



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014, 7 P.M.

### FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation by **Commissioner Don Brown**
5. Adoption of Agenda, **AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE #12F (RESOLUTION)**
6. Approval of Minutes dated May 14 and June 5, 2014 **(previously distributed)**
7. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson related only to issues contained on the agenda)
8. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a) Joe Jaczkowski – Eagle Scout **(Smith)**
  - b) The Frederick V. Pankow Center – Future Farmers of America **(page 1) (attached)**
  - c) Volunteer Award Winners **(page 18) (attached)**
9. Correspondence from Executive **(none)**

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10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Infrastructure, June 17 (no report)
- b) Finance, June 18 (page 21) (attached)

11. Board Chair's Report (page 35) (attached)

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a) Amended 2014 Depository Resolution (recommended by Finance Committee on 6-5-14) (postponed at 6-5-14 Full Board meeting) (page 72) (attached)
- b) Adopt a Complete Streets Policy (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Infrastructure Committee on 6-17-14) (page 76) (attached)
- c) Supporting 2014 Michigan HB 5316 to Amend the Michigan Election Law to Expand Absentee Voting in Michigan (offered by Miller; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) (page 83) (attached)
- d) Approving a Proposal for Election of a Charter Commission to be Placed on the 2014 General Election Ballot as Required by the County Charter (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) (page 85) (attached)
- e) Adopting a Sub-Recipient Monitoring Policy (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) (page 86) (attached)
- f) Supporting Senate Bill 2221 and House Resolution 4421 to Reauthorize MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan (offered by Miller) (page 88) (attached)
- g) To Publish Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities to Defray Costs of Unfunded Accrued Health Care Liability (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) ("No" vote at committee meeting was Sabatini) (page 89) (attached)
- h) To Purchase, Acquire and Construct Capital Improvements within the County Using Budgeted Funds (Five-Year Capital Improvement Fund 2014-2018) (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) (page 91) (attached)
- i) To Purchase, Acquire and Construct Capital Improvements within Mt. Clemens and to Publish Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities (offered by Board Chair; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14) ("No" votes at committee meeting were Brown, Klinefelt and Vosburg) (page 93) (attached)

13. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

- a) Commending L'Anse Creuse Schools Pankow Center for Their Award Winning Future Farmers of America Program (offered by Mocerri and Miller; include Sabatini and Vosburg; recommended by Finance Committee on 6-18-14; (previously provided at committee meeting)

14. New Business (page 95)

**(attached)**

15. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)

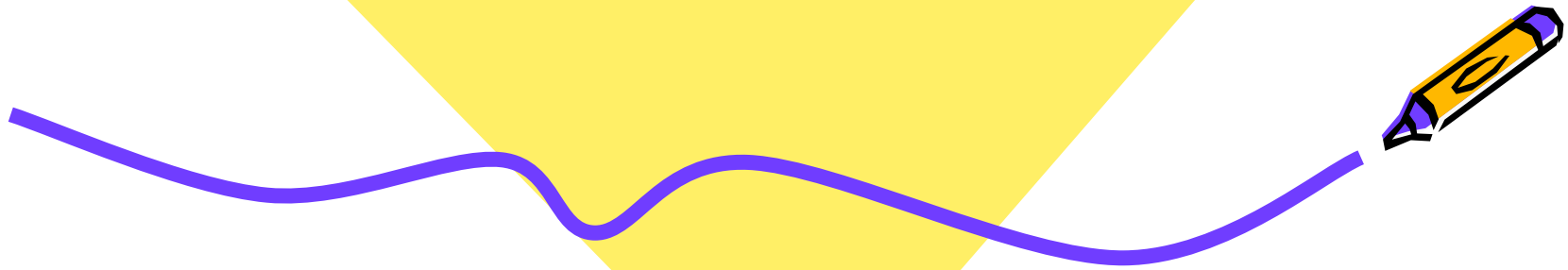
16. Roll Call

17. Adjournment

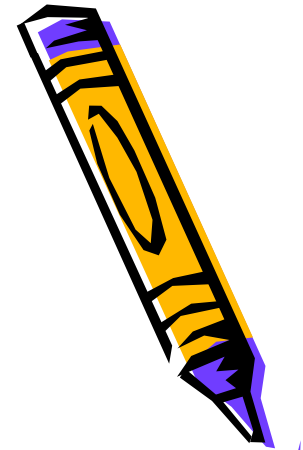


# Pankow FFA

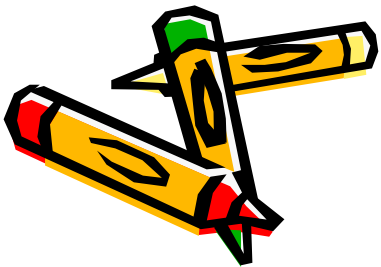
L'Anse Creuse Schools



# The Frederick V. Pankow Center



- CTE (Career Technical Education)
- MST (Math, Science, and Technology)
  - Rigorous and accelerated program
- Performing Arts
  - Acting, Dancing, and TV and Broadcast media



# What is FFA

- Future Farmers of America
- Leadership/CTE
- Only Macomb County Chapter
- 60 active members



# Student Activities

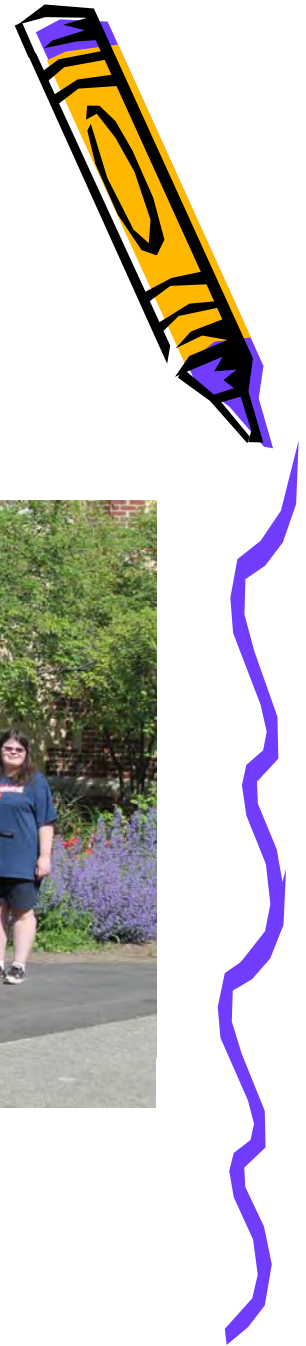
- Community Service
  - Community Gardens
  - Easter Baskets
  - Elementary Students
  - Senior Citizen projects
- Leadership
- Career Development
  - Skills





# Rural Youth Development

- Lenox Township Senior Citizens
- Planting
- Arrangements
- Trips to zoo and Eastern Market





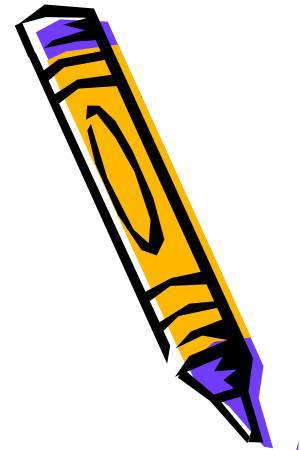
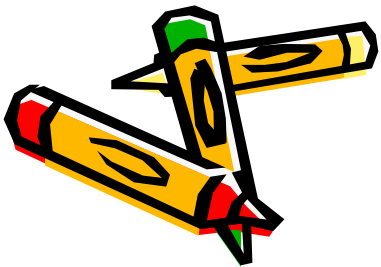
# Easter Basket Donations

- L'Anse Creuse Food Bank
- 266 baskets
- Supported through grants and donations



# Community Gardens

- Clinton Township,  
St. Luke Lutheran  
Church
- St. Peters Catholic  
Church
- Higgins Elementary  
Garden



# Harvest

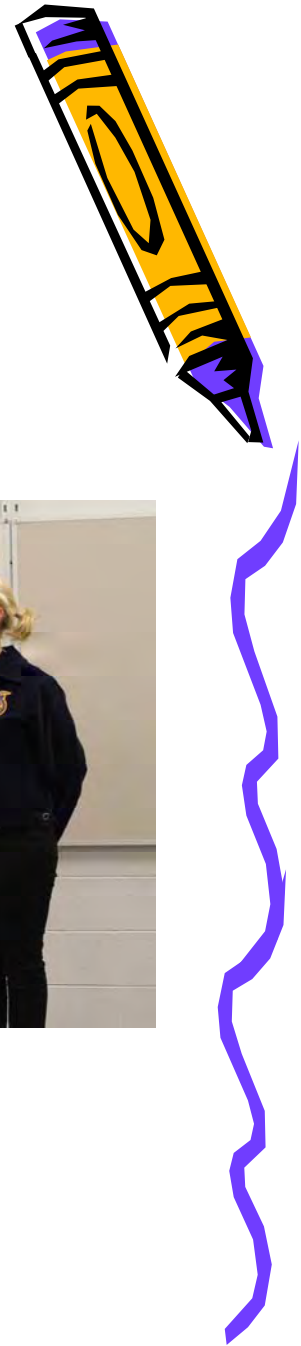


- Food is donated to local food banks
- Over 1000 lbs per year
- Raised Chickens for food banks



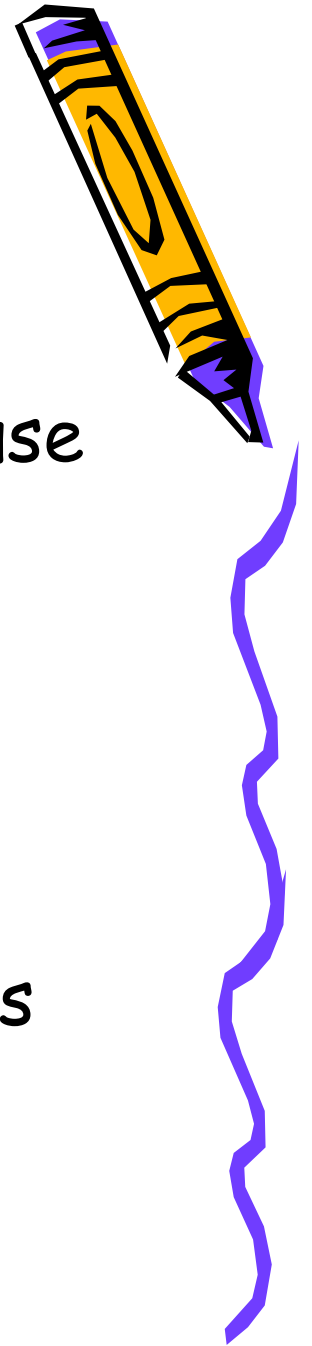
# Leadership Activities

- Speaking and demonstration contests
- State photography internships
- State awards



# Career Development Events

- State Greenhouse testing
- Floral Student certification
  - 5 certified students
- 7 out of 9 teams medaled





# Elementary Mentoring

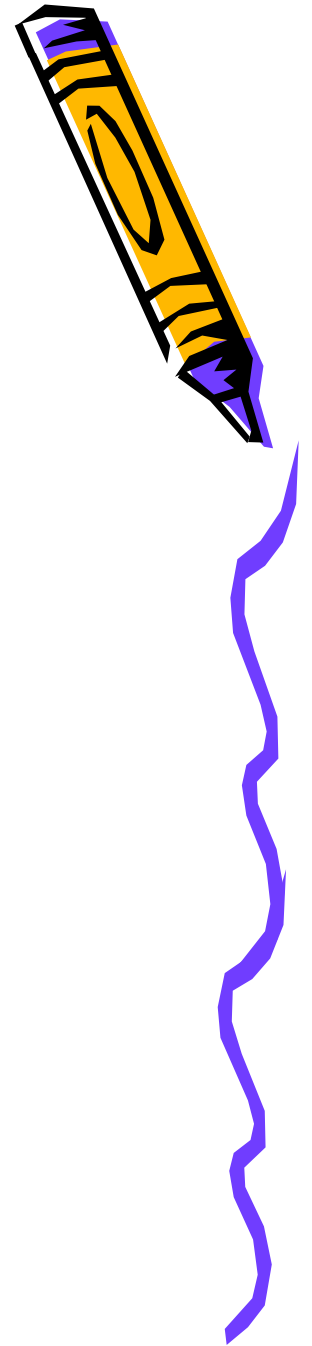
- Christmas with elementary garden club
- Planting and mothers day activities



# Farming



- Students show animals at fair
- Farm day for elementary students



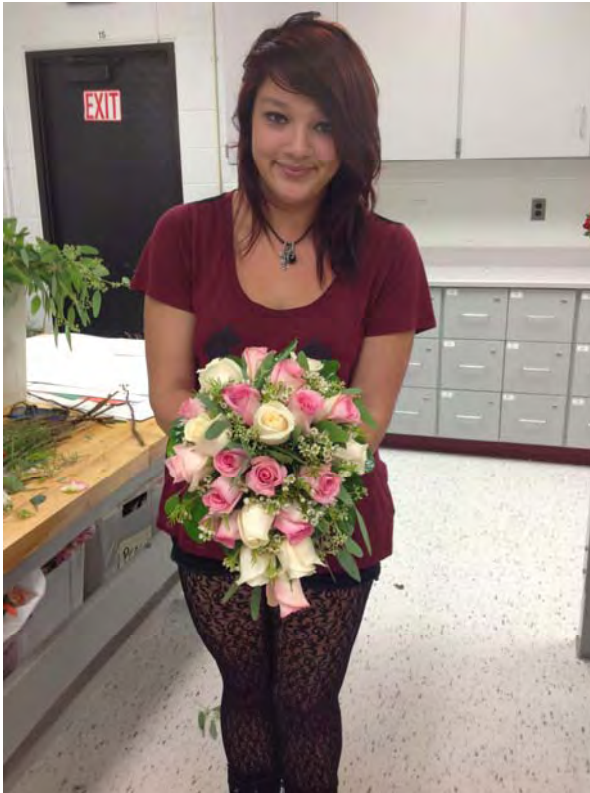


# Greenhouse Class

- Student experiments (bananas, pineapples)
- Plant sale



# Floral



- Weddings
- Showers
- Homecoming and prom
- Any occasion



# Award Winners

## Certified Student Florist

Brittany H

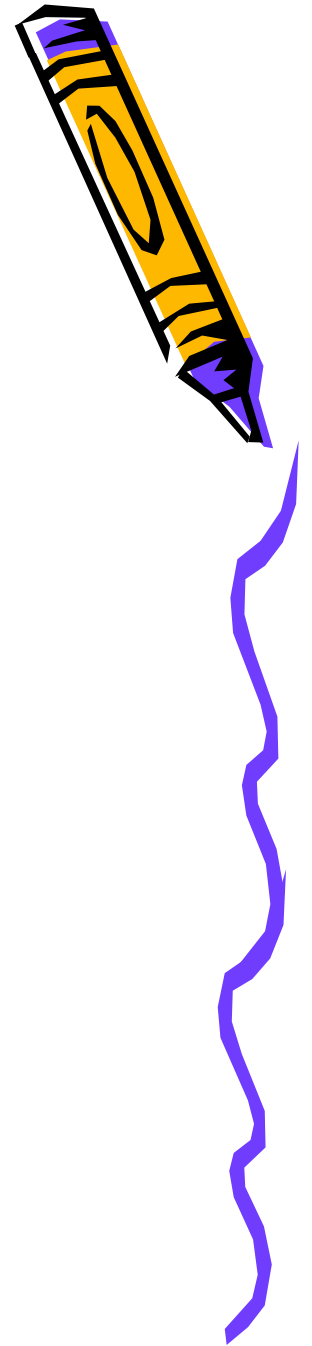
Brittany T

Gabrielle G

Taylor B

Samantha T

Shelby R



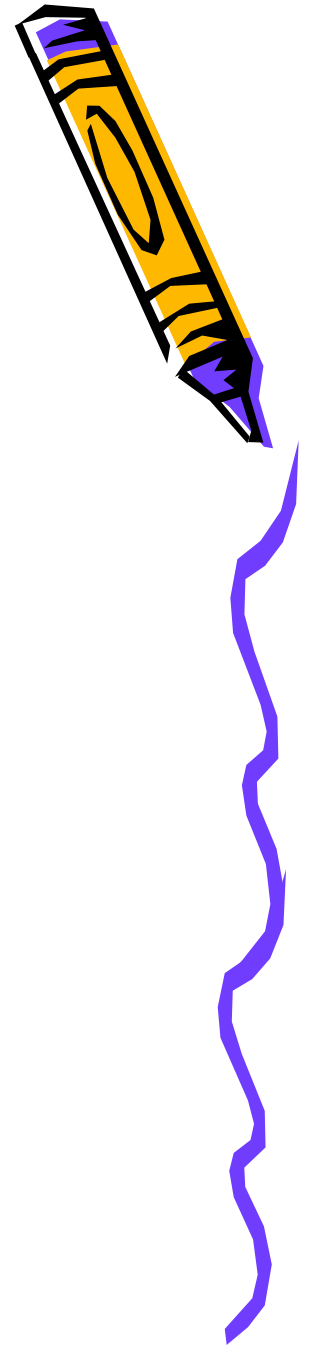
# Gold Medal Winners at State (Out of 250 participants)

## Floral

7 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor B
9 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha T
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jared B
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gabrielle Gi
20 <sup>th</sup>	Brittany T
28 <sup>th</sup>	Brittany H
29 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Mabel
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex C
41 <sup>st</sup>	Katie L
49 <sup>th</sup>	Mercedes D

## Greenhouse

7 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle L
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole B
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica H
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle W
16 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Z
24 <sup>th</sup>	Geneva P
25 <sup>th</sup>	Michael F
27 <sup>th</sup>	Chris C



# Contact Information

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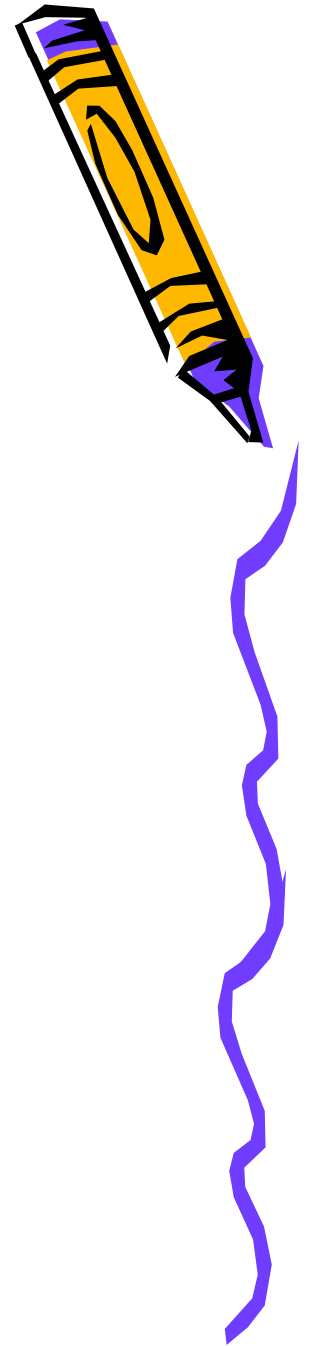
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<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
Beverly Akelis	Clinton-Macomb Public Library	554
Helga Anderson	Christ Lutheran Church	150+
Vera Andrushkiw	Ukrainian National Women's League of America - Branch 96	200
Marie Appleberry	Hospice of Michigan	250+
Ronald Arscheene	ThunderChickens Robotic Club Utica Schools	518+
Leo Backes	St. Ephrem - Knights of Columbus	366+
Scott Baerman	Walt Disney Elementary School	400+
Cheryl Baxa	Clinton Township Area Optimist Club	225
Louise Borkowski	The Anton Art Center	314
Marilyn & Joseph Bourgoin	MCCSA Office of Senior Services	250
Leslie Butina	McGlinnen Elementary School	150+
Jim Cable	Shelby Township Beautification Committee	160
Rick & Nancy Carra	Myasthenia Gravis Association	150
Dorothee Causley	Michigan Military Technical and Historical Society	307
Joe Churches	Dakota High School/Macomb Habitat for Humanity	350
Lisa Corpus	Warren Mott High School	200
Julianne Cuneo	Arts Academy in the Woods	520+
Bud Doba	Cousino High School Patriots Football Team	240
George Doebler	St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital	1,110
Ann Drewek	Wilkerson Elementary School	150+
Kaye Eineichner	Roseville Beautification Commission	150

Theresa Gagnon	Susick Elementary School	1,170
Don Gunnell	Hope Lutheran Church	200+
Larry Harwood	The Resolution Center	161
Barb Heikkila	Peace Manor	416
Myrle Hughes	Warren Symphony Society	150
James Hungerford	Clinton Twp: Historical Commission, Tomlinson Arboretum, Festival of Senses	600
Mary Ann Jarrett	Turning Point	240
Bernard Jarzombek	VFW 1146 - Bruce Post	1,500
Walter Jendhoff	Macomb Habitat for Humanity	228
Carolyn Johnson	St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church	1,560
Jerry Klein	Detroit Institute of Arts	150+
Mary Lou Kleist	Warren Concert Band	150
Frederick Knapp	Saint Michael Catholic Community	200
Mary Lou Krzyminski	Detroit Zoological Society	528
Craig Manning	Lake Shore Public School Quarterback Club	200+
Leonard Martin	MediLodge of Sterling Heights	190+
Elizabeth Miller	Romeo District Library	150+
Larry Monette	Friends and Neighbors of Warren/Centerline Association	240
Peter Nollette	St. Peter Catholic Church	500+
Samantha Noonan	Isaac Monfort Elementary School	150+
Kelly Norris	Meals On Wheels, Shriners	150+
Nancy Penny	St. Peter Lutheran Church	240+
Jean Persley	MSU Extension	560+
Dennis Piccin	Warren Mott High School	200



Ed Plewa	Conkerr Cancer	500
Carrie Plouff	Thomas Edison Elementary School	150+
Anna Poole	Mound Park Elementary	910
Junia Querio	First United Methodist Church	150+
Craig Rehse	Macomb County Marine Division	1,250
Doreen Rice	Friends of the Fraser Public Library	175
Roy & Eileen Rivard	Chesterfield Twp Historical Society	150+
Shanon Rupkus	Gratiot Cruise, Goodfellows, St. Thecla, Chippewa Valley Schools	1,000+
JoDee Salisbury	Dakota High School Booster Club	200
Carol Shene	Hope Lutheran Church	200+
Virginia Shunk	Clinton Valley Lions Club	180+
Ron Slater	Burr Elementary School	150+
Michael Swiatkowski	Eisenhower Athletic Booster Club	1,000+
Ann Szajenko	Immaculate Conception Schools	150+
Jean Viviano	Romeo District Library	400
Karen Watt	Henry Ford Macomb Hospital	832
Edward & Grace Young	Roseville Goodfellows	160+
Tom Zoski	St. Lawrence Church/School	200+



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**June 18, 2014**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FROM: FRED MILLER, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6-18-14**

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held Wednesday, June 18, 2014, the following recommendations were made and are being forwarded to the June 19, 2014 Full Board meeting for approval:

### **1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc., to provide property and casualty consulting and brokerage services for the term of one year starting July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at a cost of \$60,000; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **2. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the 2013-14 Department of Roads' budget to include the MDOT state maintenance contract winter overruns reimbursement of \$1,605,383; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contracts between the Department of Roads and MDOT/Bruce Township for the financing of the 34 Mile paving project from Campground to Fisher; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 18, 2014**

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**4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sabatini, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Shelby Township outlining the cost sharing for 25 Mile Road reconstruction project from Mound Road to Van Dyke; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sabatini, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Washington Township outlining the cost sharing for Mound Road paving from 28 Mile to 29 Mile; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Cadillac Asphalt, LLC, for the resurfacing of 25 Mile Road from Van Dyke to Hayes Road; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Smith, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve execution of the Standard AIA Contract (Document 101) between the County of Macomb and George Auch Construction for the 2014 Building Renovations – Jail Tower and Associated Areas in the amount of \$7,811,000; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a budget increase to Community Services Agency's Chore Services Grant in the amount of \$46,250 (\$31,000 federal revenue, \$7,500 in cost share and \$7,750 from contributions from other funds-Chore Cities); further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a budget increase to Community Services Agency's Home Delivered Meals Grant in the amount of \$149,557.20 (\$124,293 is from AAA 1-B with corresponding increases in USDA meals \$4,921.20, client cost share \$6,533 and in kind space \$13,810); further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the amended Cooperative Agreement between Macomb County and the 21 participating municipalities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur in the recommendation of Corporation Counsel concerning the case of Samantha Sharrow vs. County of Macomb, et al; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BOYLE VOTING "NO."**

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE BY CHAIR MILLER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE.**





# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

<b>Resolution Number:</b>	<b>Full Board Meeting Date:</b>

## RESOLUTION

<b>Resolution to:</b>
Amend the 2013-14 Department of Roads Budget to include the MDOT State Maintenance Contract winter overruns reimbursement of \$1,605,383.
<p>*Further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately. FORWARD TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.</p> <p>*(This language was added by Infrastructure Committee Chair Carabelli.)</p>

<b>Introduced By:</b>
Jim Carabelli, Chair Infrastructure Committee
Robert Hoepfner, Director of Roads

<b>Additional Background Information (If Needed):</b>
MDOT State Maintenance Contract winter overruns reimbursement, which will be distributed as follows: Overtime Wages \$150,000 FICA \$12,000 Construction and Maintenance \$1,233,383 Vehicle Operations \$200,000 Contract Services \$10,000

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# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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## RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contracts between the Department of Roads and MDOT/Bruce Township for the financing of the 34 Mile paving project from Campground to Fisher.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Jim Carabelli, Chair      Robert Hoepfner, Director of Roads          Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Paving of 34 Mile Road between Campground and Fisher is part of the economic development planning in Bruce Township.</p>

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# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Resolution Number:**

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## RESOLUTION

**Resolution to:**

Approve the contract between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Shelby Township outlining the cost sharing for 25 Mile Road reconstruction project from Mound Road to Van Dyke.

**Introduced By:**

Jim Carabelli, Chair  
Infrastructure Committee

Robert Hoepfner, Director of Roads

**Additional Background Information (If Needed):**

Reconstruction of 25 Mile Road between Mound and Van Dyke will better accommodate traffic volumes and create a safer roadway for motorists.

Infrastructure

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## RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Washington Township outlining the cost sharing for Mound Road paving from 28 Mile to 29 Mile.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Jim Carabelli, Chair      Robert Hoepfner, Director of Roads            Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Paving of Mound Road from 28 Mile to 29 Mile will better accommodate traffic volumes and create a safer roadway for motorists.</p>

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Full Board	6-19-14



# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

## RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Cadillac Asphalt, LLC for the resurfacing of 25 Mile Road from Van Dyke to Hayes Road.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Robert Hoepfner, Director of Roads</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>\$800,000 in Road and Risk Reserve (RRR) Fund provided for this project by the State, which should cover 100% of the cost of this paving project. Bid awarded to Cadillac Asphalt at the low bid of \$733,456.08.</p>

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## MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Resolution Number:**

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### RESOLUTION

**Resolution to:**

Authorization to Execute the Standard AIA Contract (Document 101) Between the County of Macomb and George Auch Construction for the 2014 Building Renovations - Jail Tower & Associated Areas in the amount of \$7,811,000.00.

**Introduced By:**

Jim Carabelli, Chair, Infrastructure Committee

**Additional Background Information (If Needed):**

Sealed Bids were received and publicly read in the Purchasing Department June 5, 2014, for Bid Item 18-14, 2014 Building Renovations - Jail Tower & Associated Areas.

Bids were solicited on the MITN Site. 530 Vendors were notified of this solicitation, 60 Vendors viewed the documents and 4 bids were received (see attached Bid Summary, including Preliminary List of Sub-Contractors. Also attached is the Post Bid Interview and Letter of Recommendation).

**Committee**

**Meeting Date**

Infrastructure

6-17-14

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Full Board

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# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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## RESOLUTION

**Resolution to:**

Approval of a budget increase to MCCSA's Chore Services Grant in the amount of \$46,250 (\$31,000 Federal Revenue, \$7,500 in cost share, \$7,750 from contributions from other funds - Chore Cities).

\*Further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately. FORWARD TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

\*(This language was added by Health and Human Services Committee Chair Mocerii.)

**Introduced By:**

Toni Mocerii, Chair, Health and Human Services Committee

**Additional Background Information (If Needed):**

MCCSA's Chore Services program experienced the hardest winter on record in thirty plus years of service. These severe weather conditions significantly increased the demand for snow removal services. MCCSA has received additional funds from Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) to be used for lawn cutting services.

Approval to budget increase to MCCSA's Chore Services Grant in the amount of \$46,250 (\$31,000 in Federal Revenue, \$7,500 in cost share and \$7,750 from contributions from other funds - Chore Cities.)

There is no impact on the County's General Fund, as these are grant funds.

\*WAIVED TO FINANCE BY HHS COMMITTEE CHAIR (NO JUNE HHS MEETING).

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Finance	6-18-14*
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Introduced By:
Toni Mocerri, Chair, Health and Human Services Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>The State of Michigan updated the allocation formula to utilize 2010 census data to determine distribution of funds. As a result MCCSA's Home Delivered Meals Grant received additional funds from Area Agency on Aging (AAA 1-B).</p> <p>With these additional funds MCCSA will provide additional meals and will largely be used to build capacity of the nutrition services infrastructure following years of constricting funding, better positioning Macomb County to operate our Meals on Wheels program without a waiting list.</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">*WAIVED TO FINANCE BY HHS COMMITTEE CHAIR (NO JUNE MEETING).</p>

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# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

<b>Resolution Number:</b>	<b>Full Board Meeting Date:</b>

## RESOLUTION

<b>Resolution to:</b>
Approve the amended Cooperative Agreement between Macomb County and the 21 participating municipalities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

<b>Introduced By:</b>
Toni Mocerri, Chair, Health & Human Services Committee

<b>Additional Background Information (If Needed):</b>
<p>In 1982, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners authorized Macomb County's participation as an Urban County in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Urban County consists of 21 municipalities which have entered into cooperative agreements with the County to receive CDBG funds.</p> <p>The cooperative agreements automatically renew for participation in successive three-year qualification periods unless the County or the participating unit of general local government provides written notice that it elects not to participate in the new qualification period. The next qualification period includes the 2015 - 2017 program years.</p> <p>The existing agreements need to be amended in order to clarify administrative responsibilities, reflect the addition of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and to include language required under the FY 2014 HUD appropriation bill.</p> <p>*WAIVED TO FINANCE BY HHS COMMITTEE CHAIR (NO JUNE MEETING).</p>

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RESOLUTION NO.

FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION  
COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CASE OF SAMANTHA SHARROW VS. COUNTY OF  
MACOMB, ET AL

INTRODUCED BY: CHAIRPERSON FRED MILLER, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Counsel’s recommendation regarding this pending litigation will be provided to each Commissioner under a separate attorney/client privileged communication.

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>6/18/14</u>
<u>Full Board</u>	<u>6-19-14</u>



**MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**RESOLUTION TO receive and file report from Board Chair for June 2014INTRODUCED BY: Dave Flynn, Full Board

- The following is a report on activities within the Board Office which do not usually appear on committee agendas.

**Current Issues:**

- **DWSD**
  - Ongoing communication between Public Works, OCE and BOC; no changes since last update
- **Retiree Health Care, Capital Improvement Plan, Downtown Renovation**
  - Important steps for future
- **Budget Schedule**
  - Departments have received materials
  - Review schedule is confirmed, see attached
- **County Seal Ordinance**
  - Under development since October 2013
  - Informational presentation is being created
- **No Smoking Ordinance**
  - Strategy for implementation being worked on with OCE, electeds

**Office:**

- **Retirement**
  - Myra Coryell has announced her retirement; last day is July 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Congratulations and best wishes to Myra!
  - BOC staff org chart, job descriptions under review prior to posting
- **Digital Imaging**
  - Leak from rainstorm emphasizes priority and need for scanning/imaging project
  - Historical records of committee meetings exist only in single copy paper form
  - Staff met with IT on 01-08-14 to discuss project and process
  - Status update has been requested
- **Communication Plan**
  - Comprehensive Communication Plan has been drafted
  - Review and presentation planned for July

**Region:**

- **MAPERS**
  - May 18-20
- **Mackinac Policy Conference**
  - May 28, 29, 30
- **Juvenile Court Community Garden Event**
  - June 2 – Flynn, Vosburg
- **UCS-DIA Meeting**
  - June 3 – Working toward partnership similar to that with Zoo
- **Metro Coalition of Congregations Transit Event**
  - June 4 – Panelist
- **Placemaking Summit at MISD**
  - June 9 – Attended by Courtney
- **Stormwater Greenscape Dedication**
  - June 12 - Flynn
- **Detroit Zoo**
  - June 13 - Flynn attended
- **Great Lakes Leadership Academy Leadership Advancement Program**
  - June 19, Panel Discussion – Flynn and Dean Randall Young of MCC
- **SEMCOG General Assembly**
  - June 26 – Commissioner Vosburg to be installed as Chair
  - 4:30pm - Royalty House, 8201 Old Thirteen Mile Road, Warren, MI

**Correspondence:**

- See attached letter from Dept of Treasury.

**Media:**

- See attached articles.

**BOC – Independent Counsel:** Expenditures for Outside Legal Counsel Professional Services

Litigation InvoiceCharges:	Legal Svcs Budget Amount:	Legal Services Invoice Totals:	Budget Remaining:	%Utilized:
	\$72,500 (2014)			
		\$ 161.00 (Clark Hill final)		
		<u>3,174.00</u> (January, Dickinson Wright)		
		\$ 3,335.00	\$ 69,165.00	.046
		<u>2,377.00</u> (February)		
		\$ 5,712.00	\$ 66,788.00	.078
		<u>3,013.00</u> (March)		
		\$ 8,725.00	\$ 63,775.00	.120
		<u>3,887.00</u> (April)		
		\$12,612.00	\$ 59,888.00	.173

**COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE**

Full Board 06-19-14



# FY 2015-2017 Budget Review Calendar

		2014				
		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER
FINANCE	7/2 (Wed) 9AM	7/24 (Thu) 9AM	7/30 (Wed) 9AM	8/20 (Wed) 9AM	8/25 (Mon) 9AM	◆ 9/11 (Thu) 9AM Public Hearing; Final Adoption  ◆ 9/25 (Thu) 7PM Full Board
	Presentation of FY 2015-2017 Budget Proposal	(1) Finance, Equalization, Purchasing, Risk (2) Appropriations, Debt Services	(1) Treasurer (2) HR/LR (3) Retirement Commission	Budget Review Recap	RESERVE Meeting (only if needed)	
GOV OPS	7/21 (Mon) 12:00 PM		8/11 (Mon) 12:00 PM			
	(1) Board of Commissioners (2) Ethics (3) Clerk/Register of Deeds		(1) Corporation Counsel (2) Office of County Executive			
JPS	7/22 (Tue) 9:00 AM		8/7 (Thu) 9:00 AM			
	(1) Sheriff (2) Prosecutor	(3) Juvenile Justice Center (4) Emergency Management Homeland Security Grants	(1) Circuit Court (2) Probate Court (3) Juvenile Court (4) Friend of Court	(5) 42-1 District Ct. (6) 42-2 District Ct. (7) Probate Dist. Ct. (8) Comm. Correct. (9) DHS (Child Care Fund)		
ECON DEV	7/23 (Wed) 9:00 AM		8/13 (Wed) 9:00 AM			
	(1) Planning and Economic Development		(1) MI Works			
HHS	7/28 (Mon) 9:00 AM	7/31 (Thu) 5:00 PM		8/12 (Tue) 9:00 AM		
	(1) Health & Community Svc. (2) Health and Animal Shelter (3) Medical Examiner	(1) Community Services (2) Senior Citizen Services (3) MSU Extension		(1) Martha T. Berry (2) Mental Health (3) Veterans Service (4) DHS (Social Welfare Fund)		
INFRA	7/29 (Tue) 9:00 AM		8/8 (Fri) 9:00 AM			
	(1) Public Works (2) Parks and Recreation		(1) Department of Roads (2) Information Technology (3) Facilities and Operations			



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R. KEVIN CLINTON  
STATE TREASURER

May 14, 2014

Mr. David Flynn, Chair  
Macomb County Board of Commissioners



Dear Mr. Flynn:

**TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION FACILITIES TAX/4% STATE-WIDE LIQUOR TAX**

Distribution for 2014 and 2015

Counties share in the tri-county convention facilities tax levied under Public Act 106 of 1985 and the 4 percent liquor tax levied under Public Act 58 of 1998, when those revenues exceed the debt service requirements for convention facilities. Public Act 2 of 1986 requires the State Treasurer to annually certify an estimate of revenues to be received by counties under Public Act 106. The estimated amount of the convention facility/liquor tax (CFT) distribution to Macomb County from FY 2013-14 collections is \$5,431,925, which is about 139 percent of the county's FY 2012-13 liquor tax collections. The total projected FY2013-14 CFT distribution for all counties is 18% (\$10.2 million) more than the FY 2013-14 estimate provided last year. The final FY 2013-14 distribution to counties will be made in October 2014. The estimated amount of the convention facility/liquor tax distribution to Macomb County from FY 2014-15 collections is \$5,717,542. This FY 2014-15 estimate is provided for county budget purposes only.

Reduction in Base Tax Rate for 2014 Truth-In-Taxation Hearing Purposes

Counties are required to use the CFT estimate (below) to reduce their base tax rate for 2013 truth-in-taxation hearing purposes under Public Act 2 of 1986. When county allocated millage was levied in December, the levy was for the county's fiscal year ending in the year after the levy. Therefore, the truth in taxation calculations also used the liquor and cigarette tax payments received in the fiscal year ending in the year after the property tax levy. However, with the switch to a July millage levy, the 2014 levy is for the county's fiscal year ending in 2014, not the following fiscal year. The truth-in-taxation calculations should also use the liquor and cigarette tax payments received in the fiscal year ending in the year of the levy. The law also requires that the FY 2013-14 CFT estimate be adjusted by the difference between the estimated and actual distribution for FY 2012-13. The difference for Macomb County between the actual FY 2012-13 distribution and the Department of Treasury estimate of that distribution is \$415,740. Therefore, the amount of the convention facility/liquor tax distribution that is to be used to reduce the Macomb County base tax rate for 2014 truth-in-taxation hearing purposes is \$5,847,665 (\$5,431,925 + \$415,740).

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## **CIGARETTE TAX, HEALTH AND SAFETY FUND ACT**

### Distribution for 2014 and 2015

When cigarette tax revenues exceed \$875.2 million, counties receive a share of those revenues under Public Act 264 of 1987, the Health and Safety Fund (HSF) Act. The revised estimated amount of the HSF Act distribution to Macomb County in 2014 is \$0. The estimated amount of the HSF distribution to Macomb County in 2015 is \$0 (for county budget purposes only).

### Reduction in Base Tax Rate for 2014 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Purposes

The estimated HSF distribution for 2014 is adjusted by the difference between the actual and estimated distribution during 2013. This difference for Macomb County is \$28,256. Counties are required to use this adjusted amount of \$28,256 (\$0 + \$28,256) to further reduce their base tax rate for 2014 truth-in-taxation hearing purposes, under Public Act 264 of 1987.

## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

The total amount from liquor and cigarette tax distributions that Macomb County must use to reduce its base tax rate for 2014 truth-in-taxation hearing purposes is \$5,875,921. If a county's 2014 base tax rate, after the reduction for CFT and HSF revenue, is greater than the 2014 millage the county proposes to levy, the county is not required to hold a truth-in-taxation hearing.

Counties may follow the truth-in-taxation hearing process to use the revenues for increased spending, but 50 percent of the convention facility/liquor tax revenue not used to reduce their millage rate is required by Public Act 2 of 1986 to be distributed to the county's designated substance abuse coordinating agency for substance abuse programs. All of the HSF Act revenues not used to reduce their millage rate must be spent as specified in Public Act 264 of 1987. A Property Tax Division bulletin, which explains the required calculations of Public Act 2 and Public Act 264, has been distributed to your county treasurer and is available upon request.

Sincerely,



Howard Heideman, Administrator  
Tax Analysis Division  
Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis

c: County Treasurer  
County Equalization Director  
County Executive/Administrator/Controller/Coordinator

The Macomb Daily (<http://www.macombdaily.com>)

## **Macomb files objection while attempting to avoid Detroit bankruptcy proceedings**

### **Hackel: 'Some high-priced, very slick people' trying to involve county**

By Dustin Blitchok, For The Macomb Daily

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Macomb and Oakland counties Monday objected to Detroit's bankruptcy plan of adjustment, telling the court that plans for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department are unrealistic, illegal and could negatively impact millions of suburban customers.

Macomb County said in a court filing that Detroit's restructuring plan is "not feasible" and protested that the city's plan to spin off its water department would raise rates on suburban customers.

Executive Mark Hackel said Tuesday that while the objection was very specific in nature, filed by the county public works office to protect its wastewater interests, Macomb County is making it a point to steer clear of the high-stakes legal battle playing out in federal court.

"I didn't want to file an objection because it brings us in as a party to the situation," he said. "I'm not about to put the county at risk."

Hackel went on to point out the document was filed on behalf of the public works office and was specifically done to protect the county's wastewater interests.

"There are some high-priced, very slick people involved in this," Hackel said of the ongoing Detroit bankruptcy proceedings. "We realized that they are trying to drag us in."

An email sent late in the day to Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr's spokesman for comment wasn't returned.

The city's numbers are flawed and don't properly account for issues such pension debt, more than \$140 million in delinquent accounts, the water department's bond payments and needed infrastructure repairs, officials in neighboring Oakland County said.

Despite about \$200 million annually in operating losses at the water department, "... the city proposes to saddle the (water department) with an additional approximately \$43 million a year to fund the city's 'settlement'" with a pension fund, the county's court filing said.

Monday's objection comes after talks to form a regional water authority fell through. Detroit has been ordered into mediation with Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Rhodes.

County negotiators said earlier this year that they weren't given up-to-date information about the Detroit Water

The Macomb Daily (<http://www.macombdaily.com>)

## Snyder: Macomb can lead way in skilled-trades jobs

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

Friday, May 16, 2014



Speaking to an audience of 430 business and political leaders, Gov. Rick Snyder said on Friday that Macomb County should play the primary role in making Michigan a national leader in producing skilled-trades jobs, rather than pushing most high school graduates to pursue a college degree.

Snyder said that mistakes over the past decade by government officials have created a skills gap in which tens of thousands of young people were led astray and told to avoid careers in welding, electronics, carpentry, renewable energy, advanced machining and high-tech automotive jobs. As a result, the state has more than 70,000 jobs that remain unfilled.

While teens were told that the path to success requires a bachelor's degree, Snyder said, "The part we messed up is that we didn't say with equal fervor and equal passion that you should also look at skilled trades and you should look at career tech-ed."

"The whole country messed up on this issue and we were a part of messing up on this issue."

The remarks by the Republican governor, who faces a substantial re-election challenge in the fall from Democrat Mark Schauer, a former congressman and state legislator, came at a Harrison Township luncheon sponsored by the Macomb County chambers of commerce.

Snyder told the crowd that community colleges can play a key role in steering this move toward training in blue-collar jobs. One state program, modeled after German apprenticeships, has employers providing high school grads with a job and tuition payments to pursue an associate's degree and certification in a vocational trade.

After three years, if the degree is secured, the worker is guaranteed a job for two years.

Showing some emotion, Snyder said that his travels around the state have revealed that many advanced manufacturing and skilled trades job openings are never posted or advertised by frustrated employers because they see little chance of landing qualified applicants.

Many of those short-handed companies are located in Macomb, he added, a county that is blessed with numerous economic assets: the General Motors Tech Center, the General Dynamics Land Systems headquarters, the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command complex, a thriving defense industry corridor, and

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MACOMB COUNTY

May 21, 2014

## Roads Department stays busy with projects

### County board gives Hayes Road construction green light

By Jeremy Selwski  
C & G Staff Writer

MACOMB COUNTY — There's a great deal of activity happening these days at the Macomb County Department of Roads, as a recent Board of Commissioners meeting included the approval of no less than five items related to the department's operations.

A pair of the requests approved by the board on May 14 involved accepting nearly \$3.5 million in additional funds for the Department of Roads' budget. The largest sum came in the form of a \$2.4 million reimbursement from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to help cover winter maintenance costs for filling potholes, and plowing and salting roads.

Communities throughout the state received additional funds from MDOT because of the extreme weather conditions of the season, which caused road service expenses above and beyond what local budgets could handle. Macomb County's funds will be directly used to offset extensive costs for construction, maintenance, repairs, employee overtime and benefits, vehicle operations, utilities, and contract services.

Bob Hoepfner, director of the Department of Roads, estimated that Macomb County went over its winter maintenance budget by about \$3 million this year.

"This reimbursement doesn't fill the whole gap, but it does come pretty close, so we're grateful for that," he said. "We'll take every little bit of help we can get."

Hoepfner believes that the state of Michigan should commit more fully to funding its crumbling roads. He noted that Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed allocating an additional \$1.2 billion in road construction funds across the state, while the Michigan Legislature has been working on a smaller proposal of roughly \$500 million.

"That's better than nothing, so I can't complain," Hoepfner said. "Everybody is saying that this amount is insufficient, but I think it's a good start."

Dave Flynn, chair of the Board of Commissioners, is one of many public officials who feels that the state needs to do more to support its infrastructure. The Sterling Heights democrat would like to see a much larger sum allocated for road construction.

"In order to really commit to improving Michigan's roads, the state Legislature needs to set aside additional funds to the tune of \$1.8 billion," he contended. "Infrastructure is a huge part of what makes our communities viable, so it needs to be treated like the important priority that it is."

The county board also approved a budget amendment providing more than \$1 million to the Department of Roads from an MDOT audit refund. According to Hoepfner, the reimbursement comes from work that his department performed on behalf of MDOT during the 2011-12 fiscal year. These funds, along with about \$456,000 from the Department of Roads' fund balance, will be used to supplement the Macomb County's 2014 pavement preservation programs and help complete the long-awaited Mount Clemens Trail.

In addition, the board green-lighted a contract with MDOT for the reconstruction of Hayes Road between 21 Mile and 23 Mile roads. Hayes will be widened to five lanes so that its increasing traffic volumes can be accommodated, with the goal of creating a safer roadway for motorists.

The upgrade is expected to cost about \$8.8 million altogether, making it by far the most expensive of the more-than 20 projects that the Department of Roads has scheduled for this construction season. However, as Hoepfner pointed out, about 80 percent of the project's cost will be paid for by federal highway grant dollars. The remaining expenses will be split between the local participants, with the Department of Roads covering 50 percent and Macomb Township and Shelby Township each handling 25 percent.

"I'm happy to report that both communities are on board for this great project that is so desperately needed," Hoepfner said. "Widening Hayes Road is a top priority for all of us this year. We should be ready to start construction shortly after the Fourth of July."



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The board also granted Hoepfner's request to hire a handful of new employees, including the creation of a new position: director of the Department of Roads' Traffic and Operations Center. The new director is slated to earn \$80,749 in annual salary and benefits. Hoepfner noted that while this position was not originally budgeted for his department this year, he believes that it is an "essential" role that must be filled as soon as possible.

"We had a deputy engineer for traffic control many years ago, but we have never filled that vacancy," Hoepfner explained. "Because of the expansion of our traffic signals all over the county and our new COMTEC (Communications and Technology Center) building, we need someone on staff who can manage traffic full-time."

Flynn added that appointing a traffic and operations director falls in line with a goal that county officials first put in place in 2005 to reduce the amount of time that motorists spend waiting at traffic lights.

Three new assistant foreman positions were established by the board, as well. They will earn combined salaries and benefits of \$97,125. Hoepfner pointed out that when three Department of Roads assistant foremans retired in 2010, he never replaced them due to the massive budget cuts that Macomb County was facing at the time.

"This past winter showed us the necessity of having foremans to help manage all the different projects that we have going on," he said. "I feel like we were able to provide great service this winter considering the circumstances, but I definitely think we can do better. I want to get these foremans hired right now, so they can learn the ropes and be ready to go next winter."

According to Hoepfner, the Department of Roads had 315 employees a decade ago but is now down to 220. He hopes to gradually address the sacrifices that had to be made during the recession, with plans to add a dozen new highway maintenance workers in 2015.

Flynn pointed out that the department has a "very healthy" fund balance of about \$42 million to pay for these new employees. Still, he believes that elected officials should not rush into decisions like these without first exercising careful consideration.

"The Board of Commissioners and the Executive Office have to have discipline when it comes to appointing new positions," Flynn said. "There has to be a business case as to why these positions are necessary to the operations of any particular county department."

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## Macomb food pantry faces possible move

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*Macomb resident Diann Jackson Boyd shops at Hope Center. The property is up for sale, which means Hope Center may have to move.*

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**Macomb resident Diann Jackson Boyd shops at Hope Center. The property is up for sale, which means Hope Center may have to move. (Daniel Mears / The Detroit News)**

Fraser — Frank Wojtal said it's tough to put

☑ on the table for his wife and five children, especially when you're on disability and dependent on Social Security.

Trips to the food pantry at the Hope Center

in Macomb are a big help, he said.

"I'm new to the whole disability and Social Security thing," the 40-year-old from Harrison Township said. "And it's not easy trying to feed seven mouths."

For almost four years, the charity has been helping Macomb County residents such as Wojtal at a building in an industrial area on Groesbeck Highway north of 14 Mile in Fraser.

But the building's owner has put the property

☑ up for sale, which means Hope Center may have to move.

Still, "we're not closing," said Karla Gardner, the Hope Center's community relations director. "I think sometimes people who see the 'For Sale' sign worry that we're going away. But we're not going away."

Hunger and poverty have been on the rise in Detroit's suburbs over the past few years. In Macomb County, it's estimated more than 100,000 people — or 11.8 percent of the population — lived below the poverty level in 2012, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data. Estimates had the number at about 44,000 in 2000.

Started in 2010, Hope Center is a nonprofit affiliated with The Woods church in Warren. It operates a 5,600-square-foot food pantry set up like a grocery store where clients can choose perishable and nonperishable foods.

Macomb County has more than 40 food pantries, most of which are operated by churches. But the Hope Center boasts it's one of the county's largest free, client-choice pantries.

The pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, but

clients — required to submit applications with personal financial information

☞ — are required to make appointments to get food.

Last year, the pantry had an annual food budget of about \$225,000, which it used to provide more than 40,000 people with more than 4.7 million pounds of food, Gardner said.

The charity also provides referrals to county and community human service agencies, housing service referrals, spiritual counseling and tax preparation services.

Hope Center's home is about half of a 16-year-old, two-story building with more than 27,000 square feet of space. Gardner said the building is centrally located to about 90 percent of the county's population and sits along a major bus line, which makes it convenient for clients.

Gardner said the charity found out about the building sale last month.

Bill E. Duke, the general partner of Rochester Hills-based Groesbeck Development Group, which owns the site, said he is selling the building along with several other properties

☞ because he plans to retire and move to the South.

"I'm divesting most of my Michigan properties," he said. "(The Hope Center) has been there awhile and they've been a very good tenant and real nice to deal with."

L. Mason Capitani, the Troy-based real estate firm that is the sale agent, has listed the building's price at about \$1.4 million.

Since Hope Center is funded through donations, it can't afford to buy the building, said Steve Gibson, executive director. Ideally, whoever buys the building would be open to allowing the charity to stay, he said. Another possibility, he said, is someone may buy the building and donate it as a legacy gift to feed the hungry.

Still, Hope Center plans to look at other alternate sites in the county where it can continue its work, Gibson said.

"Whatever happens, we're not defined by a building," he said.

"We're defined by our passion and our compassion for people. We're going to continue doing this work even if we have to line up all of our cars and serve people out of the trunks."

## Charity challenge

For the first time, the Hope Center is participating in Art Van's Charity Challenge. The charity that raises the most money in the competition, which runs through June 23, can win a \$75,000 donation from the furniture retailer.

To donate, log on to [www.crowdrise.com/HopeCenterinMacomb-AVF](http://www.crowdrise.com/HopeCenterinMacomb-AVF)

Source: Hope Center in Macomb

- Fraser — Frank Wojtal said it's tough to put food on the table for his wife and five

## Detroit EM office reviews bids to privatize Water and Sewerage Department

By Joe Guillen Detroit Free Press Staff Writer Filed Under Local News City of Detroit Kevyn Orr Robert Ficano  
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Detroit emergency manager

☑ Kevyn Orr's office is studying several bids to privatize the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and could have a selection process completed within two weeks, a spokesman said Monday.

But Orr spokesman Bill Nowling would not release any information about which companies submitted bids by Sunday's deadline to operate and manage the system

☑ relied on by millions of people in southeast Michigan. Nowling said the bids are considered confidential under a federal mediation order.

"I can say we received several bids and the city is reviewing them," Nowling said in an e-mail. "We hope to have the review and selection process done within the next two weeks. We will release the details at that time."

The city is exploring privatization of the DWSD while negotiations continue with suburban county officials to create a regional water authority. Those negotiations are at a delicate stage as the trial to confirm Detroit's restructuring plan is to start July 24.

On Monday, Judge Steven Rhodes ordered the city and creditors to file arguments on whether Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties have legal standing to object to Detroit's plan of adjustment. The judge plans to conduct a hearing June 24 to consider legal objections to the city's restructuring plan, combining 14 legal issues into a likely daylong hearing, with each side given 15 minutes to state their case.

Rhodes also wants to hear arguments on whether bankruptcy law requires the city to sell "non-core" assets. Bond insurers have argued that the city should consider a sale of the Detroit Institute of Arts because it's not a core asset of the city.

Bankruptcy law makes it clear that cities cannot be compelled to sell assets, but there is a dispute over whether that includes assets that are not crucial for the city's daily operations.

Orr initially proposed leasing the DWSD to a new authority governed by Detroit officials and county leaders rather than privatization. The authority would pay \$47 million per year for 40 years to the City of Detroit to possibly help pay off debts and reinvest in city services.

When negotiations for an authority deadlocked in March, Orr began exploring a public-private partnership to run the water department. The city issued a request for information seeking proposals from private companies.

During the first phase of the bidding process, the city received 13 inquiries from interested parties, according to the city's disclosure statement filed in bankruptcy court in early May. The statement did not say how many of those parties were considered qualified to submit final proposals, which were due Sunday.

Orr has said the city has a duty to its creditors to study all options to restructure the DWSD as part of Detroit's ongoing municipal bankruptcy case.

On Monday, county officials said their knowledge of the city's privatization pursuits was limited.

"We've not seen any of the proposals," Deputy Oakland County Executive

☑ Robert Daddow said. "They aren't sharing any information with us on that."

Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Anthony Marrocco said he was under the impression the city was no longer considering a private operator of the DWSD.

Marrocco said he is indifferent about the potential privatization and just wants a deal that protects the interests of Macomb County ratepayers.

Any offer for a public-private partnership must include a commitment to limit rate increases to no more than 4% per year for the first 10 years, according to the city's request for information.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said he thinks a private operator would more aggressively pass down costs for capital repairs to consumers. The DWSD's aging infrastructure

☑ needs more than \$1 billion in improvements over the next five years, according to a motion Wayne County filed in Detroit's bankruptcy case.

"From a philosophical standpoint, I do believe the public authority is the best way to go," Ficano said. "I think everybody would love to see a resolution to this that's fair."

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## **Sterling Heights approves first reading of anti-discrimination ordinance**

By Frank DeFrank, The Macomb Daily

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Sterling Heights officials took a big step toward becoming Macomb County's first community to adopt an ordinance that would outlaw discrimination against persons based on sexual orientation or identity.

After a lengthy, and sometimes emotional meeting Tuesday, the city council voted 4-3 to approve the first reading of the ordinance that prohibits discrimination in housing, public accommodation and employment against gay or trans-gender persons.

Mayor Richard Notte and council members Michael Taylor, Doug Skrzniarz and Deanna Koski voted in favor of the ordinance. Joseph Romano, Maria Schmidt and Barbara Ziarko were opposed.

A separate vote to postpone action to give the council more time to consider the ordinance failed by the same 4-3 count.

The city council is scheduled to take a final vote on the controversial ordinance June 17.

"We are pleased the ordinance is moving forward," said Nate Shannon, co-chair of an organization called 1SH (One Sterling Heights), formed to encourage passage.

"Watching all the brave speakers share their stories motivates us to continue our hard work."

City officials heard from numerous residents and non-residents, for and against the ordinance, during a public comment period before the vote. Many shared stories of how they believed passage of the ordinance would affect them.

Proponents said passage would ensure equal rights for all Sterling Heights residents.

"This ordinance is not about special rights, it's about equal rights," said resident Julie Bondy. "I know in my heart by passing this ordinance, we'll be a better city."

Offered another woman: "I'm not gay. I'm not transgendered ... I'm just a modern woman who knows this is (one of the key) issues of our time ... This is just a logical, progressive step in the direction of how our whole society should be."

But plenty of opponents voiced their opinions as well.

Most argued the ordinance is unnecessary because federal and state laws already on the books protect all

individuals. Others said those pushing for the ordinance are seeking special consideration.

“I’ve been in business since 1980 and I don’t know if I’ve ever discriminated against (a gay person) because I never asked (their sexual orientation),” said Joseph Judnick. “I can’t find that this exists in our city today.”

Tim Townsend said approval of the ordinance could have unintended and undesirable side effects.

“One of the problems I have with laws that begin to divide people into groups is they actually set people against each other,” he said. “That’s what his law will do.”

Taylor made the motion to pass the ordinance.

“Every human being deserves the right to be who they are. Period,” he said.

Notte echoed the councilman’s sentiment.

“If all men are created equal – man, woman and child – then all men should be treated equal,” the mayor said. “Simple as that.”

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## Bond sale would finance half-billion dollars in Macomb County projects

### Retiree health benefits, building improvements on wish list

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

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Macomb County officials Thursday took the first step toward approval of a massive project to eliminate long-term debts related to retiree health care benefits and to finance major upgrades to county buildings in downtown Mount Clemens and at other sites across the county.

The plan, which could come with a price tag of as much as a half billion dollars, would be financed mostly by a 25-year bond sale, though it would also require tapping into the county's "rainy day" fund.

Some \$340 million would eliminate staggering debts racked up by the Board of Commissioners for decades as it promised lifetime health care to its retirees without setting aside the necessary funds to pay for it. In the past, retirees' spouses were also entitled to unrestricted health care.

Another \$35 million would pay for improvements at the five county buildings that dominate the downtown Mount Clemens area. Yet another \$57 million would finance a list of about two dozen long-needed repairs at other county facilities, including the jail, that consist of basic upgrades to roofing, plumbing, electrical units, and heating and cooling systems.

The sum total of all this is \$432 million.

County Commissioner Fred Miller, a Mount Clemens Democrat, said the revitalization of downtown buildings would be a boost to his town, the county seat, and eliminating long-term liabilities in health care benefits would put the county on a sounder footing.

"It's the responsible thing to do. We're stepping up to the plate and living up to the promises we made to retirees," said Miller, who chairs the Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee. "We're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars. I would not say this is a gamble ... but it is not without risk."

Because of the gravity situation, County Executive Mark Hackel was expected to make a rare appearance before the board – only his second since taking office in January 2010 – but the lengthy Finance Committee meeting that preceded the full board session caused a scheduling problem.

Macomb officials stopped funding their retiree health care system in 2004 when the county began to face tight



budgets. Recently renewed payments cannot keep up with labor union contract requirements that call for annual payments of \$30 million now and \$35 million by 2023.

But yearly expenditures at that level could devastate basic county services or create quickly growing budget deficits.

The commissioners are following a complex, highly regarded solution put into place several years ago by neighboring Oakland County. A massive \$557 million bond issue in 2007 laid the groundwork for the end of Oakland's long-term unfunded liabilities associated with retiree health care.

As for the 5-year plan to upgrade buildings, that would tackle – though not eliminate -- the huge backlog of county capital improvement projects that have been delayed over several years as tax revenues fell and budgets tightened.

In addition to bond money, the Downtown Revitalization Project calls for a cash infusion of up to \$10 million in upcoming insurance settlement money derived from the 2013 electrical fire at the old County Building that has shut that 13-story facility for more than a year.

“We initially thought that \$10 million was pretty conservative,” said county Finance Director Pete Provenzano. “We thought it should be up around \$19 million. But now it looks like we should expect something between \$5 million and \$10 million. We’re hoping for about \$8 million.”

The sprawling plan for the downtown facilities features several major moves: remodeling the entire shuttered County Building; substantial upgrades and the addition of new courtrooms in the Court Building; and the filling out of two floors that have been left vacant in the Administration Building since it was opened in 1998.

The projects would also lead to resettling some of the county's busiest departments, including the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Juvenile Court and Friend of the Court. The adjacent Clemens Center, plus the Talmer Bank administrative building, recently purchased by the county for \$1 million, would also play roles in the reshuffling.

Overall, the proposed \$340 million fund would initially consist of revenues from a \$270 million bond sale, \$40 million from the county's "rainy day" account, and \$30 million from a revolving fund that deals with delinquent property tax payers.

New labor agreements reached with employee unions last year took the first step toward plugging the financial hole by eliminating retiree health care for workers hired on or after Jan. 1, 2016.

The commissioners on Thursday also approved a motion to hire a bound counsel and a financial adviser. The board will vote June 19 on a variety of options, from limited capital improvements to all proposed building renovations and the full payoff of retiree liabilities.

If a bond sale is approved, that would take place in November.

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## Detroit Zoo director joins call for regional mass transit

### Transit discussion at zoo included officials, business leaders from 4 counties

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Wednesday, June 4, 2014



Detroit Zoo Executive Director Ron Kagan has added his voice to those calling for a regional mass transit system to spur business and employment in Southeast Michigan.

“We have to connect this unbelievable area and the zoo wants to help,” Kagan said before a gathering of business leaders, elected officials and several members of the Regional Transit Authority on Wednesday. “We really feel strongly that regional transit is needed for the vitality of the area.”

The zoo is the state’s top paid tourist attraction that drew 1.3 million visitors last year. Up to 300,000 more visitors are expected next year and the zoo lacks enough parking space if all visitors arrive by car, Kagan said.

Kagan’s remarks opened a forum hosted by the Metro Coalition of Congregations called “Better Transit, Better Business” at the zoo Wednesday.

The MCC is organizing discussions and supporting an anticipated regional tax proposal to fund transit in 2016.

A rapid bus system covering a 27-mile stretch of Woodward Avenue from downtown Detroit to Pontiac has been proposed and awaits approval from the RTA, which is studying the proposal. The RTA has members representing the City of Detroit and Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

It remains unclear how the system will be funded and a required environmental impact study could take up to a year to complete.

But the chorus of voices calling for regional transit is growing after four decades of delay and dozens of failed efforts.

At Wednesday’s forum, MCC religious leaders and WDET (101.9-FM) public radio host Craig Fahle discussed regional transit and led panel discussions on the challenges and expected benefits of a new bus system to network the region.

Pleasant Ridge Mayor Kurt Metzger, former Royal Oak Mayor Dennis Cowan, Macomb County Commission Chairman David Flynn, Deputy Oakland County Executive Matt Gibb, Washtenaw County Commissioner Conan Smith and Heaster Wheeler, assistant CEO of Wayne County, were among those who weighed in on

regional transit.

Metzger, a demographer who founded Data Driven Detroit in 2008, said the young people of the millennial generation want to ditch their cars and live where there is reliable mass transit.

“Just trying to walk here (to the zoo) is dangerous as hell,” Metzger said, adding that mass transit is needed to get people to businesses, cultural events and jobs. “Seventy-two percent of people have to leave Detroit to get to their jobs.”

As a college student in Boston, Cowan said he depended on transit and noticed fellow riders were from a range of demographic groups and backgrounds.

“We need to make the business case to business and the leaders to get this done,” he said, adding that employers will have a larger pool of employees to choose from if regional transit is available.

Each \$1 of public investment in transit generates \$6 to \$8 of private investment along transit routes, Flynn said.

“There’s no bigger issue that can change the culture than mass transit,” he said. “You don’t see a vibrant city (in the U.S.) where they don’t have mass transit.”

One potential problem in creating a comprehensive regional transit system is that Oakland and Wayne counties currently allow individual communities to opt out of participating in a mass transit system if they choose. In northern Oakland there are several communities, including Addison Township, that have a small local bus system of their own. More than 50 communities in Oakland and Wayne counties currently opt out of participating in the SMART suburban bus system.

“The elephant in the room is how do we pay for” mass transit, Gibb said. He said Oakland County is not ready to make all its communities take part in a regional transit system.

But Washtenaw County Commissioner Conan Smith believes a mass transit system needs a regional buy-in to work effectively.

“We need to ... stop thinking of ourselves as individual communities,” Smith said. “We are one region.”

Some of the divisions within the region over mass transit are based on class and race. Some suburban opponents see buses as low-rent transportation for poor people. Even though two-thirds of poor people are white, Wheeler said poor people are generally perceived as being black.

“We’ve racialized poverty and we’ve racialized the benefits of mass transit,” Wheeler said.

Oakland County Commissioner Dave Woodward of Royal Oak was among those who attended Wednesday’s discussion and said he sees a growing energy around mass transit that will result in stronger leadership on the issue in Southeast Michigan.

“This is groundwork for building public support for funding the regional transit system that will take workers to jobs and shoppers to shops,” he said.

## Macomb Co. may issue \$295M in bonds for retiree health care, improvement costs

Thu, Jun 5

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Mount Clemens— County officials are considering a plan to issue bonds to cover part of an estimated \$550 million unfunded retiree health care

☑ liability.

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel said the health

☑ care costs deficit hadn't been addressed in a decade and no money was allocated to address the issue.

"That is setting ourselves up for a disaster," Hackel said. "We don't want that and we are not going down that path."

Peter Provenzano, county finance director, presented the proposal to sell \$295 million in bonds for healthcare

☑ costs and capital improvements to the board of commissioners on Thursday.

Provenzano also outlined a five-year capital plan that includes all the infrastructure improvements recommended by Plante Moran CRESA planners in October. The downtown revitalization plan would cost an estimated \$35 million, with \$25 million of the cost covered by the bonds. Project design is expected to take place this year with construction beginning in late 2015.

The downtown revitalization plan includes renovations to the Administration Building, the Old County Building, Circuit Court building, the Talmer Building and the Clemens Center.

"What we have been able to forecast is that we can pay for health care, the downtown project and the critical projects in the next 10 years and still maintain a healthy fund balance," Provenzano said. "But it takes a tremendous amount of discipline."

Provenzano said the county reduced the unfunded retiree

☑ health care by closing the retiree plan to new hires starting in 2016. A recent actuarial study estimates that by doing so, the liability will be cut to an estimated \$270 million.

"It is still a massive number but it is now at a size where we can attempt to get our arms around it," Provenzano said.

The county is required to make an annual \$30 million payment toward the liability but it can only afford \$15 million, he said.

Bonding for the unfunded liability is allowed by Michigan Public Act 329 of 2012, which expires at the end of this year.

The money would be deposited in an interim trust. An additional \$40 million from the general fund balance and \$30 million from the delinquent tax revolving fund would also be placed in the trust. The plan would pre-fund future retiree health care contributions for the next 50 years, Provenzano said.

The board must adopt a resolution at its June 19 meeting to meet the Dec. 31 deadline.

Board Chairman David Flynn said selling bonds to cover the unfunded healthcare costs, day-to-day maintenance of county facilities and downtown renovation project is “necessary in order to keep our commitment to our employees and modernize our facilities so we can offer services in a more effective manner.”

• **Macomb Co. may issue \$295M in bonds for retiree health care, improvement costs**

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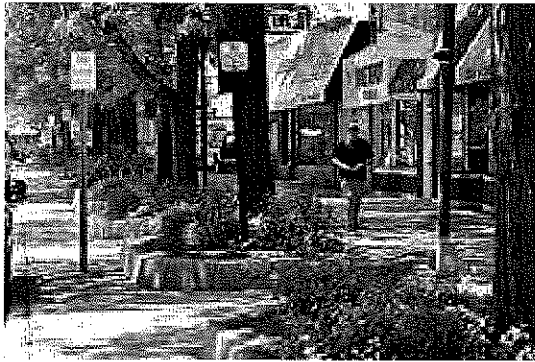
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## Big improvements for Gratiot envisioned by new plan

By Chad Selweski, The Macomb Daily

Saturday, June 7, 2014



Gratiot Avenue throughout much of Macomb County would be revitalized, with new landscaping, lighting and walkways that would increase pedestrian traffic and make the thoroughfare's hundreds of stores a destination for shoppers, under a pilot program developed by a regional planning agency.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has compiled a detailed report packed with ideas and suggestions that would transform much of the Gratiot corridor over the next decade.

The SEMCOG plan calls for improving the walkability/bikeability of the avenue, integrating its shops with the surrounding neighborhoods in Eastpointe, Roseville, Clinton Township and Mount Clemens.

Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane, who helped develop the proposal, said the revitalization can work if it is initiated in "small bites" over time that add up to a major improvement.

"I think it's a realistic plan. It's a broader-vision plan, but every plan begins with an incremental step," said Duchane, whose city has faced dire fiscal problems for several years. "It deals with aspirations rather than expecting things to fall in place on their own."

Beyond basic roadside fixes such as sidewalk improvements, the Gratiot pilot program envisions demolishing blighted buildings, making improvements to parks and homes within a half mile of the avenue, and providing loans and seed money to upgrade businesses.

Susan Phillips, a SEMCOG planner, said numerous financial sources are available, including state and federal grants, tax credits, and local efforts such as downtown development authorities and tax increment financing authorities.

The 12-member advisory group that created the 131-page report largely consisted of county and municipal officials from Macomb.

Because each community would decide which direction to take, the plan has no estimated price tag.

Duchane, an advisory group member, said he envisions the proposal leading to loan assistance for merchants who want to convert the second floor of their shops into residential lofts. He also hopes that the rapid buses planned for Gratiot by the newly created Regional Transportation Authority could lead to an Eastpointe transit

center that would service RTA buses, SMART's suburban bus fleet and innovative auto-based transportation.

Overall, the Gratiot improvements could fit nicely with the municipalities' plans to make the thoroughfare, known as the M-3 state highway, the Woodward Avenue of the east side.

The slogan the communities have created is, "M-3 is the place to be."

To view the Gratiot Corridor plan, go online to [semcog.org](http://semcog.org).

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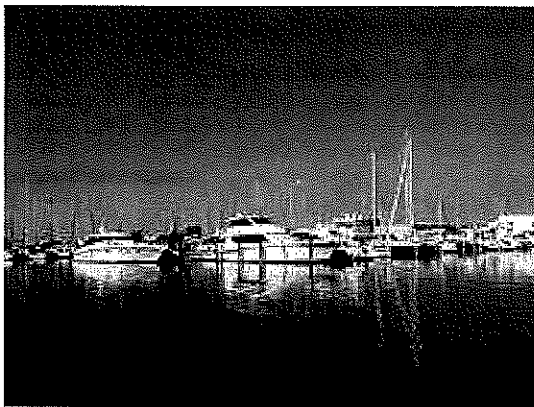
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## State of Lake St. Clair appears ship shape

**Lake St. Clair The state of the lake appears ship shape Hackel joined by boating enthusiasts for review of industry**

By Gina Joseph, The Macomb Daily

Tuesday, June 10, 2014



The mood among the marina owners, boaters, harbor masters, city planners and chamber of commerce members gathered at MacRay Harbor on Tuesday for Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel's "State of Lake St. Clair Address" matched the weather -- sunny and bright.

"This year there are a lot of smiles in the boating industry, and among our customers," said Steve Remias, past chair for the Michigan Boating Industry Association (MBIA) and president of MacRay Harbor, host for the event.

Water levels are up.

Boat sales are up.

"And we have several marinas reporting that they have no more occupancies available and that has not happened in a long time," said Remias, who kicked off the annual address by reading the importance and significance of Gov. Rick Snyder's proclamation designating this week, 7-14, as Michigan Boating Week.

Snyder noted that Michigan boasts of nearly 1 million registered boats and an estimated 4 million boating enthusiasts. And as the third-largest boating market in the country the industry not only provides a \$7.4 billion impact on the state's economy but accounts for more than 50,000 jobs.

"The state talks about 'Pure Michigan' (and) there is nothing more pure than what we have out here," said Hackel, who has been the driving force behind Macomb County's emerging "Blue Economy" and a participant at last weekend's successful Sprint and Splash Festival at Lake St. Clair Metropark.

One of several events attributed to introducing new generations to the amenities of Lake St. Clair, Sprint and Splash combines running, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding.

The third annual event attracted hundreds of participants and spectators. "We had an incredible turnout last weekend" the executive said.

On display behind Hackel was a poster for this summer's AquaPaloosa, another event unique to Lake St. Clair



and probably the region. The on-the-water concert event will take place Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27, along the shores of both Belle Maer Harbor and adjacent MacRay Harbor.

“It is the biggest party on the lake,” said Gerry Santoro, Macomb County’s director of water-based economic development, who was anxious to share some of his own news about the lake, including the new transient marina that the city of New Baltimore installed at the base of its waterfront park.

“This is a great new destination right at the top of Anchor Bay and great new way to visit the historic walkable downtown with their stores and restaurants,” Santoro said.

He also noted that Harrison Township has initiated a study of their coastal assets with help from the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program. The goal is to create a nautical district near the foot of Crocker Boulevard featuring a waterfront hotel, a small conference center and a recreational pier.

Hackel said he envisions the prospect of a massive retail/recreation development on Lake St. Clair similar to Chicago’s Navy Pier.

Also promoted at Tuesday’s event was the Circle Lake St. Clair Tour, which Santoro helped to initiate along with the Lake St. Clair Tourism Council. Four years ago he and another member of the council jumped in a car and mapped out a tour from the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron to the Ambassador Bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor. Then they came up with a logo and posted the signage along I-94 so motorists wanting to take the tour would know where to go.

“People are getting it and there’s an understanding of what we’re trying to accomplish,” Santoro said. “It used to be that you could drive along I-94 and never know that there was a lake only a few miles away. The bright green and blue signs for the Circle Tour encourage drivers to take a different route north and south along the lake, bringing more visitors through Lake St. Clair’s shoreline communities and businesses.”

Present for the State of the Lake Address was a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce - which is not only installing the tour signage along their coastline but also creating a Coastal Business Loop as part of their strategy.

“That’s what today’s all about,” Hackel said of his address, “celebrating what’s happening and discussing what more can be done.”

Ahoy mates

If you want to get people on the lake offer them a boat ride. It’s that simple, although the annual ‘Celebrate the Lake’ Day event at MacRay Harbor in Harrison Township is a lot more than that. In addition to free boat rides, the event will feature kids activities, boating educational displays, a nautical yard sale and a shipload of other attractions including a concert under the stars featuring Sean Z.

When: Starting at noon, Saturday, June 14

Where: MacRay is located on North River Road in Harrison Township, east of I-94 and adjacent to the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

What: The free boat rides are hosted by Colony Marine and planned as part of National Marina Day. Rides are

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## County officials consider bond sale for \$432 million in projects

By *Jeremy Selveski*  
C & G Staff Writer

MACOMB COUNTY — A pair of major goals for county officials appear to be taking shape at the same time as the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Office work together on a plan to finance retiree health care benefits and renovate several county buildings.

On June 5, the board approved a resolution asking the Executive Office to issue a proposal request for professional services for bond counsel and a financial adviser. Many commissioners believe that it is in the best interest of Macomb County to seek competitive bids for these services, as officials are strongly considering using municipal bonds to defray the costs of unfunded retiree health care liabilities and a series of capital improvements in downtown Mount Clemens.

"This is a really exciting time in Macomb County government," said Commissioner Fred Miller, D-Mount Clemens, chair of the board's Finance Committee. "A lot of big decisions are being made to get our finances under control, to honor some old promises and to rebuild our infrastructure. It's a huge honor to be doing this, but it's also very daunting and challenging."

County Executive Mark Hackel, D-Macomb Township, stressed the importance of taking swift action, rather than waiting around for these needs to get worse.

"Both of these projects are equally important issues that we've needed to address for years, so we decided to look at them both together," he said. "Doing nothing is not the answer — that's how you end up in a similar (bankruptcy) situation as what Detroit and Wayne County are facing right now."

The first component of the plan would involve setting aside \$340 million into an interim retiree medical benefits trust. This contribution would consist of a \$270 million bond sale, \$40 million from the county's general fund balance, and \$30 million from a delinquent property tax fund. The funding strategy is modeled after one that Oakland County has been using since 2007.

For the past decade, Macomb County has been unable to allocate the funds necessary to pay for the health insurance of its employees after retirement. Officials suspended the prefunding of their retiree health care liabilities in 2004 after significant budget cuts needed to be made. Additional economic hardship spurred by the recession combined with ballooning health care costs only exacerbated the problem. Now, officials are facing a situation in which they will be unable to pay their health care premiums in the future unless money is put aside in advance.

The new proposal would allow them to sell bonds to cover these liabilities for the next 25 years. It assumes that Macomb County would receive a 7.5 percent rate of return on its investment, which is below the 9 percent return rate that the county has traditionally received on its pension system. If approved by the board, the plan would have to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury for final authorization no later than Dec. 31. Because of this tight window, the board also approved a resolution on June 5 requesting that the state extend its deadline on the bond program.

As enthusiastic as county leaders are about this proposal, they acknowledged the gamble inherent in subjecting retiree health care benefits to the ups and downs of the financial marketplace.

"This seems like it's the best play for us right now, but there is a lot of risk involved," Miller said. "When you look at how many zeroes are at the end of these numbers, it's obvious that we need to be as cautious and careful as possible. At the same time, though, it's very important for Macomb County to honor the commitments that we've made to our retirees over the years."

Hackel agreed, but he offered a more optimistic view of the bond proposal, as well as a distaste for simply maintaining the status quo.

"This is a glaring issue that we know we have to resolve," he said. "Yes, there are risks associated with this plan, but we don't want to just ignore the problem and keep kicking the can down the road. The market is not the real risk here — the real risk is continuing to do the same thing that we've always done. As long as we continue the good practices that we've shown under

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the (Macomb County) charter, then we will continue to be successful."

The other component of the funding proposal would involve selling bonds to pay for a host of upgrades to county buildings and infrastructure that were included in the county's five-year capital improvement plan for 2014-18. In all, officials are considering roughly \$92 million in projects that would provide for major renovations to existing county buildings, upgrades to information technology (IT) equipment and maintenance on facilities' roofing, electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling systems.

A big chunk of these funds — at least \$35 million — would be committed to the county's downtown revitalization project, which would involve consolidating many Macomb County operations in downtown Mount Clemens. These ongoing efforts to establish a central campus would include a massive overhaul of five existing facilities, including the 13-story former County Administration building. Officials are still awaiting the insurance settlement from the electrical fire that struck the building in April 2013, a payment that they expect to come in between \$8 and \$10 million.

Not included in this five-year capital improvement plan is another potentially massive project: the proposed construction of a new Macomb County Jail building. Instead, the plan includes about \$7 million in repairs and renovations at the 60-year-old lockup, which experiences frequent overcrowding problems. County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham has estimated that if a new jail is not built, the existing facility will require about \$71 million worth of maintenance over the next 30 years.

According to Miller, on June 18, the Finance Committee is expected to decide on a resolution of intent to issue bonds to fund both the county's unfunded retiree health care liabilities and the downtown revitalization project. If the resolution passes, it will be passed along to the full Board of Commissioners for a final vote on June 19.

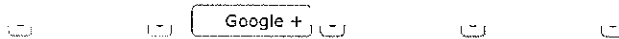
Miller is grateful that the board opted to hire bond counsel and a financial adviser for such massive and complex proposals.

"I'm glad that we're planning on doing both of these projects at once," he said, "but I'm even more glad about the way that we're choosing to do them. So much money is at play here that we want to make sure that Macomb County is represented as well as possible, and that we're being as open and transparent as we can be."

Hackel, meanwhile, feels strongly that the decisions county leaders are making in 2014 will pay off in a big way down the road.

"I think this will be something for us to celebrate years from now," the county executive said. "I think those who come after us will say, 'Thank you for not passing these problems down to us.' This group (of officials) is very committed to fixing the finances of Macomb County. We've come a long way, and now we're in an enviable position."

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## Shelby Township announces deal to fund police-fire pension

By Frank DeFrank, The Macomb Daily

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Shelby Township officials took a step recently toward addressing a problem that dates back more than three decades.

At its regular meeting June 3, the Board of Trustees laid out a plan to fully fund the police and firefighter pension system, and then replace the system that resulted in a multi-million dollar shortage in the pension fund.

“This process will stabilize and cap more than \$23 million in pension debt that will put our community on even firmer financial ground for generations to come,” said Rick Stathakis, township supervisor.

For many years, Shelby Township elected officials failed to meet actuarial recommendations to ensure adequate funding for the pension that provides retirement benefits for police officers and firefighters.

The result was a chronically underfunded system that grew to a shortfall of millions of dollars.

In 2002, voters approved changing the funding system from a special assessment district to a millage, which spread the liability to commercial as well as residential property.

But the recession that began in 2008 drove down property values and reduced the tax dollars that went into the pension. The pension remains about \$23 million underfunded.

Township officials believe they’ve come up with a solution.

Figures are preliminary, officials said, but financial aspects of the plan are these:

- The township will “borrow” \$13 million from the public works department and contribute that to the police and fire pension system;
- Another \$1 million each will be tapped from the police and fire department reserve funds;
- The township will sell bonds (borrow) to finance the remaining \$9 million.

An additional element is crucial to the plan. The township will close the present “defined-benefit” system in favor of a “defined-contribution” method. That means new hires will be required to contribute to their retirements – similar to a 401K plan in the private sector -- thereby reducing the financial strain on township budgets.

“This is the beginning of the end for all defined benefits here in Shelby Township,” Stathakis said.

The police and fire unions had to sign off on the deal.

“In order for the unions to agree to the 401K style, we had to offer them something,” said Shelby Township Treasurer Michael Flynn. “That was fully funding the pension by the end of 2014.”

John McCoy, president of the Shelby Township Firefighters Local 1338, said his organization agreed to the deal because “paying off the pension deficit is the right thing to do.”

McCoy also pointed out the entire plan must be approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury, and failure by Shelby officials to follow through could scuttle the plan.

“It’s not like it’s an easy process,” McCoy said.

The \$13 million “loan” from the public works department will come from a reserve fund of about \$18 million that DPW Director David Miller has set aside for future water and sewer equipment replacement. Miller said the lifespan of the equipment – water mains, primarily -- make it highly unlikely Shelby Township will need that money any time soon. So rather than collect about 0.25 percent interest, Miller said, the township will repay the public works department at a 1-percent annual rate.

“Basically, I think it’s a good investment,” Miller said.

The DPW has another \$12 million in reserve for operations, the director said.

Miller said a contract with the township prevents the chance that a future Board of Trustees could renege on the deal. He also said taking \$13 million from the DPW’s coffers will not affect water and sewer service to Shelby Township residents.

“I wouldn’t (have agreed to the deal) if it did,” he said.

The plan is not without some downside. Shelby Township will incur interest costs to both the DPW and to repay the bonds. But officials are convinced the township’s excellent bond rating will keep those costs manageable.

And another economic downturn like the recession of 2008 could make it more difficult for the township to meet its financial obligations.

Several more steps must be completed before the deal is final. Township officials hope to complete those steps by fall.

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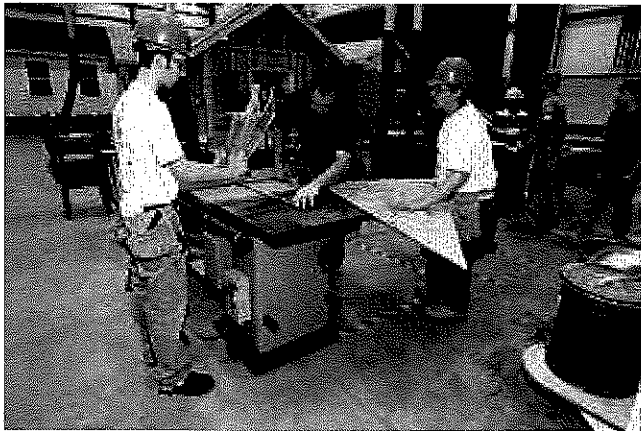
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## Spotlight to shine on Macomb volunteers

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Chippewa Valley High senior Dan Tomazewski, left, and sophomore Sal Marinello work with construction trades instructor Joe Churches. (Ricardo Thomas / The Detroit News)

Mount Clemens —The Macomb County Board of Commissioners will honor 70 volunteers during its annual Volunteer Recognition on Thursday.

The honorees donated 150 hours or more of their time to a local community or organization last year. They were nominated by an organization, friend or family

member.

All 13 districts in the county are represented by at least two volunteers. The top honoree is Carolyn Johnson, who volunteered 1,560 hours at St.

Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Another honoree is Joe Churches, a construction trades instructor at Chippewa Valley High School. Each year, Churches and his students construct an entire house

for Macomb County Habitat for Humanity. The house is prefabricated in two parts in the school workshop, then moved onto a foundation and completed, Churches explained.

"It's a bit overbuilt," Churches said. "You have to remember that the house is being moved, so we do some extra stuff."

As for the recognition Thursday, he said, "I'm just doing my job. It's been nothing but a blessing."

David Flynn, chairman of the county board, said volunteers are an invaluable asset to Macomb.

"Volunteers are the heartbeat of our communities, and I think it speaks volumes of Macomb County to have so many residents dedicate their time across the region," said Flynn.

The honorees will be presented with certificates and have their pictures taken during a reception following the commissioner's full board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Macomb County Administration Building, 1 S. Main St., Mount Clemens.



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## Ethics panel dormant, but claims deterrence does the job

Friday, June 13, 2014

By Chad Selweski

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After a rocky start and continuous turnover, the Macomb County Ethics Board, a key plank in the voter-approved county charter, recently filed an annual report that said they handled no complaints regarding unethical behavior in 2013.

The reaction to the report has split two ways. One school of thought says that the board, consisting of five seats, and its accompanying Ethics Ordinance have thoroughly failed to live up to expectations. The other view says that the new clean-government rules present such a strong deterrent that county government is free of past problems with graft, corruption or nepotism.

"I don't see where there's a problem," said Ethics Board Chairman Don Amboyer. "If there are no complaints, then there are no ethics problems."

The quasi-judicial body serves as an independent arbiter, acting on its own initiative or in response to complaints that cover issues such as graft, conflicts of interest, and the receipt of gifts or gratuities. With few exceptions, it applies to all elected officials, department heads, appointees and employees. Violators face a fine of up to \$500.

The newest member of the Ethics Board is New Baltimore Police Chief Timothy Wiley, who was appointed earlier this month. Wiley's arrival finally gave the five-person board a quorum after operating with just two members for months.

County Board of Commissioners Chairman Dave Flynn is losing patience with an Ethics Board that he said has dragged its feet in engaging the 2,600 county employees and explaining how the process of enforcing ethics rules allows them to file a complaint.

"During the Charter Commission process, they put the Ethics Board as Section 1, ahead of the executive and ahead of the legislative branch," said Flynn, a Sterling Heights Democrat whose father served on the 2008-09 commission. "I'm worried about the long-term relevancy of the Ethics Board ... I'm worried that that people don't take the Ethics Board seriously."

Amboyer, a former Macomb Community College administrator and former county jail director, said he is developing an online educational course about the ethics rule with the help of outside firms. The course and quiz

are cost-efficient and could be completed in 45 minutes.

41-B District Judge Carrie Fuca, who chaired the Charter Commission committee that drafted the ethics provisions, could not be reached for comment. But Jacob Femminineo, who served as Charter Commission chairman, is fully satisfied the Ethics Board has provided strong deterrence against improper behavior.

When the elected Charter Commission first got organized, Femminineo said, the county had suffered a series of political scandals over several years and struggled with a reputation for allowing deals that were cut by officials in “smoke-filled rooms.” On a broader scale, the corruption charges that brought down former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick were just starting to leak out.

“We didn’t want any corruption and all that stuff,” said Femminineo, an attorney. “We wanted transparency and accountability. We didn’t want a Kwame Kilpatrick in Macomb County.”

Though the charter took effect Jan. 1, 2011, political spats between the Board of Commissioners and County Executive Mark Hackel, including a Hackel veto, delayed approval of a charter-mandated Ethics Ordinance until December 2011.

The Ethics Board members, who serve on a voluntary basis, are nominated by Hackel with confirmation from the Board of Commissioners. The first appointees to the Ethics Board took their seats in early 2012 but the panel spent most of that year establishing policies and procedures. During that time period, the board had no office, web page or phone.

Because of the constant turnover over the past two years, the 2013 annual report submitted to the Board of Commissioners was signed by Amboyer, the only constant member of the Executive Board, and newcomer Paddy Laske, who served on the ethics panel for only a few weeks during 2013.

The 2012 and 2013 annual reports indicated that the board often cancels meetings due to a lack of a quorum or a lack of agenda items.

Though the Ethics Board received no complaints last year, it did handle four “advisory opinions” -- proactive inquiries about compliance with the Ethics Ordinance.

Here is the history of the board’s five seats:

Seat No. 1 – Chairman Amboyer has served throughout.

Seat No. 2 – Gregory Bauer served for one year, beginning in February 2012, before stepping aside; Germaine Jackson filled the vacancy and served for 13 months until he was fired as the Mount Clemens High School basketball coach for allegedly unethical behavior – a development that caused him to quit the ethics panel; Wiley is replacing Jackson.

Seat No. 3 – Anthony Bellanca was an original member from 2012 but he resigned last year when a contract he landed with the county served as a potential conflict of interest; in March 2013 the Ethics Board was supposed to meet to accept Bellanca’s resignation and welcome two new board members, James Caygill and Jackson, but the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum as Caygill, Jackson and Bellanca did not show up; in July 2013, Brian Bourbeau filled the vacancy left by Bellanca but he quit in February and his seat remains vacant.



Seat No. 4 -- The Rev. John Mack, an original member, served for one year before stepping down; he was replaced by Caygill in March 2013 but Caygill resigned just eight months later when he decided to move out of Macomb County; he was replaced by Laske last December and she now served as the Ethics Board vice chair.

Seat No. 5 – Karen Smith was appointed as an original member in 2012 after her nomination initially received some flak from commissioners; Smith resigned in February of this year and her seat also remains vacant.

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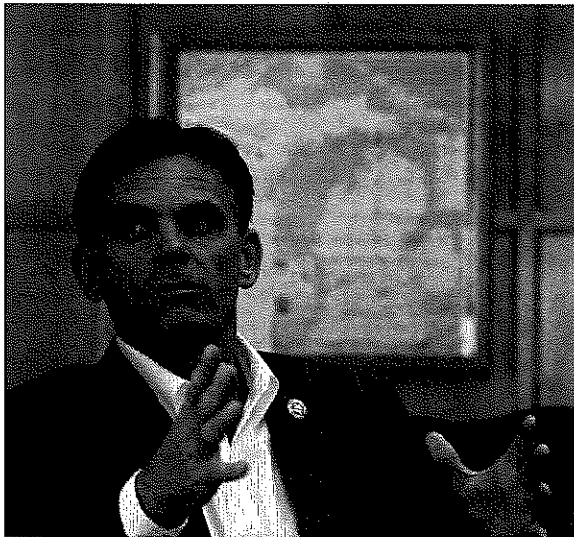
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## Editorial: Handle Macomb health benefits with care

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*Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and his team look to take a page out of Oakland County's book and make its retiree obligations more manageable.*

Macomb County wants to eliminate a shortfall in funding its retiree health benefits, and officials are looking to Oakland County's playbook. But before Macomb starts borrowing millions of dollars to close the gap, health care costs should be cut as much as possible.

Officials need only look at Detroit to see the result of borrowing to pay for benefits the government can't afford.

Macomb officials want to borrow \$270 million as well as take \$40 million from the general fund and \$30 million from the delinquent tax fund to create an investment trust of \$340 million.

This would ideally eliminate a shortfall and also fund retiree health care for years come.

The idea is simple — secure the funds at an interest rate of about 4 percent and invest them at 7.5 percent.

It's also risky — if the 7.5 percent return isn't realized, the county will have to dip into its general fund to make up the difference.

But without some solution, County Executive Mark Hackel warns health care costs could bankrupt the county in 15 years.

For a model of how the plan could work, Macomb turned to neighboring Oakland County.

Success didn't happen overnight in Oakland.

In 2006, the county borrowed about \$557 million at a 6.2 percent interest rate and invested it at 7.8 percent.

The trust was able to not only finance the county's yearly obligations but also grow the health care fund for future retirees.

Today retiree health care is 117-percent funded. Deputy Oakland Executive Robert Daddow says that, barring a catastrophic stock market crash, Oakland shouldn't have to tap any other funds to finance the benefits.

Daddow says borrowing to pay the retiree obligations was a major step but the plan wouldn't have worked without other action.

Oakland has been trimming its health care costs over the past few years by negotiating higher co-pays and deductibles in its labor agreements.

Also, it established a cheaper prescription drug program.

Daddow says the “ultimate” health care trim was closing the program to new employees in 2006.

Macomb is on a similar path.

Finance director Pete Provenzano says the county is committed to a long-term plan to reduce health care costs through negotiating higher co-pays and deductibles in labor talks.

Macomb will close its retiree health care plan to new hires in 2016.

Both Daddow and Provenzano say past labor contracts have locked their counties into funding retiree health care plans.

Arbitrarily dropping the benefits would violate those agreements and probably land the counties in court.

Yet retiree health benefits are not guaranteed in the Michigan Constitution, unlike pensions.

Provenzano notes that before embarking on the trust plan, Macomb County was headed down the bankruptcy path.

The \$15 million a year cost for retiree health care was estimated to balloon to \$35 million by 2023, which would have resulted in massive cuts in county services and “likely” would have led to bankruptcy.

Macomb is moving in the right direction.

If the county follows Oakland County’s example while adjusting its labor contracts, it should emerge from under its heavy retiree obligations much more financially sound.



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## Macomb County set to borrow millions for retiree benefits, HQ fix-up

By Christina Hall Detroit Free Press Staff Writer Filed Under Local News Macomb County Mt. Clemens Jun. 18

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Macomb County commissioners today agreed to take the first steps to borrow money to defray costs of future retiree

health care benefits that are underfunded by several hundred million dollars and to make improvements at the county's downtown Mt. Clemens campus.

The finance committee approved publishing notices of intent to issue bonds for up to \$300 million for retiree health care and \$25 million for renovations at its downtown buildings. It also approved moving forward with an estimated \$57 million in capital improvements through 2018 at various county facilities, including the jail. Final votes are expected at a full board meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Kathy Vosburg voted against the resolution related to the downtown campus renovations, which would cost \$35 million. The county is hoping about \$10 million will come from insurance proceeds after a fire last year that closed the old county building.

"I object to approving spending of the money without all of the information available, including the insurance settlement," she said.

The board agreed to move forward on a bond-trust proposal for funding retiree health care, which is underfunded by about \$270 million. The issue, if not resolved, could result in municipal bankruptcy within another decade, some county officials said.

The plan, hopefully, would fund retiree health care for the next 50 years, finance director Peter Provenzano said.

It calls for the county to issue bonds for \$270 million and take \$40 million from the rainy day fund and \$30 million from a county tax delinquent fund. That \$340 million would be put into a trust that officials hope would earn a 7.5% rate of return, a typical assumption based on the pension fund's rate of return.

The interest rate

on the bond would be paid out around 4%. The 3.5 percentage point difference would be put toward the county's annual contribution to fully fund retiree health care.

The county would pay an estimated \$18 million a year for the debt service payment on the bond, which would be for 25 years. It already is paying \$15 million annually to retiree health care, covering just the premium

, which will continue to grow.

Board Chairman David Flynn said bonding for retiree health care “obviously has risk because the county is essentially leveraging debt. However, after six months of analyzing all proposals on the table, this was our best option.”

He said the plan is different than what Oakland County and other communities are doing, because “they are making their required annual contribution to retiree health care and Macomb County is not.”

To minimize risks, officials will negotiate lower retiree health care benefits

☞ for those in the plan and keep everything professionally managed.

The bonds for retiree health care must be sold by Dec. 31.



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Jerome T. Moffitt  
Chief Deputy

June 4, 2014

TO: Fred Miller, Chairperson  
and Members of the Finance Committee

FROM: Ted B. Wahby  
Macomb County Treasurer

In accordance with the depository resolution, the Treasurer's Office is providing the attached amended 2014 Resolution designating Public Fund Depositories in compliance with Act 40 Public Acts of 1932 as amended.

The Macomb County Investment Portfolio is managed according to the Investment Policy for the County of Macomb as required by Public Act 20. The investment policy requires safety of principal and sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements.

Sincerely,

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TED B. WAHBY  
Treasurer

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RESOLUTION NO.

FULL BOARD MEETING DATE  
AGENDA ITEM:

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2014 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION.

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INTRODUCED BY: FRED MILLER, CHAIRPERSON,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE /MEETING DATE**

Finance 6-5-14

Full Board 6-5-14 (postponed until 6-19 Full Board)

Full Board 6-19-14

2014

Official Resolution  
Of the Board of Commissioners  
Macomb County, Michigan

**A Resolution Designating Public Fund  
Depositories In Compliance With Act 40  
Public Acts of 1932 As Amended**

**Whereas**, Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1932 as amended entitled "An Act to Provide for the Designation of Depositories for Public Monies; to Prescribe the Effect thereof on the Liability for such Deposits, To Suspend the Requirements of Surety Bonds from Depositories of Public Monies; and to repeal all ACTS and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act." Provided therein, amongst other things, that the Board of Commissioners shall provide by resolution for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies, coming into the hands of the County Treasurer, in one or more banks to be designated by said resolution, and in such proportion and manner as may be further provided in said resolution; and

**Whereas**, the Macomb County Treasurer has requested the adoption of the within resolution, and the repeal of all resolutions inconsistent herewith.

**Now Therefore**, Be it Resolved By The Board of Commissioners, Speaking For And On Behalf Of All County Citizens As Follows:

One

That pursuant to Section 2, of Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1932 as amended, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Macomb hereby designates as authorized depositories of all public monies, including tax monies, coming into the hands of the County of Macomb Treasurer, the following banking or financial institutions;

Bank of America  
Charter One  
Chase  
First Merit  
Comerica  
Fifth Third Bank  
First State Bank  
Flagstar Bancorp  
Huntington Banks  
Key Bank  
PNC Bank  
TALMER Bank & Trust  
TCF National Bank  
Level One Bank

Two

Be It Further Resolved by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners that the following rules of procedure and guidelines relative to deposit of public monies by the Macomb County Treasurer are hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2 of Act 40 of the Public Acts 1932 as amended from time to time, and all such deposits of public monies by the County Treasurer shall be conducted and governed hereby:



- a. The Macomb County Treasurer shall recommend a list of banks and financial institutions eligible for deposit of County public funds. Upon receipt of such list, the Finance Committee shall annually prepare and offer a resolution, in accordance with the foregoing cited statutes, setting forth the approved designated depositors together with guidelines and procedures relative thereto.
- b. The Macomb County Treasurer shall deposit all public funds in the designated banks and financial institution in accordance with such resolution and in such manner as to obtain the highest yield therefrom, PROVIDED, such deposits shall be made, at the discretion of the County Treasurer, so that the deposits and maturity dates of investments shall be consistent with the efficient performance of the financial business of the County and permit the timely payment of all County and Public obligations.
- c. It is further directed that in no event shall the total monies on deposit with any bank or financial institution exceed 50% of the capitalization of the individual bank or financial institution.
- d. The County Treasurer shall submit a report every three months to the Finance Committee. The report shall contain the following information:
  1. Names of individuals banks and financial institutions in which deposits have been made.
  2. The amount of deposit with each bank or financial institution at the beginning and end of the reporting period and average monthly balance.
  3. The nature of the deposit or investment, I.E., checking, certificates of deposit, etc.
  4. The interest rates payable on each interest bearing deposit or investment (interest rate to be reported as yield, if available).
- e. The foregoing provisions are not intended to restrict or control the County Treasurer in statutory duties and functions but rather to fulfill the statutory obligation of the County of Macomb relative to the deposit of public monies and to apprise the Board of Commissioners of the status of such deposits upon a continuing basis.

### Three

Be It Further Resolved that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed and set aside, and that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

Official Resolution of the Board of Commissioners  
Macomb County, Michigan

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, 2010 PA 134 and 2010 PA 135 (the "State Laws") define "complete streets" to mean "roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle;" and

Whereas, the State Laws encourage local governments and the Michigan Department of Transportation to develop a "complete streets policy" defined to mean "a document that provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways or an interconnected network of transportation facilities being constructed or reconstructed and designated for a transportation purpose that promotes complete streets and meets all of the following requirements:

- (i) Is sensitive to the local context and recognizes that needs vary according to urban, suburban, and rural settings.
- (ii) Considers the functional class of the roadway and project costs and allows for appropriate exemptions.
- (iii) Considers the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway, of all ages and abilities; and

Whereas, Macomb County recognizes that the planning and coordinated development of complete streets infrastructure provides benefits for local governments in the areas of infrastructure cost savings; public health; and environmental sustainability; and

Whereas, Macomb County currently supports and pursues complete streets through various Department of Roads street projects, 2004 Macomb County Trailways Master Plan, and 2014 Macomb County Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

Whereas, adoption of an official complete streets policy will allow Macomb County to better coordinate existing multimodal transportation, planning, design, and operation activities under a single complete streets framework.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Complete Streets Policy attached as Exhibit A is adopted and approved as the County's Complete Streets Policy.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

**Exhibit A**

**ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.**

**Sec. 1.1.** Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote safe and efficient network of public streets for access by pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation riders of all ages and abilities.

**Sec. 1.2.** Definitions.

*Commission* means the Board of Commissioners of the County.

*Complete Streets* means roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.

*Complete Streets infrastructure* means roadways and/or public rights of way planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle.

*County* means the Charter County of Macomb, Michigan.

*County Executive* means the person holding the office of County Executive under the Home Rule Charter of the County or his or her designee.

*Department* means the County Department of Roads as organized pursuant to the County's Home Rule Charter and any organization plan prepared and approved as provided in the Home Rule Charter, or any successor agency.

*Public street* means a street, road, or other right-of-way owned by Macomb County or a street, road, or other right-of-way to which County resources have been allocated.

*Street project* means construction, reconstruction, retrofit, or alteration of all or any portion of public street and includes the planning, design, approval and implementation processes, *except* that the term "street project" does not include Capital Preventative Maintenance Work, asphalt overlay and/or asphalt mill and overlay, and maintenance such as cleaning sweeping, mowing, spot repair or interim measures on detour routes.

*User* means a legal user of any public street, including a pedestrian, bicyclist, motor vehicle driver, public transportation rider of any age and ability including child, youth, family, senior citizen, and individual with disabilities.

**Sec. 1.3.** If any provision in this policy conflicts with any applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation, or a lawful determination, order or direction of any federal or state agency or officer of competent jurisdiction, the federal or state requirement shall control.

**ARTICLE 2. REQUIREMENT FOR SAFE STREETS.**

**Sec 2.1.** The County shall develop and review standards to complete streets as part of street projects with the goal of seeing completions of complete streets throughout the County. As it endeavors to implement those standards, the County shall routinely approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to further implement complete streets, especially in the planning, design and construction of public streets.

**Sec. 2.2.** The County shall prioritize projects located near public service areas and institutions (*e.g.*, schools, government facilities, libraries, public health facilities, parks, hospitals, *etc.*) that enhance the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

**Sec. 2.3.** During the annual budget review process, the Department shall submit to the Commission a list of public street projects for the next fiscal year that showcase, prioritize, and incorporate complete street infrastructure. The list shall include street projects that improve existing public streets to be

complete streets. Street projects may be excluded from incorporating complete streets infrastructure for the following reasons:

- A. Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law;
- B. The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term;
- C. There is an absence of current or future need;
- D. Planning, design, and construction as complete streets would be unreasonable or inappropriate in light of the scope of the project; or
- E. Lack of connectivity between public streets.

List of street projects that are excluded from incorporating complete streets infrastructure shall also be submitted to the Commission with the corresponding exclusion reason(s). The Commission may approve the list of public street projects and the list of street projects that are excluded from incorporating complete streets infrastructure during the annual budget adoption process.

**Sec. 2.4.** If the safety and convenience of users of public streets can be improved within the scope of signage, re-striping, or signalization projects, those projects shall be made complete streets.

### **ARTICLE 3. DATA COLLECTION, STANDARDS, AND PUBLIC INPUT.**

**Sec.3.1.** The Department shall provide an annual written report to the Commission, within 90 days after the fiscal year-end that includes:

- A. The status of all complete streets projects scheduled for concluded fiscal year and the current fiscal year. This should also include financial status, which includes budget and amount spent.
- B. Impacts of concluded complete streets infrastructure to all category of users through use of existing data.
- C. Any changes to existing standards and policies that would need to be taken by the County or other agencies or department to improve implementation of complete streets infrastructure based on best practices and emerging trends.
- D. Any feedback from local municipalities and community meetings that may be considered for future planning.
- E. Assessment of potential obstacles to implementing complete streets practices throughout the County and identifying alternative solutions to those obstacles.

**Sec. 3.2.** The County shall abide by federal and state mandates to allow public participation in policy decisions and transparency in individual determinations concerning the design and use of public streets.

**Sec. 3.3.** All initial planning and design studies, health impact assessments, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for public streets projects requiring funding or approval by the County shall:

- A. Evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and
- B. Identify measures to mitigate any identified adverse impacts.



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**June 19, 2014**

Fellow Commissioners,

In my absence, I am sending this letter to support the Resolution to Adopt a Complete Streets Policy. I have been a strong advocate for the adoption of a county Complete Streets policy and this was reinforced by the enactment of Public Act 134 and 135 in 2010. In September 2011, a presentation was made at the Economic Development committee meeting by State Representative Jon Switalski and members of the Planning Department regarding the new State statute and the benefits of a Complete Streets policy to Macomb County. This meeting laid the foundation for the Board to adopt this policy. The transition to a new county charter proved too difficult for adoption at that time, but I am proud that the board's leadership and staff have continued to work diligently on this policy over the last three years and now we can finally adopt it.

I commend Chair Flynn and the Board staff on working collaboratively with Deputy Executive Mark Deldin, Department of Roads, and the Planning Department to draft this policy. I have also participated in reviewing and revising of the current draft and I am proud that the policy assures an appropriate level of accountability so that Complete Streets will continue to be a major attribute to road planning and economic development for the county.

Recently, a report by The Center for Real Estate and Urban Analysis at the George Washington University School of Business (see attached article) ranked metro Detroit as one of the top ten metro areas to have the most potential for walkable development. This potential is contributed not only to central Detroit but also to the urbanization of the metro Detroit suburbs. The report also highlights that walkable places are linked to stronger economic performance, higher educational attainment, and increase in property value. I am confident that through the adoption of this policy, Macomb County will be a major player in making this potential a reality. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Toni Mocerì  
Commissioner, District 1

Attachment: StreetBlogUSA Article

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## The Regions With the Most Potential to Build New Walkable Development

Posted By [Angie Schmitt](#) On June 17, 2014 @ 2:38 pm In [Suburbia, Walking](#) | [No Comments](#)

To get the economy humming again, America’s metro regions need to build more walkable places, according to a new report from a coalition of real estate developers.

The report from LOCUS [[PDF](#) <sup>[1]</sup>], a group of developers and real estate investors who specialize in building walkable projects, examines which regions are seeing the fastest growth in walkable urban places, which the group calls “[WalkUPs](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.” These places can be in cities or suburbs – political boundaries make little difference when it comes to walkability.

WalkUPs account for just 1 percent of total land area in the 30 metros LOCUS examined, but they have captured 48 percent of new rental housing, retail, and hotel development since 2009, according to the study. Unlocking the potential of these areas is the key to getting the real estate market and, in turn, the American economy, back on track, LOCUS says. The group believes that in the next few decades WalkUPs could capture as much as 80 percent of new development.

By measuring the share of development that goes toward walkable places, as well as the price premium that type of development commands, LOCUS rated the potential for walkable growth in each region (right).

“What we’re seeing here is a trend that is a structural trend,” said Chris Leinberger, president of LOCUS and co-author of the study. “The last structural trend was in the 1940s when we left the central cities.”

But there are many obstacles to walkable development: zoning laws and car-oriented transportation infrastructure, to name a few major ones. And some places are doing a better job of capturing that growth.

“We think this is going to take at least 10 to 20 years to catch up with the trend,” said Leinberger.

Here’s what LOCUS learned from its examination of 558 WalkUPs in 30 metro areas.

### 1. People will pay a premium to locate in walkable places

According to the LOCUS analysis, walkable urban places command a 74 percent premium for office rents across the 30 metro areas. Excluding New York City, with its anomalously high rents, the average premium was 44 percent.

What the price premium reveals is the pent-up demand for walkable places. But everything from local zoning regulations to finance industry formulas makes it tougher to build this type of project.

“These things are very complex to put together,” said Leinberger, “unlike drivable suburbanism where there is a formula. This is not a formula where you just turn the crank.”

Rod Lawrence, a partner at the JBG Companies, a Washington-based developer, said completing a

RANK	METRO AREA
1	Boston
2	Washington, DC
3	New York
4	Miami
5	Atlanta
6	Seattle
7	San Francisco
8	Detroit
9	Denver
10	Tampa

[3]

These 10 metro areas have the most potential for walkable development, according to LOCUS.

walkable development project can take five to 10 years, because of regulatory hurdles and resistance from neighbors.

“Getting zoning and infrastructure changed to allow for this, it hasn’t been an easy process,” he said. “A lot of the department of transportation staff is not prepared for building urban streets. They’re trained for buiding highways.”

**2. Demand for walkable places is increasing**

Since 2007, the premium for office rents in walkable urban locations has increased 19 percent. That means development of WalkUPs isn’t happening fast enough to meet growing demand.

This presents an affordability problem, especially for housing. The supply of walkable areas is constrained — there are a limited number of them in the United States — so prices are too high.

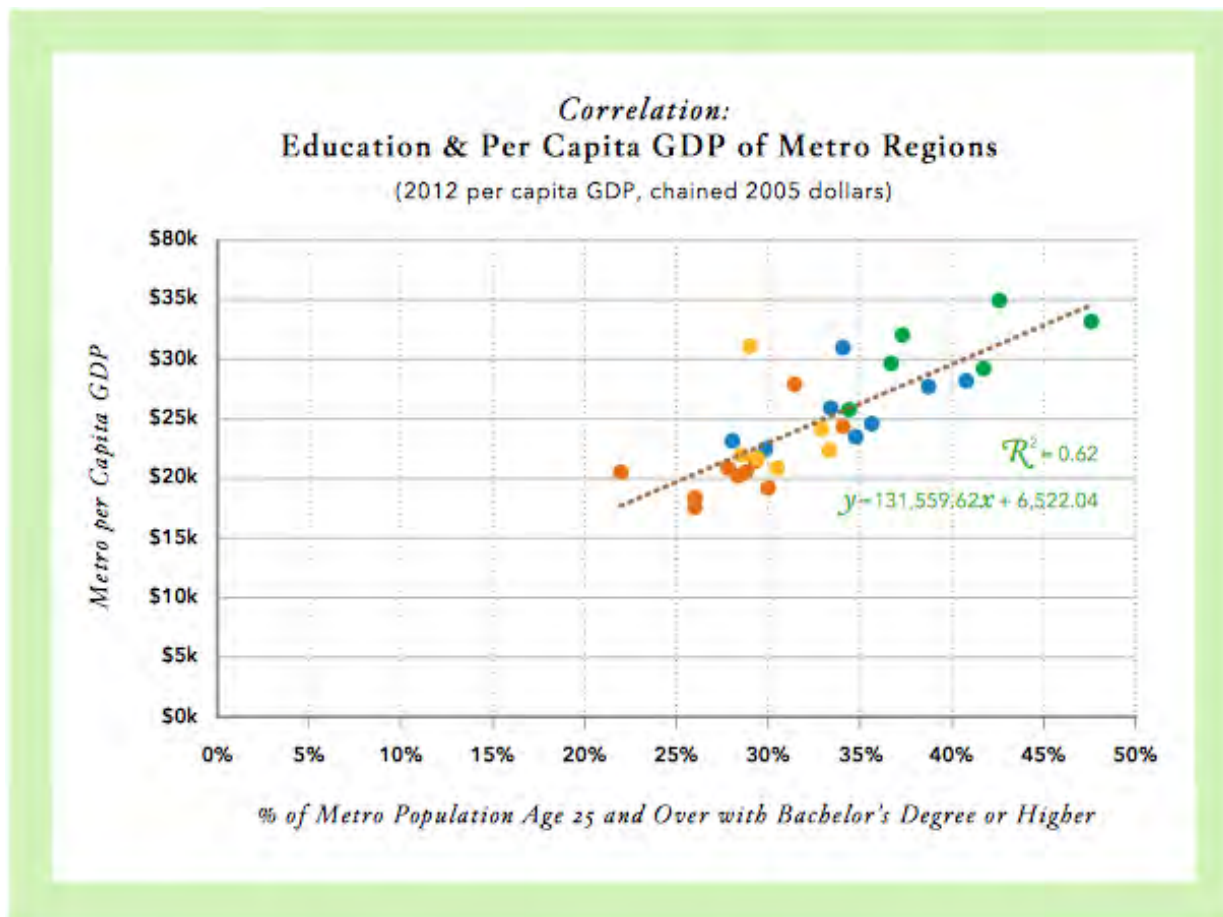
Instead of building sufficient walkable development to meet demand, Leinberger said, “in the United States our unofficial affordable housing strategy is ‘drive until you qualify.’”

**3. Walkable places are linked to stronger economic performance and higher educational attainment (but causation could run either way)**

RANK	METRO AREA
1	Washington, DC
2	New York
3	Boston
4	San Francisco
5	Chicago
6	Seattle
7	Portland
8	Atlanta
9	Pittsburgh
10	Cleveland

[4]

These are the metro areas that currently have the largest proportion of development in walkable locations. Image: LOCUS



[5]

The most walkable places identified in the LOCUS report also tended to be highly educated and

high earning. Image: LOCUS

In the most walkable regions LOCUS identified, per-capita GDP was 50 percent higher (about \$60,500) than in the three cities that ranked lowest on walkability (\$39,700).

Educational attainment — percentage of the population over 25 with a college degree — was also correlated with walkability. Washington, D.C., for example, which was rated the most walkable region in LOCUS's report, also has the highest educational attainment in the country: 48 percent of its residents over 25 have at least a bachelor's degree.

But researchers aren't sure whether walkability is a cause or effect (or both), or whether there's another variable at work.

"They're pretty strong correlations," said Patrick Lynch, research and development manager at George Washington University's Center for Real Estate and Urban Analysis. "The correlation doesn't tell you anything about why."

#### **4. Urbanization of the suburbs is the next frontier**

The places expected to grab the largest share of walkable development in the coming years are regions seeing dense development not just in their central cities, but in their suburbs as well, LOCUS reports. Detroit, surprisingly, is a place that's becoming more urban. That's because the Detroit region has seen a large share of its growth recently in increasingly walkable suburbs like Royal Oak and Birmingham, the report says. Meanwhile, cities like Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, and Cleveland lost points in the ranking of cities with potential for walkable growth, because their walkable development is still largely concentrated in the central city area and not the suburbs.

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**Resolution Supporting 2014 Michigan HB 5316 To Amend  
The Michigan Election Law To Expand Absentee Voting in Michigan**

**Commissioner Fred Miller on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offer the Following Resolution:**

WHEREAS, in early 2013, two Michigan House Bills (HB 4103 and HB 4252) were introduced to amend the 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan Election Law," to allow for early voting 30 days prior to an election, and expand absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, Michigan HB 5316 was introduced to amend the 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," to expand absentee voting in Michigan by allowing for additional options and excuses for absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, HB 5316 does not provide a complete "no-excuse absentee voting" provision to permit any qualified voting citizens to vote absentee without providing an excuse that must be approved, however, improves on Michigan's existing absentee voting provisions; and

WHEREAS, around the country, 36 states have some form of early voting or no-excuse absentee voting, with 27 states adopting no-excuse absentee voting of which 26 of those states allow both early voting and no-excuse absentee voting, and additionally 6 states allow for early voting only, and 3 states have mail only voting, which leaves Michigan to be one of 14 states that do not have any provision for early or no-excuse absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, which included Chris Thomas of the Michigan Bureau of Elections, submitted the "The American Voting Experience," a report which provided recommendation on reforming the country's election system, where one of the primary recommendations included extending the period for early voting, which includes no-excuse absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Commission on Election Administration endorses the expansion of no-excuse absentee voting, however, the Commission also encourages the increased use of safeguards such as online tracking of absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, according to Pew Research's 2012 Election Performance Index, Michigan earned high marks on a number of election performance indicators, however voters spent an average of 21.9 minutes waiting at the polls in 2012, which was the 6<sup>th</sup> longest average in the country, up from 20.4 minutes in 2008 and nearly twice the national rate of 11.9 minutes; and

WHEREAS, expanding absentee voting provisions will help relieve congestion at polling places and decrease wait times; and

WHEREAS, nearly one third of voters in the 2012 election cast their ballot before Election Day, more than double the rate of the 2000 election, a trend the Presidential Commission predicts would continue; and

WHEREAS, absentee voting is a critical element to our most vulnerable constituents such as our physically disabled, disabled veterans, senior citizens; our military personnel who are away from home; and “away from home” college students who prefer to vote at their home districts. According to a study by the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, college students prefer to vote in their home district by a ratio of 2 to 1, and 8 to 1 in swing states; and

WHEREAS, early voting offers Americans opportunities to participate in the electoral process that simply cannot be afforded by the contained 12-hour period of the traditional Election Day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners supports Michigan HB 5316 to amend the Michigan Election Law to expand absentee voting in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges Macomb County State Legislators to also consider legislation to allow for early voting 30 days prior to an election, and to mandate online voter registration, both of which would allow for a more comprehensive early voting system for Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan State Representative Andy Schor, Michigan State Representative and Election and Ethics Committee Chair Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Michigan State Representative and Election and Ethics Majority Vice-Chair Kevin Cotter, Michigan State Representative and Election and Ethics Minority Vice-Chair Harold Haugh; and digital copies of this resolution be provided to all Macomb County State Legislators, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Chief Election Clerk Roger Cardamone, and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHARTER COUNTY OF MACOMB

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF A CHARTER  
COMMISSION TO BE PLACED ON THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS  
REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY CHARTER**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, section 10.5.3 of the Home Rule Charter of the County of Macomb (the "Charter") provides as follows:

**10.5.3** At the general election to be held in the year 2014, and in each 10th year thereafter, the question of a general revision of this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a charter commission being elected in accordance with state law for such purpose, the provisions of state law shall govern to create a Charter Commission to prepare and present an amended or new county charter to the electors.

Thereby requiring submission of a ballot proposal to Macomb County electors at the 2014 general election; and

Whereas, subsection 4.4(i) of the Charter grants to the Commission the power to submit ballot proposals to the electorate; and

Whereas, without rendering any opinion as to whether or not the electorate should favorably consider a general revision of the Charter, the Commission intends to comply with the Charter in placing the proposal on the 2014 general election ballot.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The following proposal shall be placed on the ballot for the 2014 general election and the County Clerk is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or prudent to place this proposal on that ballot:

"Shall the County of Macomb elect a charter commission for the purpose of generally revising the Home Rule Charter of the County of Macomb and framing and submitting to the electorate of the county a revised home rule charter for the county under the constitution and laws of Michigan?

Yes ( )

No ( )"

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUB-RECIPIENT MONITORING POLICY**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, as a recipient of federal and state grants, Macomb County must comply with federal and state regulations in addition to the contractual requirements applicable to those grants; and

Whereas, there are sometimes sub-recipients of those grants who the County must ensure also comply with the applicable regulatory and contractual requirements; and

Whereas, the County Finance Director has proposed a policy to help ensure such sub-recipient compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Sub-recipient Monitoring Policy attached as Exhibit A is adopted and approved.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

### *Exhibit A*

#### **Sub-recipient Monitoring Policy**

It is the policy of Macomb County to administer all grants in compliance with State and Federal regulations. It is particularly important that County departments that administer grants involving payments to sub-recipients perform sub-recipient monitoring to ensure that the objectives of the programs are being met. Monitoring activities should include the review of both programmatic and financial operations and should include on-site monitoring visits on a periodic basis based on the level of dollars paid to individual sub-recipients as well as relative risk based on difficulties, if any, encountered with a particular sub-recipient in the past. Sub-recipient monitoring procedures should include, but not necessarily limited to:

- All contracts between the County and the sub-recipient organization will include a section requiring the sub-recipient to meet the requirements of the funding agency as indicated in the grant agreement. The sub-recipient is responsible to adhere to all the terms and conditions of the contract.
- The County will require from all sub-recipients who receive \$500,000 or more in Federal funds each year to submit a copy of their Single Audit report to the Macomb County Finance Department within 9 months of the end of the sub-recipient's fiscal year. This audit should include a copy of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- The County will require from sub-recipients who do not meet the threshold for Federal audit, copies of the quarterly financial and progress reports. These must be submitted to the County department responsible for administering the grant within 15 days after the end of the quarter and must be signed.
- All sub-recipients who receive \$500,000 or more in Federal funds will have at least one site visit during the term of the grant. The focus of the site visits will be:
  - ✓ The review of (1) financial documentation,
  - ✓ Review of program activities and outcomes and
  - ✓ Inspection of equipment purchased with grant funds.

**Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 2221 and House Resolution 4421  
To Reauthorize MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan**

**Commissioner Fred Miller on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offer the Following Resolution:**

WHEREAS, the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership was designated by Congress in 1998 to preserve the cultural and historic landscape associated with the automobile in Southeast and Central Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership is located throughout a region of more than 10,000 miles covering a population of more than six million people and;

WHEREAS, the MotorCities National Heritage Area tells the important story of our automotive and labor heritage through its affiliation with the National Park Service and;

WHEREAS, the affiliation with the National Park Service is vital to protecting and preserving our unique automotive and labor heritage in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, MotorCities National Heritage Areas has partnered with a diversity of organizations in Macomb County for projects to preserve and interpret this heritage which include:

1. Preservation and restoration of Packard Proving Ground in Shelby Township,
2. 18 Wayside interpretive exhibits in Romeo, Shelby Township and Roseville, and
3. Inclusion of “Cruisin’ Gratiot-Eastpointe” and “Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise” through the Autopalooza heritage-tourism celebration; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2221 and House Resolution 4421 entitled “MotorCities National Heritage Area Extension Act” extends the sunset date of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act to September 30, 2030.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners respectfully urges Congress to swiftly and favorably consider the passage of Senate Bill 2221 and House Resolution 4421 for the reauthorization of the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Candice Miller, U.S. Representative Sandy Levin, U.S. Representative John Dingell, and Managing Director of MotorCities National Heritage Area Shawn Pomaville; and digital copies of this resolution be provided to Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, and Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development Director Steve Cassin.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHARTER COUNTY OF MACOMB**

**RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES  
TO DEFRAY COSTS OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED HEALTH CARE LIABILITY**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, recent amendments to the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 *et seq.* ("Act 34"), authorize the issuance of municipal securities to pay the cost of unfunded accrued health care liability (the "Municipal Securities"); and

Whereas, the County is currently considering the issuance of the Municipal Securities, but has made no final determination to do so; and

Whereas, if the County should determine to issue the Municipal Securities, it is necessary prior to their issuance that a notice of intent to issue municipal securities be published pursuant to Sections 517 and 518 of Act 34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. A notice of intent to issue the Municipal Securities in an amount not to exceed \$300,000,000, in the form attached as Exhibit A shall be published in accordance with Section 517 of Act 34 and Section 5(g) of Act 279.
2. The County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the notice of intent to issue the Municipal Securities in *The Macomb Daily*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, which notice shall contain the information required by Act 34 and shall be not less than one-quarter page in size in the newspaper.
3. The Commission determines that the form of notice of intent to issue the Municipal Securities attached as Exhibit A and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the electors residing in the County of the County's intent to issue the Municipal Securities, the purpose of the Municipal Securities, the security for the Municipal Securities and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

**EXHIBIT A****[NOTE TO PUBLISHER - PUBLICATION MUST BE 1/4 PAGE SIZE]****NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES AND OF THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM TO THE ELECTORS OF MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter County of Macomb, Michigan (the "County") intends to issue municipal securities in one or more series, in an amount of not to exceed \$300,000,000 (the "Municipal Securities") for the purpose of defraying costs of unfunded accrued health care liability and capitalized interest, if any.

The Municipal Securities of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The Municipal Securities shall be issued pursuant to the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 *et seq.* ("Act 34").

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

The principal of and interest on the Municipal Securities will be limited tax full faith and credit general obligations of the County, payable from any available funds of the County. Pursuant to this pledge of its limited tax full faith and credit, the County will be obligated to levy such ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the County as shall be necessary to make the payments of principal and interest on the Municipal Securities, which taxes, however, will be limited by applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the County.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS APPROVING SUCH MUNICIPAL SECURITIES, UNLESS, WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF INTENT, A PETITION, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OR 15,000 OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, RESIDING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY, SHALL HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, OR OTHER RECORDING OFFICER OF THE COUNTY, REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES. If such a petition is filed, the Municipal Securities shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Sections 517 and 518 of Act 34.

Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk  
Macomb County, Michigan



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHARTER COUNTY OF MACOMB**

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY USING BUDGETED FUNDS  
(FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 2014 – 2018)**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners (the "Commission") deems it to be in the best interests of the County to design, acquire, purchase, install, and construct certain capital improvements in the County all of which are listed and described in more detail in the County's "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan – 2014-2018," including, but not limited to:

- (i) renovations to the County' Jail including HVAC, water supply, boiler, and control panel improvements;
- (ii) HVAC improvements to the Sheriff's boathouse;
- (iii) improvements to the sewage lift station and the powerhouse serving the Jail, the Health Department, Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, Probate and Juvenile courts, VerKuilen Building, morgue, Emergency Operations Center, and Juvenile Justice Center;
- (iv) energy conservation projects for a number of County facilities to address lighting, temperature controls, water conservation and other issues;
- (v) a sanitary sewer diversion project;
- (vi) mechanical and restroom upgrades to the VerKuilen Building;
- (vii) Independence Hall Building renovations and HVAC improvements,
- (viii) HVAC and restroom renovations and improvements to the Southeast Health Center,
- (ix) HVAC replacement for the Animal Shelter and Mt. Clemens Health Center,
- (x) Probate Court deck and egress replacement,
- (xi) miscellaneous mechanical, electrical, plumbing, underground utilities and other work at a number of County facilities,
- (xii) carpet and other flooring replacement, roofing and masonry repairs and replacement, hazardous materials abatement, hardware replacement and miscellaneous remodeling at a number of County facilities;
- (xiii) parking lot, parking deck, sidewalk, and other paved areas repairs, resurfacing and replacement, and
- (xiv) miscellaneous furniture and equipment

(the "General Capital Improvements"); and

Whereas, in a separate resolution, the Commission is addressing whether it is in the best interests of County to design, acquire, purchase, install, and construct certain other capital improvements in the County all of which are also listed and described in more detail in the County's "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan – 2014-2018," including, but not limited to:

Various repairs, upgrades, modernizations, and other improvements to County Administration Building, Old County Building, Circuit Court Building, "Talmer" Building, Clemens Center Building and possible parking improvements in downtown Mt. Clemens which are also further described in the 2013 "Macomb County Central Campus Long Term Assessment Program/Facility Assessment" dated October 30, 2013, prepared by Plante Moran Cresa

(the "Downtown Mt. Clemens Improvements") and to issue municipal securities to defray the cost of those improvements; and

Whereas, the Commission agrees with the Office of the County Executive recommendation to fund the General Capital Improvements using budgeted funds and not to borrow to defray the costs of the General Capital Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Commission approves the Office of the County Executive's plan to fund the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan during budget years 2014 through 2018.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
WITHIN MOUNT CLEMENS AND TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE MUNICIPAL  
SECURITIES**

Chairman David J. Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,  
Offers the Following Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners (the "Commission") deems it to be in the best interests of the County to design, acquire, purchase, install, and construct certain capital improvements in the County all of which are listed and described in more detail in the County's "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan – 2014-2018," including, but not limited to:

Various repairs, upgrades, modernizations, and other improvements to County Administration Building, old County Building, Circuit Court Building, "Talmer" Building, Clemens Center Building and possible parking improvements in downtown Mt. Clemens which are also further described in the 2013 "Macomb County Central Campus Long Term Assessment Program/Facility Assessment" dated October 30, 2013, prepared by Plante Moran Cresa

(the "Improvements"); and

Whereas, the County may proceed with the Improvements prior to the issuance of the municipal securities; and

Whereas, the County may incur substantial capital expenditures for the Improvements prior to the issuance of the municipal securities and desires to be reimbursed for such expenditures from the proceeds of the municipal securities; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34, it is necessary to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities for the Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Commission determines to purchase, acquire, and construct the Improvements and to pay for the cost through the issuance of one or more series of municipal securities, which pledge the County's limited tax full faith and credit, pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34, in an amount of not to exceed \$25,000,000 (the "Municipal Securities").
2. A Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities shall be published in accordance with Section 517 of Act 34, and the Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities in the *Macomb Daily*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom such Notice is directed, which Notice shall be substantially in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto with such changes as are approved by the County Executive, and shall be at least one-quarter (1/4) page size in the newspaper.
3. The County may proceed to acquire and construct the Improvements using available funds of the County from other County funds including the Capital Improvement Fund, General Fund and insurance proceeds from old County Building. These funds may be used for architecture and engineering purposes to receive hard estimates on the cost of the improvements within downtown Mount Clemens
4. At such time as the County issues the Municipal Securities for the long-term financing of the Improvements, the County shall be reimbursed for its expenditures for some or all of the Improvements out of the proceeds of the Municipal Securities.
5. The maximum amount of capital expenditures for which the County will seek reimbursement from the proceeds of the Municipal Securities is \$5,000,000.
6. This resolution and the expression of intent to seek reimbursement from future proceeds of the Municipal Securities is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
7. A copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk, 40 North Main, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.
8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

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David Flynn, Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk

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The Municipal Securities shall be issued for the purpose of defraying costs to design, acquire, purchase, install, and construct certain capital improvements in the County all of which are listed and described in more detail in the County's "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan – 2014-2018," including, but not limited to:

Various repairs, upgrades, modernizations, and other improvements to County Administration Building, Old County Building, Circuit Court Building, "Talmer" Building, Clemens Center Building and parking deck in downtown Mt. Clemens which are also further described in the 2013 "Macomb County Central Campus Long Term Assessment Program/Facility Assessment" dated October 30, 2013, prepared by Plante Moran Cresa

(the "Improvements") and to pay the costs of issuing the Municipal Securities and capitalized interest, if any.

The Municipal Securities of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The Municipal Securities shall be issued pursuant to the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 *et seq.* ("Act 34").

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

The principal of and interest on the Municipal Securities will be limited tax full faith and credit general obligations of the County, payable from any available funds of the County. Pursuant to this pledge of its limited tax full faith and credit, the County will be obligated to levy such ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the County as shall be necessary to make the payments of principal and interest on the Municipal Securities, which taxes, however, will be limited by applicable charter, constitutional, and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

The Municipal Securities will be issued without a vote of the electors approving such Municipal Securities, unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the limits of the County, shall have been filed with the County Clerk, or other recording officer of the County, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Municipal Securities. If such a petition is filed, the Municipal Securities shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34.

Carmella Sabaugh, County Clerk  
Macomb County, Michigan

ENROLLED ORDINANCE  
NO. 2014-

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND ADDITIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PERTAINING TO GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB AND TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN MACOMB COUNTY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CHARTER COUNTY OF MACOMB:**

**ARTICLE 1: POLICY**

- A. It is the policy of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners to prohibit discrimination against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental limitation, familial status, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/ expression.
- B. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as supporting or advocating any particular lifestyle or religious view. To the contrary, it is the intention of this Ordinance that all persons be treated fairly and equally and it is the express intent of this Ordinance to guarantee to all of our citizens fair and equal treatment under United States and Michigan law.

**ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Ordinance.

- A. Contractor – A person who by contract furnishes services, materials, or supplies to Macomb County government. Contractor does not includes persons who are merely creditors or debtors of the County such as those holding the County's notes and bonds or persons whose notes, bonds or stock is held by the County.
- B. Discriminate – To make a decision, offer to make a decision or refrain from making a decision based in whole or in part on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental limitation, familial status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression.
- C. County – Charter County of Macomb
- D. Employer – The County government or a person or contractor employing one of more persons and doing business with the County government.
- E. Familial Status – One or more individuals under the age of 18 residing with a parent or other person having custody of in the process of securing legal custody of the individual or individuals or residing with the designee of the parent or other person having or securing custody, with the written permission of the parent or other person. For purposes of this definition, parent includes a person who is pregnant.

- F. Gender Identity/Expression – A person’s actual or perceived gender, including a person’s gender identity, self-image, appearance, expression, or behavior, whether or not that gender identity, self-image, expression or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s sex at birth as being either female or male.
- G. Labor Organization – Includes an organization of any kind, an agency or employee representation committee, group, association, plan that does business with the County, in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employees concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rate of pay, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment.
- H. Marital Status – The state of being married, unmarried, divorced, or widowed.
- I. Place Of Public Accommodation – A County-owned educational, governmental, health, entertainment, cultural, recreational, refreshment, transportation, park, or facility of any kind, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public.
- J. Religious Organization or Institution – A religious association, educational institution or society, which is, in whole or substantial part, owned, supported, controlled or managed by a particular religion whose purpose or character is directed toward the propagation of that particular religion and that has the inculcation of religious values as part of its purpose.
- K. Sexual Orientation – Male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality or bisexuality, by orientation or practice, whether past or present. Sexual orientation does not include the physical or sexual attraction to a minor by an adult.

### **ARTICLE 3: NON-DISCRIMINATORY HIRING PRACTICE**

- A. The County will not discriminate in its employment practices and shall adhere to the following hiring policy statement:

“Macomb County shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. Macomb County shall not discriminate against any individual with respect to the hiring, term, conditions or privileges of employment because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual’s ability to perform the duties of a particular position, or because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or marital status.”
- B. The County shall not discriminate in the employment, compensation, work classifications, conditions or terms, promotion or demotion or termination of employment of any person.

- C. No labor organization may do business with the County if it discriminates in limiting membership, conditions of membership, or termination of membership of any person in any labor union or apprenticeship program.
- D. No employment agency may do business with the County if it discriminates in the procurement or recruitment of any person for possible employment with the County.
- E. Nothing in this section shall operate to violate Article I, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE 4: NON-DISCRIMINATION BY COUNTY CONTRACTORS**

- A. A written contract whose consideration is over \$35,000.00 to which the County is a party shall contain a provision by the contractor and his/her subcontractors not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment in any respect because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental limitation, familial status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression. Breach of this provision may be regarded as a material breach of the contract. The contractor shall be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the County in obtaining from other sources the work and services to be rendered or performed or the good or properties to be furnished or delivered under the contract as a result of the material breach of the contract. A contractor may be debarred for up to two years following an investigation and opportunity for hearing which substantiates such discrimination.
- B. The section is also applicable to labor organizations, employment agencies, apprenticeships, and job training programs that do business with the County.

#### **ARTICLE 5: NON-DISCRIMINATION IN COUNTY-OWNED PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

- A. The County shall not discriminate in making available full and equal access to all goods, services, activities, privileges, and accommodations of any County-owned place of public accommodation.
- B. Nothing in this Ordinance permits or requires access to any place of public accommodation for the purpose or intent of engaging in criminal conduct.
- C. Nothing in this Ordinance shall require the construction or provision of unisex, single-user restrooms, changing rooms, locker rooms, or shower facilities nor effect policies regarding the use of restrooms, changing rooms, locker rooms, or shower facilities.

#### **ARTICLE 6: EXEMPTIONS**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article, the following practices of the County or its contractors shall not be violations of this Ordinance:

- A. For a religious organization or institution that receives money or material support from the County to (i) restrict access or use of any of its facilities it operates; (ii) to restrict employment opportunities for officers, religious instructors, staff or clergy, for any of its facilities; or (iii) restrict membership or benefits of membership.
- B. For the County or its contractors to discriminate based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental limitation, familial status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression when such discrimination is permitted or required by U.S. or Michigan law.
- C. For the County or its contractors to refuse to enter into a contract with an unemancipated minor.
- D. For the County or its contractors to provide discounts on products or service to students, minors and senior citizens or members of an organization.
- E. For the County or its contractors to restrict use of restrooms and locker room facilities on the basis of sex.
- F. For the County or its contractors to restrict any of its facilities or to restrict employment opportunities on duly adopted institutional policies that conform to federal and state laws and regulations.
- G. For the County or its contractors to restrict participation in a County instructional program, athletic event, or an athletic team on the basis of age or sex.

#### **ARTICLE 7: INVESTIGATION; PENALTY**

- A. Any person seeking employment with the County claiming a violation of this Ordinance shall file a signed, written complaint with the Macomb County Human Resources Department setting forth the details, including the names, dates, witnesses and other factual matters relevant to the claim within 180 days of the incident forming the basis of the complaint. Copies of the complaint shall be forwarded to the Office of County Executive and Board of Commissioners.
- B. Any person or contractor doing business with the County claiming a violation of this Ordinance shall file a signed, written complaint with the Macomb County Purchasing Department setting forth the details, including the names, dates, witnesses and other factual matters relevant to the claim within 180 days of the incident forming the basis of the complaint. Copies of the complaint shall be forwarded to the Office of County Executive and Board of Commissioners.
- C. If a complaint against a contractor is verified, the County, in its discretion, may enter into an agreement with the contractor to terminate the discrimination, reverse the effects of the discrimination, or terminate the contract immediately.



**ARTICLE 8: RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; SEVERABILITY**

- A. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future. Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular. Masculine includes the feminine and neuter. Words or terms not defined in this Ordinance shall be interpreted in accordance with their common meaning. Headings are inserted for convenience and shall not limit or increase the scope of any article or section of this Ordinance.
- B. The provisions of this Ordinance are minimum standards supplemental to the laws of the United States and the State of Michigan.
- C. If any part of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or void, such part shall be deemed severable and its invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Ordinance.

**ARTICLE 9: REPEAL; SAVINGS CLAUSE**

- A. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed. However, any and all actions, civil or criminal arising out of any ordinance repealed by this Ordinance which are pending in a court of this State or otherwise vested on the effective date of this Ordinance shall not abate and shall be saved and may proceed to conclusion.

**ARTICLE 10: EFFECTIVE DATE**