AUGUST 14, 2013

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Regular Meeting of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS with a Special Agenda on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH BEGINS AT 9 A.M., in the Commissioners’ Board Room, Mount Clemens.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
   a) Finance, August 19 (to be provided)
   b) Finance, August 21 (to be provided)

2. APPOINTMENTS:
   Board Appointment
   a) SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD (page 1) (attached)
      1 vacancy; 3 year term (11-1-13 to 10-31-16)

3. Review of June 6, 2013 Memo from Corporation Counsel Re: Amendment to Solid Waste Management Plan (page 2) (attached)

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter
RESOLUTION TO approve the reappointment of Roger Facione to the Social Services Board for a three year term beginning November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2016

INTRODUCED BY: Dave Flynn, Board Chair

*NOTE: APPLICATION IS ON FILE WITH 8-19-13 FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE
Full Board 8-21-13
To: David Flynn, Chair  
    Board of Commissioners  
Mark A. Hackel  
    County Executive

From: Jill K. Smith  
    Assistant Corporation Counsel

Subject: Procedure to Amend Solid Waste Management Plan

Date: August 12, 2013

Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994) requires that each county have a solid waste management plan. The plan must assure that nonhazardous solid waste generated in the county is disposed of in a disposal area that complies with state laws and rules. Disposal areas include transfer facilities, landfills, and processing plants. (MCL 324.11503)

Macomb County has a solid waste management plan that identifies Pine Tree Acres as the disposal area for the county. The plan must be amended if other disposal areas are to be utilized in the County.

To amend the plan, a planning agency must be designated. The Planning and Economic Development Department has served as the planning agency in the past. The next step is the appointment of a solid waste planning committee. The Act requires that the county executive of a charter county that elects a county executive appoint the planning committee subject to the approval of the board of commissioners [MCL 324.11534(1)]. The planning committee consists of 14 members: 4 represent the solid waste management industry; 2 represent environmental interest groups; 1 represents county government; 1 represents city government; 1 represents township government; 1 represents the regional solid waste planning agency; 1 represents industrial waste generators and 3 represent the general public. The county, city and township representatives must be elected officials of that government or their designee [MCL 324.11534(2)].

The planning agency prepares the amendment with the advice, consultation and assistance of the planning committee. The amendment is submitted for review to the DEQ, to each municipality, and to the regional solid waste management planning agency (SEMCOG). Reviewing agencies have 3 months to review and comment on the amendment. A notice must also be published that the amendment is available for review. A public hearing must be conducted with not less than 30 days notice (MCL 324.11536).
Following the public hearing, the planning committee can approve the amendment and send it to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. The Board of Commissioners can approve the amendment, reject the amendment, or send it back to the planning committee with a statement of objections to the amendment. The planning committee has 30 days to review the objections and return the plan with recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

If the Board of Commissioners approves the amendment, it then must be approved by at least 67% of the municipalities in the county before it can take effect. The DEQ has 6 months to approve or disapprove the amendment after it has been submitted to them for review.

To summarize the steps to amend the plan:

1. Appoint a solid waste planning committee
2. Develop the amendment
3. Send the amendment for review to DEQ and municipalities
4. Hold a public hearing on the amendment
5. Solid waste planning committee approves or rejects the amendment
6. If approved, the amendment is sent to the Board of Commissioners
7. Board of Commissioners approves the amendment or sends it back to the solid waste planning committee with a statement of objections
8. If approved, the amendment goes to the municipalities for approval

If you have any further questions, please let me know.