

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Monday, December 5, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

DiMaria-Chair, Brown, Carabelli, Frascchetti, Miller, Sauger, Sabatini,
Smith and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Gralewski.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DiMaria called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair DiMaria added two requests from Carmella Sabaugh to the agenda. He added her requests as items #9A and #9B. There were no objections.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include items #9A, #9B, and #13). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to approve the November 1, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF JUDGE MARK SWITALSKI ON MACOMB COUNTY COURTS TO LAUNCH COORDINATED VETERANS' TREATMENT DOCKETS

Chief Judge Mark Switalski explained how the process will work in the Macomb County Veterans' Treatment Court which is scheduled to be up and running in March 2012. It will be a coordinated effort with the district courts and circuit court. He named numerous departments who are onboard with the program. It is a voluntary program, has to be accepted by the judges, and has to meet certain qualifications. The Veterans' Treatment Court will deal with substance abuse or mental health issues and will work in

conjunction with the VA. The focus will be on treatment once convicted. Upon being admitted to the Veterans' Treatment Court, there will be a mentor assigned to help. So far, they have 25 volunteer veteran mentors. He intends to send a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board Office later today. Additionally, they are setting up a 501(c)(3) for those who want to donate to the Veterans' Treatment Court.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the presentation by Chief Judge Mark Switalski on Macomb County Courts to Launch Coordinated Veterans' Treatment Dockets. **The Motion Carried.**

ADOPT 2012 COMET BUDGET / SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Frascchetti, to adopt the 2012 County of Macomb Enforcement Team (COMET) budget as recommended by the COMET Board of Directors at their meeting on October 26, 2011 at no cost to the county. **Forward to the Finance Committee. The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION FROM SHERIFF ANTHONY WICKERSHAM ON SHERIFF'S OFFICE GRANTS

Sheriff Anthony Wickersham stated that the Sheriff's Office did not apply for any new grants this year. He overviewed the six revolving grants that they applied for and received this year: COMET Byrne, Macomb Auto Theft Squad, 416-Secondary Road Patrol, Traffic Enforcement, Byrne/JAG Community Corrections (Sheriff portion), and Marine Division.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Sauger.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the presentation from Sheriff Anthony Wickersham on Sheriff's Office grants. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM CARMELLA SABAUGH, COUNTY CLERK / REGISTER OF DEEDS, ABOUT REQUIRING THE FORECLOSURE INDUSTRY TO PAY THE SAME TRANSFER TAX HOMEOWNERS MUST PAY

Carmella Sabaugh spoke about Ted Wahby and Frank Krycia's involvement in requiring the foreclosure industry to pay the same transfer tax as homeowners must pay. She said a lot are paying the transfer tax under protest. She credited the Register of Deeds staff who work at the counter and take the brunt. Since September, over \$200,000 has been collected for the county.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Smith.

Frank Krycia informed committee members that Oakland County, Ingham County and Genesee County have pending lawsuits in federal court and he is awaiting the results of those cases, since Macomb County is collecting the money and was not involved in those lawsuits. In the meantime, he is gathering records, lists, and calculating what the past damages would be.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to receive and file the report from Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk / Register of Deeds, about requiring the foreclosure industry to pay the same transfer tax homeowners must pay. **The Motion Carried.**

REQUEST TO PURCHASE 10 iPADS / COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Frascchetti, to approve the purchase of 10 iPads and cases by the Clerk/Register of Deeds to be used for an in-court check-in module at a cost not to exceed \$4,756.10. Funds are available in the Jury Room Account #10116601-97002. Transfer \$4,756.10 from this account into Clerk's Account #10121501 for payment of the iPads. **Forward to the Finance Committee.**

Commissioners Carabelli, Frascchetti, Brown and Vosburg directed questions to Carmella Sabaugh and Todd Schmitz.

Chair DiMaria called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to restore the Register of Deeds Special Projects Account 10123601-96600 in the amount of \$10,000 annually. **Forward to the Finance Committee. The Motion Carried.**

After the vote, the following commissioners spoke: DiMaria, Carabelli and Sauger.

PRESENTATION ON COUNTY CLERK / REGISTER OF DEEDS 2012 BUDGET

Todd Schmitz brought to committee members attention three minor corrections in the proposed County Clerk / Register of Deeds 2012 budget: Budget adjustment for Register of Deeds Special Projects Account (prior agenda item), Capital Outlay has been removed from the Clerk's budget, per Pete Provenzano, and the Finance Department increased revenue by \$13,000 to pay online credit card fees.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the presentation on County Clerk / Register of Deeds 2012 budget, as requested by Chairperson Phillip A. DiMaria. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS ON \$500,000 COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

Vicki Wolber gave an overview of the 2010 C.O.P.S. Technology Grant. Initially, Center Line, Clinton Township, Fraser, Shelby Township, Sheriff's Office, Sterling Heights, Utica and Warren were involved in the study. Only four remain involved in this project: Clinton Township, Shelby Township, Sheriff's Office and Sterling Heights. The other four opted out.

The following commissioners spoke: DiMaria, Smith and Brown.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the report from Emergency Management & Communications on the \$500,000 Communications Grant. **The Motion Carried.**

REVIEW OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT 2012 BUDGET

Vicki Wolber stated that the biggest change commissioners may notice is the two budgets for Emergency Management and Technical Services were combined. She reported they have had no changes from their 2011 budget; personnel and operating costs stayed the same.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Smith and Vosburg.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Smith, to receive and file the review of the Emergency Management & Communications Department 2012 budget. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR 2011-12 CHILD CARE FUND (postponed from 11-08-11 Finance Committee)

Chuck Seidelman was present to answer questions.

Chair DiMaria noted a slight amendment to the amount which should actually be \$12,363.43; a difference of 43 cents.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to approve an increase in budgeted expenditures in the 2011/2012 Child Care Fund in the amount of \$12,363.43 to account for donations received in prior years earmarked for activities used to reward residents for good behavior. Funding is available in prior year fund balance. **Forward to the Finance Committee.**

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Chair DiMaria called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brown thanked committee chairs for placing various department budgets on their agendas, so commissioners can get detailed departmental information.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter