animal program, as well as participate in community outreach and terra-cycling programs.

Suzanne Trush, a teacher at Hevel Elementary School, talked about new programs that have begun there to integrate students into being green.

They have created a butterfly habitat for first- and second-graders, and had students sign an environmental pledge. A book sale has already been held to raise funds to create a green books section in the library and they have also started a Green Club.
"We are open to anything, and we are hoping to continue to be green and to grow green," Trush told the board. "It has been a long time coming and I am glad it is here."

A Going Green Committee has been formed to solicit ideas from all teachers, parents and students in the district as each building begins energy conservation and environmental awareness initiatives.

Campbell said the district is working with Collaborative Creative Solutions to increase efficiency as well as decrease usage and spending with the end goal of putting that money savings back into the classroom.

"We are looking forward to great things," said Hevel Principal Mark Phillips.

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Macomb Veterans Courts celebrate first graduates

By Jameson Cook, The Macomb Daily

Thursday, November 7, 2013

The combination of seeing his then-girlfriend nearly die in a car accident and post traumatic stress disorder made Jonathan Jordan a “hot mess” in May 2012 when he entered the district court Veterans Treatment Court program, according to Judge Carrie Fuca.

The Army veteran who served in Korea was charged with assaulting a paramedic and a week later was charged with drunken driving.

Jordan, 31, of Roseville, initially told Fuca he didn’t think he needed the program but with two charges looming and his girlfriend, Christiana Jordan, 29, (now his wife) requiring constant care, “I realized I needed help and I have a wife and two children who need me. ... I’ve changed my outlook on life.”

“It was clear to me he needed it,” Fuca said. “He’s overcome some big hurdles.”

Eighteen months later, Jordan is one of the first six graduates of the VTC in Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens and 41B District Court in Clinton Township. The court was one of the first in the state when it started in April 2012.

The graduates were honored Thursday during a ceremony in the Macomb County Board of Commissioners room at the County Administration building in Mount Clemens, attended by dozens of people.

The 18-to-24 month program allows some veterans the chance to resolve their criminal charge without incarceration but requires participants to adhere to a strict probation-type program, including weekly sessions with a judge and drug and/or alcohol tests if required. It also helps the veterans connect with the Veterans Administration for services.

The court had 23 participants earlier this year.

Aubrey “Bruce” Syck of Chesterfield Township, a graduate of the circuit court program, said he didn’t handle his problems well. He and his wife, Josie, were separated and he didn’t see his daughter. The 65-year-old Army veteran of Vietnam got involved in a physical confrontation that resulted in being charged with assault with attempt to do great bodily harm.

“Since I got in the Veterans Treatment program, I’ve gotten back with my wife, Josie,” he told the crowd while eyeing Josie in the audience. “I also got my daughter back in my life. They’ve noticed a change. The main thing is I’ve worked on my character defects. That’s what I’ve learned from this court.”

He told The Macomb Daily that group therapy benefitted him because he always hesitated talking about his troubles.

“People have the same problems I have,” he said. “I was able to open up, ‘This is my problem.’ As soon as I did that, the world lifted off of my shoulders. It relieved a lot of stress.”
In addition to Fuca, presiding over the district court program is Judge Stephen Sierawski of 41A District Court in Sterling Heights. The circuit court judges are Mark Switalski and Tracey Yokich.

Gail Pamukov-Miller, who serves as the court’s defense counsel and chairs the court’s “friends” charity arm, praised dedicated teams of staffers who help choose the participants and meet each week to discuss each case. Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith and Sheriff Anthony Wickersham were presented plaques for their contributions.

Smith assigned assistant prosecutor Joshua Van Laan to the circuit team and provided forfeiture funds for the VTC teams to travel to an out-of-state conference.

Wickersham altered the jail’s booking card to ask defendants whether they are a veteran, and provides confiscated bicycles to veterans “who are lucky to live in the Mount Clemens area” to use as transportation, Pamukov-Miller said.

Transportation is the No. 1 issue typically facing veterans, said Tracy Gollday-Champagne of the VA who serves as the liaison with Macomb two veterans courts.

One graduate, Fred Patterson, traveled by bus from Alma, Mich., for his meetings with Switalski. Patterson served in the Navy from 1980 to 1994 and with the reserves for two years at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township.

Other graduates included Jimmie Johns of Warren, a Navy veteran from 1967 to 1973; Mark Demmers, who served 14 years in the Navy, including during Operation Desert Storm; and Frank Hubbard, who served in the Arm for two Iraq deployments from 2001 to 2007.
Macomb County Parks and Recreation:
Creating a parks and recreation system based on people, places and passions

Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development
Macomb County
Parks and Recreation Overview

The Realities:
- No structured countywide parks & recreation administration
- No viable countywide parks & recreation funding sources
- No tangible countywide stakeholder/volunteer network to support parks & recreation

The Needs:
- To transform parks & recreation at all levels of government
- To develop a sustainable parks & recreation system in Macomb County
- To work together to solidify what parks & recreation means to Macomb County
Macomb County Parks and Recreation Overview

- Freedom Hill County Park
  - Opened in 2013
- Countywide Trail Network:
  - Macomb Orchard Trail
  - Freedom Trail
  - Local Connectors
- 140(+) Local Parks
- Huron Clinton Metroparks Authority
  - Lake St. Clair Metropark
  - Wolcott Mill Metropark
  - Stony Creek Metropark

+ State Recreational Facilities:
  + Walter Cline Wetzel State Park
  + Harley Ensign Memorial Boat Launch
  + Selfridge Boat Launch
  + Blue Economy Initiative
  + James B. & Ann V. Nicholson Nature Center and Floodplain Conservation Easement
Macomb County
Parks & Recreation Master Plan

+ Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update
+ “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans”
+ Developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management
+ Standardize the elements within recreation planning documents
+ Facilitate a more coordinated planning process
+ Integrate a wider web of stakeholders
Macomb County
Parks & Recreation Master Plan

+ Required Plan Elements
  + Community Description
  + Administrative Structure
  + Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas and Recreational Facilities
  + Description of the Planning and Public Input Process
  + Goals and Objectives
  + Action Program
Proposed Goals

+ Support Economic Development
+ Foster Community Development and Engagement
+ Promote Environmental Stewardship
+ Encourage Healthy Lifestyles
+ Provide Parks and Recreation Opportunities
Looking Ahead: Enrich Current Programs

- Blue Economy Initiative
  - Access and Activity
- Macomb County Non-Motorized Trail Network
  - Linkage to transportation service providers
- School Programs and Facilities
  - Critical mass of stakeholders
- Festivals and Events
  - Engage users and visitors
- Marketing and Promotions
  - Make Macomb Your Home
Looking Ahead: Partnerships

+ National
  + National Recreation and Parks Association

+ State
  + Department of Natural Resources
  + Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

+ Regional
  + Huron Clinton Metroparks Authority (HCMA)

+ Local
  + Municipal Partners: Connect with local parks and recreation departments
Surrounding counties have had successful Parks & Recreation Millage renewals:

- Wayne: .25 mill; 71% approval in 2010 (5 yrs)
- St Clair: .4954 mill; 71% approval in 2010 (6 yrs)
- Oakland: .245 mill; 77% approval in 2010 (10 yrs)
  - Highest margin of approval since 1967

In SEMCOG Region, only Macomb & Monroe are without parks & recreation millages
Next Steps

- Stakeholder Outreach
  - November 2013
- Complete Draft
  - December 2013
- Begin Formal Approval Process
  - January 2014
- Final Approval
  - February 2014
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Mark A. Hackel
County Executive
MEMORANDUM

TO: Macomb County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Richard P. Sulaka, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Macomb County Public Works

DATE: November 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Regional Water & Sewerage Authority: Background and Status Update

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Overview

● DWSD is a separate corporate entity from Detroit, but Detroit owns all DWSD assets.
  ○ The depreciated value of those assets is between $5-6 Billion.
  ○ The biggest assets include 281 miles of 8’ diameter or larger interceptor sewers, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, various pumping stations throughout the region, 5 water treatment plants and their related water intakes

● DWSD has approximately $5.9 Billion in outstanding debt
● DWSD’s annual revenue requirement (operating budget) for both water and sewer services is approximately $900 Million.
  ○ Detroit accounts for approximately 40% of total revenue requirement
  ○ Suburbs account for approximately 60% of total revenue requirement

● DWSD has contracts with 87 customers for water services and 18 wholesale customers for sewer services.
● In total, DWSD provides water and sewer services for approximately 4.5 million people.

Macomb County and DWSD: A Historical Perspective
In the 1960s, Detroit approached a variety of suburban communities with regard to providing them with wastewater transportation and treatment services at Detroit’s wastewater treatment plant. In the case of Macomb County and part of eastern Oakland County, Detroit proposed to build and operate large interceptor sewers in Macomb County to receive sewage from adjacent local communities and transport that sewage to this treatment plant.
In anticipation of the construction of the proposed interceptor system and a wastewater services contract with Detroit, the Macomb County Board of Supervisors created the Macomb County Wastewater Disposal District comprised of the entire county and appointed the Macomb County Drain Commissioner as county agency for administration of the district. Macomb County Resolution 850, February 14, 1966; Resolution of December 29, 1966.

The enabling statute was 1939 PA 342, MCL 46.171 et seq. A drain commissioner when designated as county agency pursuant to PA 342 has “supervision and control of the management and operation of all improvements, facilities, and services” established pursuant to the Act.

Resolution 850 specifically provided in relevant parts:

“1. That there is hereby authorized to be established a system or systems of water, sewer and/or sewage disposal improvements and services … within and between cities, villages and townships, or any duly authorized and established combinations thereof, within or without the county, …. 

“3. That the Drain Commissioner …, as duly designated County Agency, is authorized for and on behalf of the County … to locate, acquire, purchase, construct, own, maintain and/or operate water mains [etc.] and sewers, [and] sewage interceptors … and contract with any of the units of government specified in said Act 342 … or any duly authorized and established combination thereof for the purchase of water and for the use of their sewers and sewage disposal plants…. “

Act 342 defines “units of governments” as a city, village, township, charter township, and any duly authorized and established combinations thereof, within or without the county. MCL 46.171(2) (c).

The office of the Macomb County Drain Commissioner evolved into the office of Macomb County Public Works Commissioner in 1975 pursuant to MCL 280.21 and Board of Commissioners Resolution 1278, April 29, 1975. Hereafter, both offices will be referred to as Public Works Commissioner.

**Office of Macomb County Public Works**

Since 1966 as “county agency,” the Public Works Commissioner has carried out a number of large-scale water and sewer projects within Macomb County. In 1967, acting for and on behalf of Macomb County, the Public Works Commissioner entered into a wastewater services contract with the City of Detroit for much of the urbanized area of Macomb County north of 14 Mile Road. The Public Works Commissioner acting as county agency executed the contract between
Detroit and Macomb County. Acting for the County, the Public Works Commissioner likewise has entered into wastewater contracts with a number of municipalities in the county.

In 2009, the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District ("OMID") was created. It acquired the Detroit-built interceptors in Macomb County. The OMID entered into a wastewater contract with Detroit, and the Detroit/Macomb wastewater contract was terminated. Macomb County now contracts with OMID. However, under the Detroit/OMID contract, Macomb County retains a variety of rights in dealing with Detroit, just as if it were a customer with a direct contract.

**Macomb County and DWSD: Current Relations**

The Detroit City Charter provides for a seven-member Board of Water Commissioners appointed by Detroit’s mayor to oversee the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. By long standing practice, Detroit’s mayor appointed a commissioner from each of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties to the Board after consultation with the drain commissioners in each county or their successors.

In 1977, the United States sued Detroit under the Clean Water Act related to violations of water quality standards at Detroit’s wastewater treatment plant (the “1977 Sewer Case”). All wastewater customers of Detroit were ultimately added as defendants including Macomb County. The Macomb County Public Works Commissioner through counsel has appeared on behalf of and acted for Macomb County throughout the case which continues today.

In February 2011, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties and the City of Detroit agreed to an order in the 1977 Sewer Case that revised the manner in which commissioners were appointed to the Board of Water Commissioners and other related reforms. Again, the Macomb County Public Works Commissioner acted for Macomb County in entering into that agreement. Under the Stipulated Order setting forth the revised governance provision, Detroit’s mayor is now required to appoint one commissioner nominated by the Macomb County Public Works Commissioner. Stipulated Order, 1977 Sewer Case (Feb. 11, 2011).

**Macomb County Regional Water and Sewerage Authority: Evaluation Approach**

- **3-Prong Approach**
  1. Legal Analysis (Led by Craig Hupp - Bodman Law)
  2. Financial Analysis of 10-Year Business Plan proposed by Detroit (conducted by UHY)
  3. Inter-county Technical Work Group (led by Office of Macomb County Public Works)

  - The Office of Macomb County Public Works is using lessons learned from the following projects to evaluate the current DWSD proposal
  - Clintondale Pump Station
- Northeast Sanitary Pump Station
- Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain
MEMORANDUM

TO: Macomb County Office of Public Works

FROM: R. Craig Hupp

DATE: November 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Report on Proposal to Form a Regional Water & Sewer Authority

Role of the Public Works Commissioner

Macomb County, through Public Works Commissioner Anthony Marrocco as county agency, is a wholesale sewer customer of the Detroit water and Sewerage Department (“DWSD”). Commissioner Marrocco also has the power to appoint one member of DWSD’s seven-member Board of Water Commissioners. The Public Works Commissioner and his predecessor Drain Commissioners have played an active role on sewer matters involving DWSD since at least the mid 1970s.

DWSD’s Proposal For Regional Authority, February 2013

In February 2013, DWSD management framed a proposal to transfer the operations of the Department to a new regional authority in exchange for an annual payment to the City of Detroit. The advantages of such a separation included freeing the Department from day-to-day political control, efficiencies from complete separation from city bureaucracy, and potentially improved bond rating and associated savings in borrowing costs. The conceptual proposal provided that the water and sewer assets would be leased on a long term lease to the authority. Current management would transfer to the new authority. The ongoing staff optimization study would continue under the authority and would yield a substantially smaller work force. The authority would either assume or refinance DWSD’s debt. The conceptual proposal contained no other details or specificity.

Emergency Manager’s Proposal for a Regional Authority, June 2013

Discussions between DWSD and the Macomb, Oakland and Wayne County wholesale sewer customers (collectively, “the Counties”) had just begun when the Governor appointed an emergency manager for Detroit. In April 2014, DWSD and the Counties met with Emergency Manager Orr to inform him of the proposal and the potential mutual benefits.

Emergency Manager Orr included the transfer basically as proposed by DWSD management as a key component of his Proposal For Creditors (June 14, 2013). The Proposal For Creditors did not include a proposal as to the annual consideration to be paid. In addition to the advantages inherent in the original DWSD proposal, the Proposal For Creditors included the additional advantage that the City would retain accrued pension and other employee benefit
liabilities associated with DWSD employees. These liabilities represent a substantial annual budget cost as well as a large balance sheet liability. The proposal remained in conceptual form without any other key details specified.

**Statutory Authority For a Regional Authority**

There is general agreement that current state law provides a satisfactory vehicle for the creation of a regional water and sewer authority and no new legislation is required. The relevant statute, 1955 P.A. 233, MCL 124.281 et seq., provides for the creation of a regional authority by at least two governmental entities upon the adoption of its articles and bylaws by their legislative bodies. The Emergency Manager has suggested that the incorporating entities would be the City of Detroit and the Counties. If Macomb County were to decide to join in the formation of the authority, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners would need to adopt the articles and bylaws.

There has been no agreement among the Counties at this time that a regional authority will be formed. It has been generally agreed by the Counties that such decision must wait upon reaching an agreement with Detroit on the payment and a variety of other materials terms, assuming such an agreement can be reached.

**Discussions With the Emergency Manager**

Discussions began in August 2013 between the Emergency Manager and the Counties to define the issues associated with implementing the conceptual proposal and to negotiate the terms of any transfer and the amount of any payment to Detroit. Discussions have focused on the articles and bylaws for an authority, the authority’s governance, the basis for and amount of payments to the City of Detroit, and the terms of a lease agreement. After initial discussions, both sides agreed to focus on payment issues.

In early October, the Emergency Manager made a payment proposal to the Counties. It is based on a calculation of the savings that a regional authority would expect to achieve as a result of separation from Detroit.

The parties have agreed that the proposal and discussions related to that proposal will be kept strictly confidential. While we are not at liberty to disclose the monetary proposal, we can state it was substantial and the Counties do not agree that it is realistic or well founded.

**Evaluating the Emergency Manager’s Proposal**

The Counties have retained UHY Advisors to assist in the evaluation of the Emergency Manager’s payment proposal. The not-to-exceed price of that contract is $100,000 in total, NOT $100,000 per county as is frequently misreported in the press. With assistance from UHY, the Counties are presently evaluating the basis for the Emergency Manager’s proposal and formulating an appropriate response.

In addition, the Macomb County Office of Public Works has formed a team to evaluate DWWD’s capital needs for the next 10 to 20 years. Because debt and debt service represent almost half of DWSD’s budget, it is crucial that a well-grounded estimate of capital needs be prepared before considering what payment to Detroit may be financially feasible or justified.
Ongoing Activities

Because the spinoff of DWSD in exchange for annual payments is one of the few new revenue sources for the City, the Emergency Manager sees it as a key component of the Plan of Adjustment which is due in court at the beginning of March. The Plan is required by bankruptcy law and explains how the city plans to pay its creditors. The Emergency Manager desires to have a commitment to form a regional authority by mid December so that it can be fleshed out and incorporated into the Plan of Adjustment by the end of February.

The Counties’ immediate objective is to determine the basis for making a counter proposal on payment to the Emergency Manager and the amount of a such a payment. Formulating a counter proposal, if one is to be made, may take several weeks. The evaluation of capital needs is not completed and a number of due diligence requests to Detroit remain unanswered.

If a counter proposal is made, the Emergency Manager may choose to negotiate or to explore other options that do not involve forming a regional authority to take over DWSD’s operations.

If this matter proceeds to payments negotiations, it is likely that parallel discussions on other materials terms will proceed.
Introduction and Background
The Emergency Manager’s team contracted with Miller Buckfire to advocate for Detroit in a potential transfer of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) to a new regional authority. Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties currently comprise this new governing body. Miller Buckfire in turn retained a local engineering firm, OHM, to prepare a 10-year capital improvement forecast for DWSD’s water and sewer systems. The Miller Buckfire Team then used the OHM Capital Forecast to develop a 10-year business plan for the regional authority. The business plan was the supporting document for the proposed Lease payment that the City requests for the transfer of the DWSD system to the new regional authority.

The Macomb County Public Works Office took the lead in forming an inter-county technical work group (“ITWG”) to evaluate the OHM Capital Forecast and related materials. The ITWG’s work includes a detailed review of the OHM Capital Forecast, cost comparisons to other related documents, site visits to several DWSD facilities, and identification of capital projects that were missing, mischaracterized, and/or underestimated in the OHM Capital Forecast based on the ITWG members’ institutional knowledge of DWSD’s system.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Evaluation
In general, it appears the approach used in the development of the OHM Capital Forecast was to identify all the known problems in DWSD’s water and sewerage systems and develop estimated costs for addressing these problems. One major shortcoming with this approach is that for much of the system, particularly the water transmission mains and sewer interceptors, the actual conditions (and associated major upgrade requirements) are largely unknown. The ITWG suggests that an appropriate CIP estimate should be based on historical inspection/repair/maintenance costs for representative items and apply those costs to the remainder of the system.

In addition, the OHM Capital Forecast admittedly deferred substantial improvement projects due to affordability concerns. The ITWG disagrees with this approach and recommends that improvement projects be included in the 10-year CIP without deferment if the projects are needed. The ITWG believes the issue of affordability is an extremely critical one but should not dictate whether or not projects are identified and indicated on the 10-year CIP.

Initial Findings
The ITWG’s initial findings suggest a gap between the capital costs in the OHM Capital Forecast and the costs developed by the ITWG. Our preliminary estimates indicate that the CIP costs for DWSD’s water supply and sewerage systems should be increased by a factor consistent with suburban asset standards. These contingencies indicate significant additional capital costs for needed improvements over the next 10 years.

Next Steps
This discussion and cost projections are confidential and preliminary. The ITWG expects to finalize our estimates in the next several weeks. Upon completion of the ITWG’s work, UHY will incorporate our CIP estimates into its financial analysis for an updated and refined look at more realistic debt service estimates. This updated financial analysis may serve as the basis for a counterproposal to the EM Team.
November 5, 2013

Resolution Supporting The Nomination Of The General Motors Technical Center, City Of Warren, Macomb County, Michigan As A National Historic Landmark

Commissioner Robert Mijac, And Supported By Commissioner Toni Moceri on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Offer the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office has undertaken the Michigan Modern Project to document Michigan’s outstanding contributions to the advancement of Modernism in America; and

WHEREAS, the General Motors Technical Center is being designated as a National Historic Landmark because of its national significance as an exceptional example of Modern architecture and its association with the internationally acclaimed architect Eero Saarinen; and

WHEREAS, the GM Technical Center is a General Motors facility in Warren, Michigan and home to GM engineers, designers, researchers, and technicians and has been the center of the company’s engineering effort since its inauguration in 1956, and includes 330 acres 25 main buildings and numerous additional structures including a water tower and 22-acre lake and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Michigan Modern project are to bring international recognition to Michigan’s contributions to Modernism and to use Michigan’s modern resources to increase cultural heritage tourism in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, investment in cultural heritage tourism will help to diversify Michigan’s economy and bring increased revenue to the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation yields significant benefits to Macomb County’s economy as indicated by economic impact studies; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises previous federal provisions to provide for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee of the National Park System Advisory Board will evaluate the GM Tech Center as a National Historic Landmark at a meeting to be held on December 17-18, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners supports the nomination for the General Motors Technical Center as a National Historic Landmark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to Chief of National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program Mr. J. Paul
Loether, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Candice Miller, and U.S. Representative Sander Levin; and soft copies of this resolution be provided to Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Planning and Economic Development Director Steve Cassin, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Preservation Planner Amy Arnold, and Partner and Managing Principal of Preservation Design Partnership, LLC, Dominique M. Hawkins.
Resolution Supporting Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (H.R. 1755 & S. 815),
To Extend Principle Of Fairness And Equal Opportunity In The Workplace

Commissioner Toni Moceri on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Offer the Following
Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners strongly recognizes the importance
of civil rights in the workplace and that all people are judged solely on their merits; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of LGBT Americans go to work every day fearing that, without any
warning, they could lose their jobs -- not because of anything they've done, but simply because
of who they are and this includes many Macomb County residents; and

WHEREAS, Equality Michigan estimates that at least 287,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
transgender adults live in Michigan based on the national estimate that roughly 4% of the
population identifies as LGBT, and the 2010 census shows that 14,598 same-sex households
reside in Michigan which is approximately 3.8 same-sex couples per 1,000 households; and

WHEREAS, employers can fire or refuse to hire someone based on their sexual orientation or
gender identity and Michigan lacks employment non-discrimination laws that protect lesbian,
gay, and bisexuals causing civil rights gaps, leaving far too many people (including Macomb
County residents) vulnerable to workplace discrimination, and the terrifying threat of being
unable to financially support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has isolated provisions to protect discrimination through the Michigan
Public Act 9 of 2013, which made private marinas ineligible for a new loan program if they
discriminate based on sexual orientation, and Public Act 554 of 2008 which prohibits
discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for employment and
rewarding of contracts for the Regional Convention Facility Authority, however there are no
other statewide protections; and

WHEREAS, ENDA would provide basic protections against workplace discrimination on the
basis of sexual orientation or gender identity – ensuring no one can be denied employment or a
promotion, or fired, simply for being gay or transgender but exempting small businesses,
religious organizations, and the military; and

WHEREAS, public support for ENDA has remained strong over the years and a September 2013
poll conducted by Target Point Consulting's Alex Lundry for Americans for Workplace
Opportunity found that 68 percent of voters, including 56 percent of Republicans, believe that
the rights of gay men and lesbians and transgender employees should be protected by federal
law; and additionally, nearly 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies have included sexual
orientation in their workplace policies, and 57 percent also provide protections based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, ENDA is commonsense legislation that says no to anti-gay extremists, addressing injustice with a sensible solution by extending protections that some of our own states and many large corporations already provide – without disruptive business consequences.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) to extend principle of fairness and equal opportunity in the workplace for all Macomb County residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Candice Miller, U.S. Representative Sander Levin; and soft copies of this resolution be provided to Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel.
November 12, 2013

Resolution To Establish November 15, 2013 As America Recycles Day in Macomb County
And Support Furthering Recycling Efforts In Macomb County

Commissioner Dave Flynn on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, each year, the United States generates more than 250 million tons of municipal solid waste (more than 4 pounds per person per day), however, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, our nation has reached an overall recycling rate of 34.7 percent, and each year, our national recycling rate saves the energy equivalent of 229 million barrels of oil, saves the same amount of energy consumed by over 10 million US households in a year, and avoids greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 34 million cars from the road each year; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 State of Michigan Recycling report by the Michigan Recycling Coalition shows that increasing the recycling rate in Michigan from the current level of 20 percent (2001 estimate) to the average of the other Great Lakes states (30 percent), would produce a total increase of 6,810 to 12,986 jobs, approximately $155 to $300 million in income, and approximately $1.8 to $3.9 billion in receipts, which would generate an additional income of about $12 to $22 million in state tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources, adopting conscientious habits that will bring about a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment as well as further development of a green economy; and

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners sponsors and administers the Michigan Green Schools Program in Macomb County, per P.A. 146 (2006), through which counties may award Official Michigan Green School status each year to those schools - 127 currently in Macomb County – which have met criteria specified in the program; and

WHEREAS, staff and students at schools have significantly increased recycling efforts in Macomb County to date, and there must also be continued focus on other initiatives such as waste reduction, composting, the reuse of products and materials, and purchasing recycled products; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging businesses, governments, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013, we can further promote recycling as an environmentally efficient and cost-effective habit as seen in Ann Arbor in 1996, where the city spent $71 per ton on recycling and composting, compared to $86 per ton for trash collection and disposal; and
WHEREAS, it is important that all Macomb County residents increase awareness and practice of recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled and recyclable products available to them as consumers; it is also fitting for Macomb County to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013 and take action by educating citizens about the recycling options available in our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners proclaims November 15, 2013 as America Recycles Day in Macomb County and supports furthering recycling efforts in Macomb County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to all County Elected Officials, the Macomb Intermediate School District, Macomb County Schools, Wayne and Oakland Green Schools Coordinators, Macomb County state legislators and recycling organizations in the Southeast Michigan region.