

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2007 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. Chairman Crouchman called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Andrey Duzyj	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Jon Switalski	District 4
Susan L. Doherty	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sue Rocca	District 7
David J. Flynn	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Philis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
Don Brown	District 13
Brian Brdak	District 14
Keith Rengert	District 15
Carey Torrice	District 16
Ed Bruley	District 17
Dana Camphous-Peterson	District 18
Paul Gielegem	District 19
Kathleen E. Tocco	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
William A. Crouchman	District 23
Sarah Roberts	District 24
Kathy Vosburg	District 25
Leon Drolet	District 26

**AGENDA**

A **MOTION** to Adopt the Agenda, was made by Commissioner Haggerty, supported by Commissioner Brdak, and the **MOTION CARRIED**, with Commissioner Szczepanski voting **NO**.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Jim Senstock, 31698 San Juan, Harrison Township*  
*Nancy White, 37337 Tall Oak Drive, Clinton Township*  
*Susan Westlake, 37314 Charter Oaks Boulevard, Clinton Township*  
*Frank Maisano, 26740 Barbara, Roseville*  
*Nancy Falcone-Sullivan, U.A.W. Region 1,*  
*Kenneth Jenkins, 46385 White Cap Drive, Macomb Township*

*Kathleen Simons, 37295 Charter Oaks Boulevard, Clinton Township*  
*Lois Hill, 15 S. Highland, Mt. Clemens*  
*Jack Doer, Detroit Illuminating, 22407 Bayview, St. Clair Shores*  
*Grace Shore, Macomb Township*  
*John Brennan, Macomb Township Supervisor (above speaker read letter of support)*  
*Dr. William Lakin, 44260 Boulder Drive, Clinton Township*  
*Melissa Trustman, 21811 California, St. Clair Shores*  
*Christine, 19 Hollywood, Mt. Clemens*  
*Daniel Bernard, Attorney, 40165 Sara Rose Drive, Clinton Township*  
*Bill Sowerby, 37860 Saddlelane, Clinton Township*  
*Nick Ciaramitaro, 19473 Candlelight, Roseville*  
*Aaron Squeo, 20211 Abram, Clinton Township*  
*Dennis McLellan 37726 Rosebush, Sterling Heights*  
*Carl Etue, 38871 Red Oaks Drive, Clinton Township*  
*John Begin, 16184 Forest Way, Macomb Township*  
*Mary Beth Paisley, 58511 Frost Road, Lennox*  
*Donna Cangemi, President AFSCME Local 411*  
*Tim Goodfellow, 22476 Lakeland, St. Clair Shores*  
*Adam Wit, 24834 Trombley, Spoke on behalf of the Harrison Township Supervisor*  
*Jason Murphy, Richmond Township*  
*Michael Lesich, 15201 Fairview, Fraser*  
*Randell Shafer, 21724 Woodbridge, St. Clair Shores*  
*Roland Frascchetti, 22613 Corteville Street, St. Clair Shores*  
*Melanie Davis, 14143 Pernel, Sterling Heights*  
*Dean Reynolds, 20040 White Oaks Drive, Clinton Township*  
*Alicia Baker, 75 Scott, Mt. Clemens*  
*Linda Godfry, 8938 Hensley Drive, Sterling Heights*  
*David Maquera, Attorney, 20820 Nucci Drive, Clinton Township*  
*Jerry Sieja, 12927 Docks Drive, Sterling Heights*  
*Lillian Adams, 8155 Clay Court, Sterling Heights*  
*Ken Pearl, 38316 Santa Barbara Street, Clinton Township*  
*Dan Tolis, 43370 Devin Lane, Clinton Township*  
*Marco Lavinio, 36815 Woodingham, Clinton Township*  
*Gregory Murray, 66 Robertson, Mt. Clemens*  
*Jerald Innes, 14128 Billette Drive, Sterling Heights*  
*Sterling Kaltz, 37922 Terra Mar, Harrison Township*  
*Mike Laboone, 57248 Washington Township, President MEA Local #1*  
*Charles Walsh, 26720 Greenleaf, Roseville*  
*Dennis, 19637 Lloyd, Macomb County*  
*Ken Reed, 4472 Morningview, Shelby Township*  
*Phil Rode, 36097 Acton Street, Clinton Township*  
*Chris Milewski, 11161 Masonic, Warren*  
*Bob Brandenburg, 17396 Delaware, Macomb Township*  
*Lenard Bruley, 38062 Seaway, Harrison Township*  
*Donald Lobsinger, 26900 Taylor, St. Clair Shores*

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

**TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF ELECTING A CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FRAMING AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER CREATING AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE.** *(See attached)*

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BRDAK, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TOCCO, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF ELECTING A CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FRAMING AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER CREATING AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Commissioner Bruley indicated he moved this resolution today for accountability of our county government. For more clout for our county government and its residents so that we may compete with our neighboring counties on a level playing field. Also, so the people of Macomb County can decide the future structure of their government. He stated the supporters of this resolution are not recreating the wheel, simply trying to make the wheel move for our business community, for our residents, for those seeking jobs and for those seeking higher educational opportunities in Macomb County.

A **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RENGERT, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN TO PROVIDE A THOUGHTFUL, OBJECTIVE, INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF MACOMB COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS RELATED TO THE MACOMB COUNTY CURRENT GENERAL LAW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, THE MODIFICATIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS FORM AS WELL AS IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGING TO A CHARTER OR UNIFIED FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. *(See attached)*

A **SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSONER BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER GIELEGHEM, TAKING THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

SECTION II	CHANGE FROM MAY 8, 2007 TO AUGUST 7, 2007
SECTION III	CHANGE FROM MAY 8, 2007 TO AUGUST 7, 2007
SECTION V	CHANGE AUGUST 7, 2007 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2007
SECTION VI	CHANGE MARCH 13, 2007 TO MAY 8, 2007
	CHANGE MARCH 6, 2007 TO MAY 1, 2007

A lengthy discussion ensued.

**ROLL CALLVOTE ON SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRDAK	X	
BROWN		X
BRULEY	X	
CAMPHOUS-PETERSON		X

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
CROUCHMAN		X
DESAELE		X
DI MARIA		X
DOHERTY		X
DROLET		X
DUZYJ		x
FLYNN, D.	X	
FLYNN, J.		X
GIELEGHEM	X	
HAGGERTY		X
LUND		X
MIJAC	X	
RENGERT		X
ROBERTS	X	
ROCCA		X
SAUGER		X
SLINDE		X
SWITALSKI	X	
SZCZEPANSKI		X
TOCCO	X	
TORRICE	X	
VOSBURG		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>

**THE MOTION FAILS.**

Commissioner Brdak requested ruling on the germaneness of this substitute motion. The intention of this meeting was to vote on a ballot proposal to be put forth to the voters. The substitute motion is clearly requesting a study and that was not the purpose of this meeting.

George Brumbaugh explained and indicated it is a proper motion.

Chairman Crouchman stated that is his ruling.

**CHALLENGE THE CHAIR** was made by Commissioner Brdak.

**ROLL CALL ON CHALLENGE (YES SUPPORTS CHALLENGE/NO SUPPORTS CHAIRMAN)**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRDAK	X	
BROWN		X
BRULEY	X	
CAMPHOUS-PETERSON		X
CROUCHMAN		X
DESAELE		X
DI MARIA		X

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
DOHERTY		X
DROLET		X
DUZYJ		x
FLYNN, D.	X	
FLYNN, J.		X
GIELEGHEM	X	
HAGGERTY		X
LUND		X
MIJAC	X	
RENGERT		X
ROBERTS	X	
ROCCA		X
SAUGER		X
SLINDE		X
SWITALSKI	X	
SZCZEPANSKI		X
TOCCO	X	
TORRICE	X	
VOSBURG		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>

**THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHAIR FAILS.**

The discussion continued.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRDAK		X
BROWN	X	
BRULEY		X
CAMPHOUS-PETERSON	X	
CROUCHMAN	X	
DESAELE	X	
DI MARIA	X	
DOHERTY	X	
DROLET	X	
DUZYJ	x	
FLYNN, D.		X
FLYNN, J.	X	
GIELEGHEM		X
HAGGERTY	X	
LUND	X	
MIJAC		X
RENGERT	X	
ROBERTS		X
ROCCA	X	

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
SWITALSKI	<i>PASS</i>	
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
TOCCO		X
TORRICE		X
VOSBURG	X	
SWITALSKI		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>

**THE SUBSTITUTED MOTION PASSES.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRDAK		X
BROWN	X	
BRULEY		X
CAMPHOUS-PETERSON	X	
CROUCHMAN	X	
DESAELE	X	
DI MARIA	X	
DOHERTY	X	
DROLET	X	
DUZYJ	x	
FLYNN, D.		X
FLYNN, J.	X	
GIELEGHEM		X
HAGGERTY	X	
LUND	X	
MIJAC		X
RENGERT	X	
ROBERTS		X
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
SWITALSKI		X
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
TOCCO		X
TORRICE		X
VOSBURG	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>

**THE SUBSTITUTED MOTION PASSES.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Sauger asked the board and public all work together with Chairman Crouchman.

Commissioner Flynn thanked the residents who came tonight but indicated the board of commissioners has 885,000 people in Macomb County that they represent not just those who came tonight.

Commissioner Bruley thanked the chairman and corporation counsel for their openness.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Linda Godfry, 8938 Hensley Drive, Sterling Heights*

*Kenneth DeCook, Holmes Road, Armada*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Duzyj, supported by Commissioner Szczepanski, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Crouchman adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m., until the call of the Chair.

William Crouchman, Chairman  
Carmella Sabaugh, Clerk



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TO THE ELECTORATE A COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER  
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***(PURPOSE OF MEETING)***

WHEREAS, Public [Act](#) 293 of 1966, as amended, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to adopt a Resolution providing for the submission of the question of electing a Charter Commission for the purpose of framing and submitting to the electorate a County Home Rule Charter, under the Constitution and laws of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved By the Macomb County Board of Commissioners as follows:

I

That the Macomb County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Resolution in order to put forward the question of electing a Charter Commission for the purpose of framing and submitting to the electorate a County Home Rule Charter, under the Constitution and laws of Michigan.

II

Be It Further Resolved that the question of electing a Charter Commission be submitted to the qualified electorate on May 8, 2007.

III

Be It Further Resolved that the primary election for the office of Charter Commissioner shall also [be](#) held on May 8, 2007.

IV

Be It Further Resolved that each Charter Commissioner shall be elected from districts established by the County Apportionment Commission as provided by law.

V

Be It Further Resolved that, if the question of electing a Charter Commission receives sufficient affirmative votes, the date for the election of Charter Commissioner shall be August 7, 2007.

VI

Be It Further Resolved that the election of a Charter Commission shall be a partisan election and candidates shall be nominated by petition filed with the County Clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on March 13, 2007, which shall be signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing within the candidate's district, equal to not less than 1% nor more than 4% of the number of votes cast in the candidate's district by such party for the office of Secretary of State at the last general election in which a Secretary of State was elected or by paying a filing fee of \$100.00 to the County Clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2007.

VII

Be It Further Resolved that a candidate for election to the office of Charter Commissioner shall have been a qualified elector in the candidate's district for not less than 6 months.

VIII

Be It Further Resolved that Macomb County shall pay the costs of the elections required by this Resolution in cities and townships where no elections are otherwise scheduled to occur on the dates set forth in this Resolution.

IX

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forthwith delivered to each member of the County Apportionment Commission and that they immediately proceed with the establishment of Charter Commission Districts as provided by statute.

## RESOLUTION

*(Commissioner Slinde – Substitute Motion)*

TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN TO PROVIDE A THOUGHTFUL, OBJECTIVE, INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF MACOMB COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS RELATED TO THE MACOMB COUNTY CURRENT GENERAL LAW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, THE MODIFICATIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS FORM AS WELL AS IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGING TO A CHARTER OR UNIFIED FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Comparing the current Macomb County general law county form of county government to the other 82 Michigan counties that have either a modified form of general law county government or have moved to a unified or charter form.
2. Information on counties that have hired an administrator controller, manager, or other form of leadership and how that person functions with the board chair and board of commissioners.
3. The history of other counties in Michigan that initiated a change of form, along with the cost associated with the process of change, the future annual administrative costs associated with the modification and the annual financial health indicators relative to past and current financial health of these counties as compared to Macomb County during that same period.
4. Economic development history for all Michigan counties related to county support shall also be included. This will include cost, support and effectiveness (benefit) based on measurable economic indicators, including but not limited to employment information. In other words, how does each county support economic development.
5. Employment rates and economic data of three counties with an executive for a 10 year period prior to the change through today.
6. Reasons that the three Michigan counties with an executive form of government changed to that form.
7. Benefits and disadvantages for the three counties who currently have an executive.
8. Explanation of the legislative and administrative functions of all forms of county government currently available with examples.
9. Analysis and explanation of the relationship between the form of county government and amount of federal and state grant money it receives.
10. If a county does not have an executive form of government, how can it strengthen the role of the board chair?

Be it also resolved that any and all departments will give full cooperation to CRC to facilitate, expedite and support the independent analysis and final report by CRC.

Further, that this item be referred to the March 20, 2007 budget committee to determine what, if any, county monies need to be appropriated for this study.