

**MINUTES OF THE
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013**

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 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, Tocco and Flynn (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present: Miller.

Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – PROSECUTOR

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for the Prosecutors Office. He said no new positions were added. He noted that a request was made to add six positions due to critical needs, but after meeting with the Prosecutor, he agreed to delay this request and allow the Finance Department to work with him throughout the year. He said salary increases are related to furlough days being eliminated and fringe increases are due to pension cost and retiree health care increases.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

Prosecutor Smith spoke about the need for additional staff due to the Office's increased workload and past efforts to save money.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Miller.

Pete Provenzano summarized the grants associated with the Prosecutor's Office.

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

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the departmental budget review for the Prosecutor's Office. **The Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for the Juvenile Justice Center. He referred to the Child Care Fund and indicated that 50 percent of expenditures are paid for by the General Fund and the remainder by the state. He said they have done a good job in keeping costs down and converting full time positions to part-time and have decreased their costs pertaining to placement of children.

Nicole Faulds, Program Director, spoke about strategies for keeping kids out of detention.

The following commissioners spoke: Sabatini, Brown, Boyle and Miller.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the departmental budget review for the Juvenile Justice Center. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Vosburg acknowledged Chuck Seidelman who will be retiring this month. Mr. Seidelman introduced Rhonda Westfall, the new JJC Director.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

Michael Patterson, County Child Welfare Director, referred to a letter that was distributed which summarizes the department's relationship with the County and includes an overview of current expenditures. He said he is recommending continuation of the Child Care Fund allocations.

The following commissioners spoke: Smith and Miller.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Brown, to receive and file the departmental budget review for the Department of Human Services. **The Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – FRIEND OF THE COURT

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for Friend of the Court. He stated that the increases in salaries and wages line item is due to the funding of four positions that Friend of the Court had agreed to hold off filling in the past.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Provenzano and Lynn Davidson, Director: Brown, Smith and Miller.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Brown, to receive and file the departmental budget review for Friend of the Court. **The Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – PROBATE COURT

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for Probate Court. He noted there is a reduction of three positions which is related to the court reorganization proposal.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Provenzano, Jennifer Phillips and John Brennan: Brown and Tocco.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Smith, to receive and file the departmental budget review for Probate Court. **The Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – CIRCUIT COURT

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for Circuit Court. He noted that as part of the reorganization, they will be adding three positions, which results in an increase in salaries and wages and fringe benefit costs.

Jennifer Phillips provided an overview of goals and objectives, which included e-filing for all judges and the establishment of a mental health court.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Brown, Flynn, Boyle and Sabatini.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to receive and file the departmental budget review for Circuit Court. **The Motion Carried.**

Judge Foster thanked commissioners and asked that any questions or concerns be forwarded to Ms. Phillips.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – JUVENILE COURT

Pete Provenzano summarized the proposed budget for Juvenile Court. He said there is a reduction of three positions, which is due to the court reorganization, and results in a corresponding decrease in salaries and a slight increase in fringe benefits.

The following commissioners asked questions of Nicole Faulds and Jennifer Phillips: Vosburg, Tocco and Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the departmental budget review for Juvenile Court. **The Motion Carried.**

QUAD-TRAN CONTRACT RENEWAL/42-1 AND 42-2 DISTRICT COURTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sabatini, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a three year contract renewal to Quad-Tran to provide data processing services to the 42-1 and 42-2 District Courts; the cost of this contract for the three year period is a total of \$72,000; additional costs associated with Quad-Tran are as follows: unlimited terminal access, unlimited LEIN access, postage, forms/notices, mail processing and UPS; the Court's total average costs for three years are 42-1 \$133,000 and 42-2 \$149,000.

Commissioner Smith requested that information be provided for the Finance Committee meeting explaining why this was not bid out.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Tocco, to refer this issue to the Finance Committee, pending additional information from the courts. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter