

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FULL BOARD
JANUARY 24, 2002**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2002 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. Chairman Hertel called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Jonathan Lafferty	District 4
Dennis Olshove	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sue Rocca	District 7
Diana J. Kolakowski	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Philis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
Don Brown	District 13
John C. Hertel	District 14
Nicholyn A. Brandenburg	District 15
William Revoir	District 16
Bobby L. Hill	District 17
Michael C. Sessa	District 18
James M. Perna	District 19
Nancy M. White	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
Robert M. Sawicki	District 23
Roland R. Fraschetti	District 24
Peggy A. Kennard	District 25

INVOCATION

Commissioner Brown gave the invocation.

AGENDA

A **MOTION** to Adopt the **Agenda As Amended** To Include #14, #16 & #17 was made by Commissioner Lafferty, supported by Commissioner Brown, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Hill requested to add a resolution honoring Dr. James Earl Thompson.

Commissioner Flynn requested to add a resolution honoring Warren Consolidated – Carter Middle School.

A vote was taken to adopt the agenda as amended and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 13, 2001 (Full Board) and January 22, 2002 (Organization meeting) was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Perna, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Carmella Sabaugh to the winners of the Photo Contest for the Macomb County 2002 Directory.

Grand Prize: Jill Lezotte (Chesterfield Township) \$100
Finalists: Julie Bolduc-Wardi (Warren) \$50
Abby Schmidt (Richmond) \$50
Lorne Gauthier (Sterling Heights) \$50
Judith Ehmke (Shelby Township) \$50
Cheryl Degen (Chesterfield Township) \$50

Carmella Sabaugh thanked Paula Verticchio (Clerk's Office) for all of her hard work on the county directory and photo contest.

Presentation of Resolution to Richard Roose was made by Ed Szczepanski and John Hertel.

Presentation of Resolution to James Baumgartner was made by Don Brown and John Hertel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Parker, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Spoke about conflict with Freedom Hill, Hillside Productions, City of Sterling Heights and the County Board of Commissioners.

Darlene Jewitt, Clinton Township, Michigan

Spoke about SMART and the taxes related to it.

Mario Fundarski, Roseville, Michigan

Congratulated the City of Sterling Heights for videotaping the Board of Commissioners Full Board meetings. Hopes that all other communities televise the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – January 22, 2002

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

Commissioners Brandenburg and Szczepanski requested that their **NO** votes from committee be repeated and recorded.

Commissioner Sessa asked to separate #8.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:

1. (1) MANAGER	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
2. (1) CASE MANAGER II	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
3. (1) TRADESMAN	FACILITIES & OPERATIONS
4. (1) FIELD WORKER	MCCSA
5. (1) TEACHER	MCCSA
6. (1) CASE MANAGER	MACOMB/ST. CLAIR EMPLOY. &
	TRAINING AGENCY
7. (1) L.P.N.	MARTHA T. BERRY
8. (1) NURSE AIDE	MARTHA T. BERRY
9. (1) MEDIATION CLERK IV	PROBATE COURT-WILLS & ESTATES
10. (1) CHIEF DEPUTY INVESTIGATOR	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
11. (1) CORRECTINS SERGEANT	SHERIFF
12. (1) DEPUTY	SHERIFF
13. (1) VEHICLE SERVICE	
MANAGER/INSTRUCTOR	SHERIFF
14. (1) REHABILITATION AIDE	MARTHA T. BERRY
2. APPOINT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE BIDDERS TO PROVIDE MACOMB COUNTY WITH A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AT THEIR APRIL MEETING.
3. APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF FOUR THERAPIST I POSITIONS TO FOUR THERAPIST II POSITIONS IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
4. APPROVE A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THIRTEEN FULL-TIME REGISTERED NURSE POSITIONS IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FROM PAY GRADE 24 TO PAY GRADE 25, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002.
5. APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE CASE MANAGER III POSITION TO ONE THERAPIST II POSITION IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
6. APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE PART-TIME TYPIST CLERK I/II POSITION TO ONE PART-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK I/II POSITION IN MSU EXTENSION SERVICE.
7. APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE FOLLOWING PART-TIME POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE JUVENILE COURT SEX OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM: PROBATION OFFICER (.5 FTE), TYPIST CLERK I (.45 FTE), TRANSPORTER (.25 FTE) AND PROJECT DIRECTOR (.11 FTE).
9. RETAIN THE SERVICES OF DYKEMA GOSSETT TO REVIEW THE MACOMB COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ORDINANCE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, REGULATIONS AND FEDERAL STATUTES WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE FEBRUARY PERSONNEL

COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATED MOTION

8. APPROVE AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE MACOMB COUNTY RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN.

Commissioner Sessa spoke of the changes made at the Personnel Committee meeting.

Commissioner Flynn stated that an Ad Hoc Committee was to report back to the Personnel Committee in April.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION** and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioners Rocca, Brandenburg, Szczepanski, Kennard, Sessa and DeSaele voting **NO**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – January 23, 2002

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

Commissioner Brandenburg requested that her **NO** votes from committee be repeated and recorded.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. APPROVE THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
2. APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 4, 2002, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,709,072.25, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.
3. AUTHORIZE PURCHASING TO ISSUE A RFP FOR THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2002 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT; FURTHER, THAT COSTS BE REQUESTED FOR THE OLD FORMAT AND THE PROPOSED NEW FORMAT.
4. ACCEPT THE GREAT GRANT AWARD AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY OF MACOMB.
5. APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH HEALTH DECISIONS, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUDITING THE COUNTY'S BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001.

6. CONCUR AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL IN REGARD TO THE MATTER OF KEN AHEARN, MICHAEL PIERCE, RAYMOND BREHIO, ROBERT PERRY, ROBERT BUGAMELLI, GREG SANTO, KEN RIVARD, JOE BETZ AND MIKE SNYDER VS. COUNTY OF MACOMB.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS/TRIBUTES

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

- Res. No. 02-01 Honoring Raymond Zaporski for 53 Years as Minister of Music for the Archdiocese of Detroit (offered by Kolakowski; recommended by Finance Committee on 1/23/02)
- Res. No. 02-02 Resolution of Tribute and Accommodation in Memory of the Late Reverend Stanley Sprewer (offered by Hill; recommended by Finance Committee on 1/23/02)
- Res. No. 02-03 Commending Richard Roose – Retirement from Dept. of Planning and Economic Development (offered by Szczepanski; recommended by Personnel Committee on 1/22/02)
- Res. No. 02-04 Commending James Baumgartner – Retirement from Dept. of Planning and Economic Development (offered by Hertel on behalf of the board; recommended by Personnel Committee on 1/22/02)
- Res. No. 02-05 Commending Beer Middle School for Receiving the Blue Ribbon Award (offered by Lafferty; recommended by Personnel Committee on 1/22/02)
- Res. No. 02-06 Commending Chippewa Valley High School Big Reds State Championship Football Team (offered by Revoir; recommended by Finance Committee on 1/23/02)
- Res. No. 02-07 Commending Washington Township Fire Department (offered by Brown; recommended by Finance Committee on 1/23/02)
- Res. No. 02-08 Commending Bruce/Romeo First Department (offered by Brown; recommended by Finance Committee on 1/23/02)
- Res. No. 02-09 Honoring Dr. James Earl Thompson on the occasion of his 35th anniversary at North Broadway Church of Christ (offered by Commissioner Hill at Full Board on 1/24/02)
- Res. No. 02-10 Honoring Warren Consolidated – Carter Middle School (offered by Commissioner Flynn at Full Board on 1/24/02)

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY SENOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

The Clerk read the recommendations and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner DiMaria to adopt the committee recommendations.

- a. Accept payment in the amount of \$2,412 from Area Agency on Aging 1-B and to adjust both the revenue and expense positions of the Budget accordingly.
- b. Accept payment in the amount of \$2,042 from the Michigan Department of Community Health and to adjust both the revenue and expense positions of the budget accordingly.
- c. Accept additional funding of \$2,675 from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for the Counseling program of Senior Citizen Services and to adjust both the revenue and expense positions of the Budget accordingly.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

The Clerk read the recommendations and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brandenburg, supported by Commissioner DeSaele to adopt the committee recommendations.

- a. To recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency receives \$35,364 from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for the Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program and the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program.
- b. To recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency receives \$20,000 in additional funds to support the Head Start Program.
- c. To recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to extend their Agreement with the Department of Education to receive reimbursement and food through the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Commissioner Szczepanski questioned item A. Frank Taylor indicated that SMART is reimbursing some of the transportation costs for the elderly and handicapped. He will provide a detailed report to Commissioner Szczepanski with all expenditures.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked Commissioner Liberato why some counties are paying more than other counties. Commissioner Liberato will provide that information at the next Community Services meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

The Clerk read the recommendations and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Lafferty to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Frascchetti asked to separate item C.

Vote was taken on the following:

- a. Authorize payment to Edmund London & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$84,785.81 for the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility Renovation Project. Invoice 12/01/21. Funds are available in the capital budget.
- b. Authorize payment to Greystone Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$88,611.10 for the Probate Court HVAC Replacement Project. (Application No. 13). Funds are available in the capital budget. Final Invoice – funds will not be released until final unconditional waivers are received.
- d. Authorize payment to Project Control Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$252,900.00 for work performed at the Circuit Court Building. Application No. 8. Funds are available in the capital budget.
- e. Authorize payment to Project Control Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$10,776.00 for work performed at the Robert A. VerKuijen Building (area occupied by the Family Independence Agency). Application No. 17. Funds are available in the capital budget. Final invoice – funds will not be released until final unconditional waivers are received.
- f. Authorize payment to Strat Wold Architects and Engineers, in the amount of \$3,291.50 for design services – Court Building Renovation Project. Invoice No. 711-19. Funds are available in the capital budget.
- g. Authorize payment to Wakely Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$79,520.00 for design services – Youth Home Addition and Renovation Project. Invoice No. 11211 & 11227. Funds are available in the capital budget.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATED ITEM

- c. Authorize payment to James DeBard Architects in the amount of \$10,556.00 for the Clemens Center Renovation Project. Funds are available in the capital budget.

Commissioner Frascchetti stated that there is a better use for this building than what the County is intending. Thanked Sterling Heights for videotaping the meeting.

Commissioner Sessa questioned the construction activity. Dave Diegel indicated that the

bids come to the Board in March for their approval. Chairman Hertel asked Dave Diegel to report to the Board regarding the income being received from the tenants. He stated that with the monies coming in from the tenants, the County will have the building and acreage completely paid off in 20 years and the County will have paid less than \$2.00 a sq. foot. Commissioner Sessa objects to the County being in competition with private industry in the rental industry.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED ITEM** and the **SEPARATED ITEM CARRIED.**

PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF 2002 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Clerk read the recommendation and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Lafferty, supported by Commissioner Flynn to adopt the following motion:

Approve publication and distribution of the 2002 Macomb County Board of Commissioners Annual Report and that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Chairman of the Planning and Economic Development Committee appoint an Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee to review and approve the contents of the Annual Report and make any necessary revisions, with input from appropriate county staff; further, that the final draft be approved either at a Full Board or committee-of-the-whole meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE 2002 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk read the recommendation and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frascchetti, supported by Commissioner Lafferty to adopt the following motion:

Approve 2002 Committee Assignments (previously distributed).

Commissioner Lund clarified that Justice and Public Safety Committee is also responsible for Emergency Management and Communications and the Youth Home.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR FEBRUARY-DECEMBER 2002

The Clerk read the recommendation and a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Slinde to adopt the following motion:

Approve meeting dates for February – December, 2002 (previously distributed).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT

a) **Macomb County Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee**
A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY

COMMISSIONER REVOIR, TO APPOINT MICHAEL SYLVESTER TO THE MACOMB COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004, AND **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sessa stated that the Board of Commissioners had approved an FOIA table when they were in the County Building and since they moved to the Administration Building, he'd like to see one exist there too. Chairman Hertel agrees and will look into it.

Commissioner Flynn said that Commissioner Nancy White has been named the Distinguished Woman of the Year by Girl Scouts.

Commissioner Szczepanski thanked Sterling Heights for videotaping the Board meeting and invited them to tape the Committee meetings as well.

Commissioner Kolakowski indicated that citizens are expressing concern as to why lights are on at Freedom Hill. Anthony Casasanta told her that they are on for security reasons.

Commissioner Frascchetti thanked Sterling Heights for videotaping the Board meeting and hopes that other communities show it on their cable access stations. He also thanked Commissioner Perna for making copies of the last meeting for the entire Board.

Commissioner Sawicki said that Sterling Heights should have been present on August 1, 2001 to see how the Board tried to resolve its issues with Sterling Heights City Council.

Commissioner DeSaele thanked Sterling Heights for videotaping the Board meeting.

Commissioner Perna thanked Sterling Heights for videotaping the Board meeting. He also described that as the President of the Parks Commission his continued attempts to meet with the City Manager of Sterling Heights and how he has tried to resolve unsettled disputes regarding Freedom Hill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Parker, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Questioned the activity and responsibility of the Macomb County Parks Commission.

Louise Ferleety, Clinton Township, Michigan

Said that a feasibility study was done by Mount Clemens regarding the Ball Park and the Clemens Center was not adequate.

Darlene Jewitt, Clinton Township, Michigan

Spoke about SMART and the taxes related to it.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3

Jonathan Lafferty	District 4
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ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Lafferty, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Hertel adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m., until the call of the Chairman.

John C. Hertel, Chairman
Carmella Sabaugh, Clerk