

**MINUTES OF THE
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Smith-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Sabatini, Sauger and Tocco.

Other Commissioners Also Present: Carabelli.

Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Boyle, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

OVERVIEW BY HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER, CHIEF CIRCUIT, PROBATE AND 42ND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Judge Foster gave a report which was an overview of the additional duties that have been assigned to him by the Supreme Court as Chief Judge of the 42nd District Court.

According to Judge Foster, the state of Michigan began a process of evaluating the court system as a whole in the state to make sure that all judges and staff were maximizing their potential for serving clients and citizens in the state. He spoke about pilot projects that began several years ago throughout the state to create unified trial courts. This involved bringing judges together under one umbrella, allowing them to maximize efficiency while completing all duties. The courts have had the ability to experiment using resources in different ways. He said the change allows for less administration, more guidance and an increased opportunity for more efficient use of County and community dollars.

Judge Foster outlined the plan being developed with the State Court Administrator's Office for the 42nd District Court, which involves a study of caseload, staff and administrative processes as well as assistance in making recommendations and changes that will increase efficiency, use of funding and will ultimately serve the population in the best way.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Sauger, Smith, Vosburg and Tocco.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the overview reported by Honorable Chief Judge John Foster. **The Motion Carried.**

OVERVIEW OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER'S TEACHER'S PET PROGRAM

Amy Johnson, Program Director, provided an overview of the Teacher's Pet Program. She expressed appreciation for their being one of the recipients of the County's Casual Day Program.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Vosburg, Boyle, Smith and Sauger.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the overview provided on the Teacher's Pet Program. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter