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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation by **Commissioner Fred Miller**
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes dated July 31 and August 13 (special), 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. Correspondence from Executive **(none)**
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a) Government Operations, August 11 (page 1) **(attached)**
 - b) Finance, August 20 (page 3) **(attached)**

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Bob Smith – District 12

James Carabelli – District 6
Joe Sabatini – District 13

10. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

- a) Proclaiming September as National Recovery Month in Macomb County (offered by Moceris; recommended by Health and Human Services Committee on 8-12-14) (page 15) **(attached)**

11. Board Chair's Report (page 31) **(attached)**

12. New Business

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

14. Roll Call

15. Adjournment



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August 11, 2014

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: KATHY TOCCO, CHAIR
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
RE: RECOMMENDATION FROM GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014

At a meeting of the Government Operations Committee, held Monday, August 11, 2014, the following recommendation was made and is being forwarded to the August 20, 2014 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the appointments of professional surveyors: Christopher Asiala, P.S. #49376, Mike DeDecker, P.S. #44282, Robert Drouillard, P.S. #52517, John Fenn, P.S. #23505, Huston Kennedy, P.S. #17623, Derek Kosicki, P.S. #43058, and Roger Stecker, P.S. #30103, as Peer Review Group members for the Macomb County Remonumentation 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.**

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE BY CHAIR TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR FLYNN.

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:

Full Board Meeting Date:

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Approve the appointments of professional surveyors; Christopher Asiala, P.S. #49376, Mike DeDecker, P.S. #44282, Robert Drouillard, P.S. #52517, John Fenn, P.S. #23505, Huston Kennedy, P.S. #17623, Derek Kosicki, P.S. #43058 and Roger Stecker, P.S. #30103 as Peer Review Group members for the Macomb County Remonumentation Program.

Introduced By:

Commissioner Tocco, Government Operations committee chair

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

The Peer Review Group member appointments shall be done in accordance with Michigan Public Act 345 of 1990 as amended, Michigan Public Act 166 of 2014, MCL 54.269b requiring that Peer Review Group members be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Memorandum from the State of Michigan dated July 1, 2014 is attached.

The seven (7) professional surveyors were selected by Martin C. Dunn, P.S. #30081, Macomb County Surveyor Representative. Remonumentation experience letters are attached.

The members will review for approval, the research of public, private claim and property controlling corners in Macomb County. The corner research is provided by surveying companies contracted with Macomb County. The professional expertise of the Peer Review Group assists in the program's goal of restoring, recording and maintaining the monuments used to determine property line boundaries, road alignments, subdivision layouts, as well as, the location of commercial and industrial property.

There is no impact on the Macomb County General Fund. The Remonumentation Program is grant funded and is subsidized 100 percent by the State of Michigan, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation. The appointments will be funded by the Remonumentation budget; 27023601-80198.



Committee	Meeting Date
Government Operations	08/11/2014
Full Board	8-20-14



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August 20, 2014

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: FRED MILLER, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE
RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8-20-14

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held Wednesday, August 20, 2014, the following recommendations were made and are being forwarded to the August 20, 2014 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Flynn, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Macomb Township for the resurfacing of Card Road from Hall Road to 21 Mile Road and constructing one bypass lane at an estimated cost of \$441,250; 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 Sabatini, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Macomb Township for the resurfacing of 21 Mile Road from Garfield to Romeo Plank and constructing two bypass lanes at an estimated cost of \$788,027; 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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3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and the City of Warren for concrete pavement repairs on Schoenherr Road from the railroad crossing south of 10 Mile Road to the I-696 Service Drive at an estimated cost of \$254,000; 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.**

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Macomb County Department of Roads for concrete pavement repairs on northbound Mound Road from 18 Mile to Hall Road at an estimated cost of \$2,005,300 and scheduled to be completed in 2015; 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 Vosburg, supported by Smith, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of installation of a redundant fiber ring between the main county campuses in the amount of \$361,930.19 for Comlink; 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 CARABELLI VOTING "NO."**

6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract for the ImageSoft Prosecutor's iJustice Solution, in the amount of \$683,114.55 (Capital Fund Plan); 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 CARABELLI AND SABATINI VOTING "NO."**

7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve awarding of the Freedom Hill Site Lighting – North to the low qualified bidder, Rauhorn Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$350,231; 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 Sabatini, supported by Carabelli, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Ajax Paving for the resurfacing of 24 Mile Road from Springdale to Foss at an estimated construction cost of \$2,605,150; 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 Brown, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) Operations Contract Number 14-5419 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County of Macomb and authorize Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive, to sign the contract; 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.**

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE BY CHAIR MILLER, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR MOCERI.



MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:

Full Board Meeting Date:

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Macomb Township for the resurfacing of Card Road from Hall Road to 21 Mile Road and constructing one bypass lane at an estimated cost of \$441,250.

Introduced By:

Commissioner James Carabelli, Infrastructure Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

This project is budgeted in the 2014 Construction Schedule and cost sharing has been previously agreed upon by the Dept of Roads and the Township.

Infrastructure

08/11/2014

Committee

Meeting Date

Finance

8-20-14

Full Board

8-20-14



MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and Macomb Township for the resurfacing 21 Mile Road from Garfield to Romeo Plank and constructing two bypass lanes at an estimated cost of \$788,027.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioner James Carabelli, Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This project is budgeted in the 2014 Construction Schedule and cost sharing has been previously agreed upon by the Dept of Roads and the Township.</p>

Infrastructure	08/11/2014
Committee	Meeting Date
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Full Board	8-20-14



MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the cost share agreement between the Macomb County Department of Roads and the City of Warren for concrete pavement repairs on Schoenherr Road from the railroad crossing south of 10 Mile Road to the I-696 Service Drive at an estimated cost of \$254,000.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioner James Carabelli, Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This project is budgeted in the 2014 Construction Schedule and cost sharing has been previously agreed upon by the Dept of Roads and the City of Warren</p>

<p>Infrastructure Committee</p>	<p>08/11/2014 Meeting Date</p>
<p>Finance</p>	<p>8-20-14</p>
<p>Full Board</p>	<p>8-20-14</p>



MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Macomb County Department of Roads for concrete pavement repairs on northbound Mound Road from 18 Mile to Hall Road at an estimated cost of \$2,005,300 and scheduled to be completed in 2015.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioner James Carabelli, Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This project is budgeted in the 2015 Construction Schedule and includes Federal National Highway System and Surface Transportation Program funding of approximately 80% of the cost. The remaining balance is to be shared 50/50 between Department of Roads and the City of Sterling Heights.</p>

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the purchase of installation of a redundant fiber ring between the main county campuses.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>James Carabelli, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This fiber ring will provide Macomb County's core campus buildings with full redundancy so that their network connectivity will stay active in the event of a fiber breakage. Chapaton Pump Station is currently using a month to month Comcast connection which is unreliable.</p> <p>*At the 8-11-14 Infrastructure Committee meeting, Commissioners Carabelli and Sabatini voted "No."</p> <p>*After the meeting, it was confirmed by the IT Director that the correct amount for fiber is \$361,930.19 for Comlink.</p>

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
Approve the contract for the ImageSoft Prosecutor's iJustice Solution

Introduced By:
James Carabelli, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office has requested a computer system that manages documents and workflows electronically and integrates with the Circuit Court's E-filing System and potentially the Sheriff Department's new records management system.</p> <p>*At the 8-11-14 Infrastructure Committee meeting, Commissioner Sabatini voted "No."</p> <p>*After the meeting, it was confirmed by the IT Director that the amount being requested is \$683,114.55 (Capital Plan Fund).</p>

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Award the Freedom Hill Site Lighting - North to the low qualified Bidder, Rauhorn Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$350,231.00.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Jim Carabelli, Chair, Infrastructure Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Sealed Bids were received and publicly read in the Purchasing Department on July 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sealed Bids were solicited by the Purchasing Department on the MITN Site. 206 Vendors received notification of the solicitation, 36 Vendors viewed the documents and 7 Bids were received.</p> <p>Purchasing Bid Summary, Post Bid Interview, Letter of Recommendation, Vendor Disclosure Form along with the Bid Form Supplement - List of Sub-Contractors are attached.</p>

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:	Full Board Meeting Date:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve CORS OPERATIONS Contract Number 14-5419 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County of Macomb.</p> <p>Authorize Mark A. Hackel, Macomb County Executive sign CORS OPERATIONS Contract Number 14-5419.</p>

Introduced By:
Commissioner Tocco, Government Operations committee chair

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Three (3) Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), located in New Haven, Warren and Washington Township were purchased in 2004 and 2005. The stations were purchased with Macomb County Remonumentation Grant funds. This is an annual grant provided by the State of Michigan, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation.</p> <p>CORS OPERATIONS Contract Number 14-5419 transfers the ownership of CORS from the County of Macomb to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). MDOT has always maintained, serviced and operated the CORS stations. This transfer will allow MDOT to upgrade the stations with the newest hardware and software, resulting in the most current and accurate GPS data available. This data is accessible by and will benefit Macomb County businesses such as agriculture and land surveying.</p> <p>There is no impact on the Macomb County General Fund.</p>

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGANRESOLUTION TO receive and file report from Board Chair for August 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; meeting held 08-18-14
- **Macomb Orchard Trail**
- **Martha T. Berry**
 - Litigation update next month

Preview of Key Agenda Items (August – October 2014)

- **2015 Recommended Budget**
 - 08-20-14 (Wed) Finance → Budget Discussion; Present Budget Amendments
 - 09-08-14 (Mon) Gov Ops → Follow-up discussion on budget amendments under new business
 - 09-11-14 (Thu) Special Full Board → Public Hearing
 - 09-11-14 (Thu) Finance/Full Board → Vote to adopt Appropriations Ordinance
 - 09-25-14 (Thu) Full Board → Potential Override of OCE veto(s)
- **Retiree Health Care Bonding Proposal**
 - 09-18-14 (Thu) Finance/FB → Presentation of Resolution to Authorize Financial Plan and Resolution to Approve Interim Trust
 - 09-30-14 (Tue) Finance/Full Board → Vote to adopt Resolution to Authorize Financial Plan; and Resolution to Approve Interim Trust
- **Seal Ordinance** (Establishes rules for use of County Seal)
 - 09-25-14 (Thu) Full Board → Introduce Ordinance under new business
 - 09-30-14 (Tue) Finance/Full Board → Vote to adopt Ordinance
- **Non-Discrimination Policy** (Established non-discrimination rules for county government operations)
 - 09-08-14 (Mon) Gov Ops → Vote to adopt Ordinance
 - 09-18-14 (Thu) Full Board → Vote to adopt Ordinance
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Oversight Policy Board**
 - 09-08-14 (Mon) Gov Ops → Interviews
 - 09-11-14 (Thu) Full Board → Vote on confirmations
- **Ethics Board**
 - 09-08-14 (Mon) Gov Ops → Interviews
 - 09-11-14 (Thu) Full Board → Vote on confirmations

Region:

- **Legislative Caucus**
 - August 14 (Flynn, Klinefelt, Boyle, Vosburg)
- **SANG Air Show**
 - September 6, 7
 - Contact: Amy Grinvalsky (on base at Open House office) directly at 586.239.2110
- **MAPERS**
 - September 14-16 (Flynn attending)
- **MAC**
 - September 14-16 (Klinefelt attending)

Correspondence:

- Casual Day Program thank you letters; Rep. LaFontaine letter of support.
- Various county resolutions.

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
		<u>5,405.00</u> (May)		
		\$18,017.00	\$ 54,483.00	.248
		<u>3,775.00</u> (June)		
		\$21,792.00	\$ 50,708.00	.300

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE

Full Board 08-20-14



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Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

13569 Joseph Campau • Detroit 48212 • (313) 891-7188

July 8, 2014

Board of Commissioners
1S. Main Street, 9th Floor
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Dear Donor:

Thank you for your recent donation of July 2, 2014 in the amount of \$254.35 in support of Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS), a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation providing shelter to homeless and abused animals, conducting cruelty investigations, performing animal rescues, reuniting lost pets with their families and performing adoptions of companion animals. Through the continued efforts of benefactors such as you, MACS is able to continue the practices established over 75 years ago to provide these services to the Detroit community and surrounding environs.

MACS acknowledges that neither goods nor services were exchanged in return for the above donation.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Haley".

Peter W. Haley
Treasurer, MACS



Macomb Homeless Coalition

P.O. Box 856 • Mt. Clemens, MI 48046

www.macombhomelesscoalition.com

July 17, 2014

Board of Commissioners
c/o Mr. David Flynn
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Dear Mr. Flynn:

The Macomb Homeless Coalition would like to thank you and the employees of Macomb County for donating from your May 2014 Casual Day program. Your donation is very much appreciated and will aid Macomb County residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The Coalition is a community planning body that promotes the prevention and elimination of homelessness. Your donation will allow us to continue coordinating our community's resources and services for the benefit of the 1,101 individuals and family members who are experiencing homelessness in Macomb County every single day. If you would like more information on the Coalition or our Community Connection Days, please visit us at www.macombhomelesscoalition.com.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Federal law requires us to notify you that the Macomb Homeless Coalition is providing no goods or services to you in exchange for your donation.

Again, your donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

Denise Goshton
Director





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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ANDREA LAFONTAINE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

COMMITTEES:
NATURAL RESOURCES – CHAIR
INSURANCE
JUDICIARY
REGULATORY REFORM

July 28, 2014

Macomb County Commissioners
1 South Main St.
Mount Clemens, MI, 48043

I am writing this letter to express my personal support for St. Clair Conservation Districts three year funding proposal for a Farm Bill Conservation Technician to serve both Macomb and St. Clair Counties.

Macomb County provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to receive funding and support under the 2014 US Farm Bill. The funding proposal would hire a Farm Bill Conservation Technician for three years to serve both Macomb and St. Clair Counties. This person would be responsible for helping individuals secure funding under the 2014 US Farm Bill, educate the public on best practices in farming and provide conservation efforts to the local community.

The Farming Bill has awarded funding to implement environmentally friendly practices on 765 acres of land in Macomb County. With the growth of small farms it is important that we educate the public on the best ways to protect the environment while engaging in farming activities. With the help of a Farm Bill Conservation Technician we could grow the amount of money that is awarded to the community for conservation efforts under the 2014 US Farm Bill.

Again, this project will make significant contributions to the Macomb County Community and preserving the environment for future generation. Please know that my support of this proposal is a matter of public record and I hope the application is successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea LaFontaine".

Andrea LaFontaine
State Representative
32nd District



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RESOLUTION #14-22
OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WASTE FACILITY

District #7
Chairman of the Board
Cameron Habermehl

WHEREAS, a Canadian power company is proposing to development an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario; and

District #4
Vice-Chairman
Lyle VanWormer

WHEREAS, the proposed facility would be situated less than 1 mile from the Lake Huron shoreline; and

District #1
Commissioner
Jeff Kowalski

WHEREAS, storing low and intermediate level waste so close to Lake Huron, which constitutes 21% of the world's fresh water supply, jeopardizes the fragile ecosystem and is a risk that cannot be afforded; now

District #2
Commissioner
Robert Adrian

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the development of an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario because of the risk of polluting the Great Lakes and upsetting the ecosystem; and


District #3
Commissioner
Thomas Mullaney

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, and member of our State and Federal Leadership and the Providence of Ontario.

District #5
Commissioner
Scot McKenzie

Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported Commissioner Lawson to adopt the above resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Commissioners Adrian, Mullaney, VanWormer, McKenzie, Hall, Lawson, and Habermehl. NAYS: None. Commissioner Kowalski excused.
Motion carried.

District #6
Commissioner
Mark Hall


Cameron Habermehl, Chairman of the Board

District #8
Commissioner
Eric Lawson

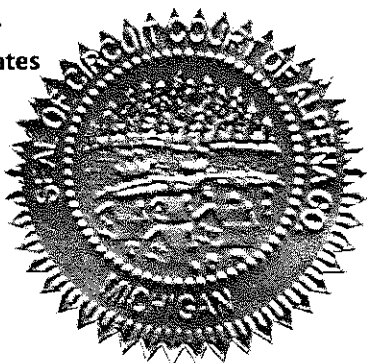
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County of Alpena)

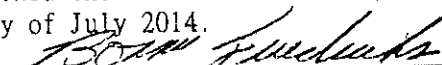
Executive Manager
Tammy Sumerix-Bates

I, Bonnie Friedrichs, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Alpena, the same of Court of Record and having a seal do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the July 29, 2014 session and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Board Secretary
Laura L. Ellery

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 29th day of July 2014.




Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk

No. 14- 113c**RESOLUTION**

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill as set forth by the House Appropriations Committee on July 8, 2014 includes funding for the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Forest Service, and other departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the bill as set forth would provide \$442 million for the PILT program, which provides payments to counties to offset losses in tax revenues due to the presence of federal land in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the bill as set forth would prevent the EPA from using funding to implement their proposed rule for "Waters of the U.S", which if implemented would be disastrous causing significant harm to local farmers, stalling the development of businesses, taking control of land used for sustainable food production out of our local providers' hands, and negatively impacting county-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and county drains; and

WHEREAS, the cost to our farms, municipalities, and taxpayers will be enormous; and

WHEREAS, this Board fully supports both of the aforementioned provisions and urges the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee to do same; now

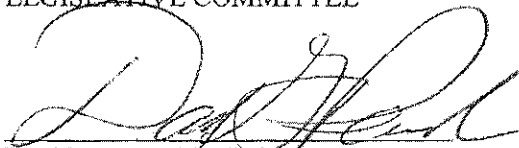
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners wholly supports the provision of \$442 million for PILT and the prohibition of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing their proposed rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act as set forth in the FY 2015 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners urges the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee to also support these provisions; and

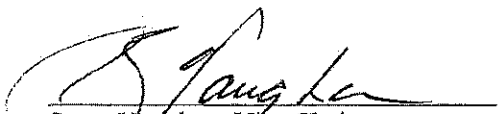
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Representative Terry Brown, Senator Mike Green, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties, Congresswoman Candice Miller, Congressman Dan Benishek, Congressman Bill Huizenga, Congressman Justin Amash, Congressman Dave Camp, Congressman Dan Kildee, Congressman Fred Upton, Congressman Tim Walberg, Congressman Sander Levin, Congressman Mike Rogers, Congressman Kerry Bentivolio, Congressman John Dingell, Congressman John Conyers Jr., Congressman Gary Peters, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, members of the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, and the National Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

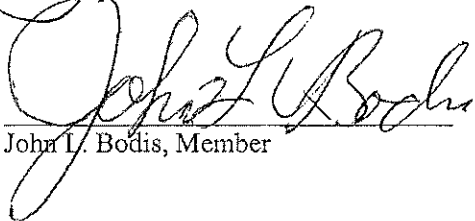
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David G. Peruski, Chairman



Steve Vaughan, Vice Chairman



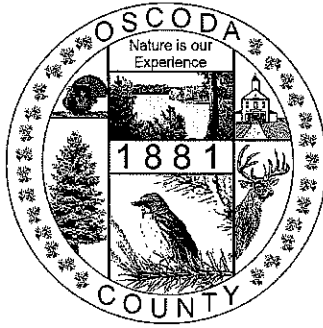
John L. Bodis, Member

Dated: August 12, 2014

Roll Call Vote:

Tietz	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peruski	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
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RESOLUTION 2014-015

“National Anthem of the United States Of America”

Whereas, at dawn on the morning of September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key and other Americans awoke, in the aftermath of a furious 27-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, by British forces during the War of 1812, and saw the flag of the United States of America still flying victoriously about that Fort; and

Whereas, the sight of the flag, known ever since as the original Star Spangled Banner, which is preserved as a hallowed treasure of our American heritage, inspired Francis Scott key to write the words that have become known world-wide as the National Anthem of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners wish to mark this historic occasion, to take place in Oscoda County at or about the time dawn’s early light breaks over Fort McHenry in the Harbor of Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland on the morning of September 14, 2014.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the County Commission call upon all the citizens of Oscoda County to mark the 200th Anniversary of the birth of our National Anthem with honors.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Commissioner of Oscoda County call upon individuals and entities throughout this County to ring all the bells of Oscoda County as dawn breaks over Fort McHenry on September 14, 2014 to signal the commencement of these observances in all places in this County; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Commissioners of Oscoda County shall communicate the text of this document to our fellow citizens of Michigan, through the Commissioners of the various other Counties, respectfully inviting consideration thereof, for the purpose of encouraging similar observances in each County in the State of Michigan; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Commissioners of Oscoda County shall communicate a similar invitation to the Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, and to the members

of the Michigan Legislature representing areas within Oscoda county, encouraging them to enact provisions inviting and encouraging similar observances within this great State, and urging them to communicate similar invitations to the Governors and Legislatures of the various other States.

Motion #2014-126 Moved by Commissioner Wilson and supported by Commissioner Boerner to adopt the above Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **August 12, 2014**.

5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION #2014-015 DECLARED ADOPTED
 “National Anthem of the United States Of America”

Signature on file

John A. Kischnick, Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN}
COUNTY OF OSCODA}

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014** and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Oscoda County Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Signature on file

Jeri Winton, Oscoda County
Clerk/Register of Deeds

MACOMB COUNTY
August 6, 2014

Medical Examiner's Office achieves national accreditation

*By Jeremy Selweski
C & G Staff Writer*

MACOMB COUNTY — An issue that was a major sticking point for the Macomb County Board of Commissioners a year ago recently found resolution when the Macomb County Medical Examiner's Office became nationally accredited.

Dr. Daniel Spitz, the county medical examiner, was notified on July 30 that his office had earned accreditation from the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) for the five-year period from 2014-2019. The achievement represents at least five years of work by Spitz and his team. It is also an exceedingly rare accomplishment, as out of more than 2,000 medical examiner offices across the U.S., only 57 — or less than 3 percent — currently have full national accreditation.

"Obviously, this puts us in very elite company," Spitz said. "This is a real testament to the commitment of Macomb County and the commitment of the Medical Examiner's staff, because it took both of those things in order to earn this distinction. Citizens should be very pleased that another county department has achieved the top level of accreditation. This should reassure them that their Medical Examiner's Office is doing work at the highest possible standard."

Last December, when the board renewed Spitz's contract for the next four years, they added one important change: a stipulation requiring Spitz to achieve NAME accreditation for the Medical Examiner's Office and appear before the board every six months to report on his progress.

Spitz's company, Spitz Pathology Group, earned \$377,000 in 2013 for its work in Macomb County. Now that his office has earned national accreditation, Spitz Pathology Group — which consists only of Spitz and a second forensic pathologist, Dr. Mary Pietrangelo — stands to make \$378,000 in 2014 and 2015, \$389,340 in 2016 and \$401,020 in 2017. Spitz is currently the highest-paid employee in Macomb County, earning about \$200,000 per year.

Board Chair Dave Flynn, D-Sterling Heights, believes that the list of terms in Spitz's contract was "a driving motivator" that helped move the accreditation process along more quickly. He pointed out that this goal was achieved faster than he originally thought it would be.

"Reaching national accreditation is a real accomplishment, and Dr. Spitz and his team deserve recognition for making it happen," Flynn said. "But county commissioners also deserve some credit for sticking to their guns and presenting a united front on this issue. A year ago, the naysayers said that this would take years to accomplish and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. However, it was accomplished in only seven months and without spending a single dollar of taxpayer money."

Al Lorenzo, one of Macomb County's three assistant executives, was quick to stress, though, that Spitz and his team were already doing "an outstanding job" before becoming nationally accredited.

"This elevates the perception of the work being done by the Medical Examiner's Office, if not the actual quality of the work," Lorenzo said. "Still, as with any accreditation, it provides a third-party certification that we are meeting the highest standards. It's another feather in our cap to get this independent seal of approval from NAME."

In order to earn national accreditation, a medical examiner's office first submits a report stating that it has met NAME's rigorous criteria, which number more than 300. Next, a NAME representative visits the office in person and performs a comprehensive inspection of the physical facility, and its operating policies and procedures. Finally,

NAME reviews the site visit report and either grants full accreditation or indicates deficiencies that must first be addressed.

Spitz was proud that Macomb County was able to receive full accreditation on its first attempt, which is a rare feat. He thanked county leaders for giving his office the resources necessary to provide adequate staffing, facilities, equipment and supplies, and he credited his staff for implementing these resources according to NAME's exacting standards.

"The site visit is incredibly thorough and detailed," Spitz explained. "We organized what we had in a way that would make it quickest and easiest for NAME inspectors to go through everything. We made sure that we had real, definable measures to document quality assurance. You can't just say you have all these things in place — you have to prove you have them in place."

According to Lorenzo, the chairman of the NAME Accreditation Committee was so impressed with Macomb County's facility that he later described it as one of the best medical examiner's offices in the country. Lorenzo, who served as president of Macomb Community College for 29 years prior to working in the County Executive Office, is well aware of how difficult the accreditation process can be.

"I was confident in Dr. Spitz and his team," he said, "but I definitely would not have expected that all of those criteria would be met on the first attempt. You can tell that this has been a goal of Dr. Spitz's for several years now. He wanted to make sure that all the i's were dotted and all the t's were crossed before he even invited NAME inspectors out here for a site visit."

This accreditation represents not only a huge professional victory for Spitz, but also a major turnaround from a year in which he faced heavy scrutiny from the Board of Commissioners. In July 2013, the board issued a subpoena for Spitz to present himself at their next meeting after they said that he had been unresponsive to six requests to appear before them since January 2012, a claim that Spitz disputed. Spitz eventually met with the board in September 2013 to address concerns about the budget, operations, workload and accreditation of his office.

Many of the board's questions focused on the possibility that Spitz may be overworked between his caseload in Macomb County and his other duties outside of his main job. In addition to working full-time in the Medical Examiner's Office, where he oversees a staff of 10.5 employees, Spitz also works part-time as the St. Clair County medical examiner, performs independent consulting work and lectures at Wayne State University.

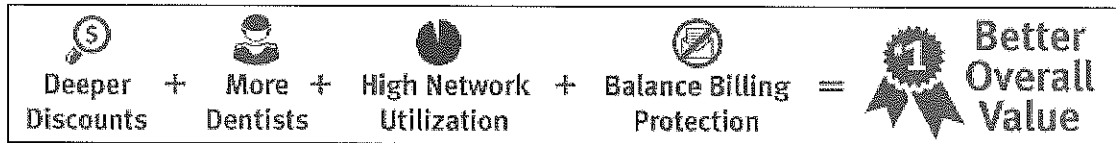
NAME recommends that forensic pathologists perform between 250 and 325 autopsies per year. In 2013, Spitz and Pietrangelo conducted a combined total of 648 forensic exams in Macomb County, including 531 autopsies, which both represent a record high.

Still, now that national accreditation has been reached, Flynn feels like the Medical Examiner's Office has taken an important step. He also added that, over the past year, the Board of Commissioners has developed a much stronger relationship with Spitz and his team, and repaired any previous damage.

"Since that whole debacle last summer, Dr. Spitz has been very forthright and has always kept the board in the loop about his progress," Flynn said. "Macomb County poured a lot of money into creating a first-class medical examiner's facility and on the contract for the people who run it. So we knew that NAME accreditation was a goal that we should be able to achieve."

Spitz also appears ready to put the drama of 2013 behind him.

"Last year was tumultuous at times," he admitted, "but I truly believe that everyone was acting with the best interests of Macomb County in mind. Now we will continue to move forward and try to achieve bigger and better things."



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Michigan cities plan record bond sales to pay for retiree benefits

By Bloomberg News

Michigan municipalities, facing a year-end deadline to borrow for retirement costs, are planning record bond sales to pay for workers' health care and pensions.

Macomb County plans a \$270 million sale of municipal debt, its biggest ever, to finance retiree health-care costs, while Kalamazoo is considering a historic \$100 million bond offer for similar expenses. Bloomfield Hills plans to borrow a record \$17 million for pensions. The law allowing the practice expires Dec. 31.

U.S. states and cities are struggling with how to pay for promises to workers after the recession ravaged their finances. Yet few communities see debt as the answer — sales of revenue-backed pension bonds have tallied \$356 million this year, data compiled by Bloomberg show. Interest rates close to five-decade lows are making it more attractive to pursue the risky strategy of investing borrowed funds in financial markets.

"We can't afford to wait," said Peter Provenzano, Macomb County finance director. "Timing the market is difficult. You could sit on the sidelines and miss out on an opportunity."

Michigan twist

Municipalities have sold pension bonds since 1985, led by Illinois and California, according to the **Center for Retirement Research** at Boston College. This year's issuers include Orange County and the city of Riverside, both in California.

Investing borrowed cash to pay for health expenses is a new twist in Michigan, where 284 municipalities owed a combined \$12.7 billion in unfunded liabilities for retiree medical care, according to a 2013 **Michigan State University** study. About half didn't require employee contributions.

The practice of issuing debt for retirement costs draws criticism from Matt Fabian, managing director at **Municipal Market Advisors**, as a maneuver that avoids difficult decisions.

"Pension-obligation bonds are almost always a terrible idea," said Fabian, whose research firm is based in Concord, Mass. The borrowing shows a lack of political will to raise taxes or reduce benefits, he said.

The risk for investors is pronounced in Michigan, where Detroit is seeking bankruptcy relief by favoring city pensioners over bondholders, including holders of securities issued to finance pensions, Fabian said.

Timing risk

From the issuer's standpoint, the sales' timing dictates the success of pension bonds, according to a July analysis by the **Boston College** center. Reinvested proceeds must earn more than it costs to service the debt, which is typically taxable.

Because of stock-market gains following the recession that ended in 2009, the majority of pension bonds have generated positive

returns as of February 2014, according to the center. That's a reversal from mid-2009, when the financial crisis left most of the deals in the red. The analysis is complicated because many of the securities have 30-year maturities, according to the center.

"You really don't know until that end date of the bonds how it turns out," said Jean-Pierre Aubry, assistant director for state and local research at the center.

Grand Rapids won't use debt to finance \$135 million in unfunded health-care liabilities, said Scott Buhner, the city's chief financial officer.

Bull market

"The best way to have odds in your favor is to do this when stock prices are depressed," Buhner said. "We're in the latter stage of a bull market."

Michigan didn't allow such borrowing until a 2012 law, which limits sales to local governments with at least a AA credit rating, third from the top, and requires state approval. A bill to extend the law for a year awaits action in the house after passing the senate. Gov. Rick Snyder supports the extension, said spokeswoman Sara Wurfel.

Borrowing for retirement costs works when coupled with benefit changes, said John Axe, a bond attorney based in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Axe said he represents six municipalities that are considering borrowing for the expenses, though he declined to name them.

Macomb County is paying half the recommended \$30 million annual expense for current and future health-care costs, and won't be able to afford the premiums by the mid-2020s, said Provenzano, the finance director. The bonds will allow the county to keep up with projected cost increases, he said. The plan projects that debt proceeds will earn an average of 7.5 percent annually.

Proactive view

"We're being proactive about this," Provenzano said.

Money from the issue will be invested over the course of a year to adjust to swings in financial markets, he said.

The county has a AA+ grade from Standard & Poor's, its second-highest level. With 850,000 residents, Macomb abuts Detroit's northeast border and is dominated by 155 auto plants and suppliers, and the **General Motors** Technical Center in Warren. The county's \$53,628 median household income compares with about \$48,500 statewide.

Oakland County, which also borders Detroit, sold \$350 million in general-obligation bonds last year to refinance debt issued in 2007 for retiree medical benefits.

Investments from the 2007 issue gained more than projected, resulting in overfunding for health benefits, said Robert Daddow, county deputy executive. The refinancing will save at least \$125 million over the 13-year bond repayment, he said.

The county also reduced costs by closing its defined-benefit health plan to new hires in 2006, Daddow said.

Kalamazoo may sell as much as \$100 million of debt to partly finance \$188 million of retiree health-care liabilities. A city panel this week recommended the bonds and negotiations with retirees and unions to lower medical costs.

The city pays \$6 million annually from its \$50 million general fund toward retiree health care.

If investment returns fall short of repaying the debt and health insurance, the city would renegotiate with employees for savings, said Tom Skrobola, Kalamazoo finance director. Without revenue from borrowing, the city won't keep up with rising medical costs and demands for other city services, he said.

"We've had great success with bargaining, but it's not enough," he said. "It has to be a combined approach."

Federal judge: Detroit water authority deal not imminent

Mon, Aug 18

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The federal judge overseeing negotiations involving the Detroit Water and Sewage Department on Monday said a deal to create a regional water authority is not imminent and that discussions don't include payments to the city's general fund

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U.S. District Judge Sean Cox responded to a Detroit News report Monday in which two sources close to the negotiations said a deal could be finished within two weeks. The sources detailed terms of the proposed agreement, under which the authority would pay \$50 million a year for 40 years in exchange for acquisition of the water system and its assets.

A third source familiar with the talks on Monday confirmed the details in the report.

"As the court's mediator in this matter, I wish to state that parties to mediation have not reached any definitive agreements, although it is fair to say all parties are demonstrating good faith and responsible leadership," Cox said in a statement.

"Although this issue is still subject to confidential mediation," Cox said, "I will definitively state that these discussions do not contemplate a proposal for the transfer of any funds

☑ to the city's general fund."

The statement didn't specify where the funds for a transfer might go. The general fund pays for the overall governmental operations of the city.

The News' story did not specify where the proceeds from the transfer would go.

The report comes at a sensitive point in the bankruptcy

☑ negotiations, because Detroit recently proposed a refinance of water department debt. Some fear that bondholders may now be hesitant to move forward.

Cox that even if a deal is reached, it would require an OK from several municipal and legislative bodies and take "substantial time."

In the deal under consideration, sources said, the authority would consist of a six-member board with two appointments coming from the city of Detroit, one each from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, as well as one from the state, according to the source. Currently, the authority that runs the city-owned water system has four members appointed by Detroit and three by the suburbs.

Detroit and suburban officials were ordered into closed-door mediation in April by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes over spinning off the water department into an authority. All sides are under a gag order not to talk publicly about negotiations.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan on Monday said there have been no conversations about taking money

☑ from the water department and putting it into the city's general fund to pay debt.

"I've said from the beginning that I did not believe money should be taken out of the water system and put into the general fund," Duggan said. "The ratepayers in this city are paying high enough rates. Of course Oakland and Macomb counties have taken exactly the same position. There has been no conversation about a payment to the city in any of these meetings."

Duggan reiterated that on all other issues, he remains bound by the gag order.

Progress on the formation of a regional authority appears to mesh with the city of Detroit bankruptcy proceedings and Duggan's expanded management roles, said Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, a proponent of a regionalized water authority.

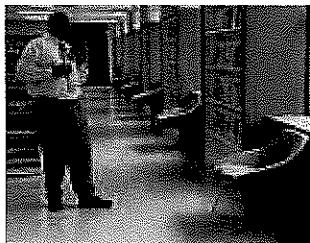
"There is a greater sense of urgency because the judges would like to see this thing wrapped up along with the bankruptcy," Heise said. "I think they want to get it wrapped up before Duggan would take over all elements of the control over DWSD."

Suburban officials also declined further comment Monday.

"We have and continue to honor the gag order to keep the discussions confidential," said June West, spokeswoman for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Macomb County Commission chairman David Flynn said in a statement: "I signed a confidentiality agreement so I cannot comment on current discussions. However, from the onset I have supported the concept of a regional authority in order to control the destiny of Macomb County ratepayers' future."

- **Prosecutors: 'Megalomaniac' former Detroit library exec deserves 15 years**



Prosecutors urge 15-year sentence for former Detroit Public Library executive Timothy Cromer, who was describes as a 'megalomaniac' and 'conman' who set up a \$1.5 million kickback scheme against the library.



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Official Proclamation
Of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan

**A Proclamation Proclaiming September as National
Recovery Month in Macomb County**

Commissioner Toni Mocerri, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Proclamation:

Whereas, mental and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with commitment and support, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery. In 2012, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 34.1 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help. By seeking help, people who experience mental and/or substance use disorders can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness; and

Whereas, National Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders. This year's theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery; Speak Up, Reach Out." The focus is to encourage people to openly speak up about mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery and to promote ways that individuals can recognize behavioral health issues and where to turn for help. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people do recover; and

Whereas, this is a message which needs to be widely communicated. The impact of mental and substance use disorders is apparent in our local community, and an estimated thousands of people in Macomb County are affected by these conditions. Untreated behavioral health conditions have widespread, adverse effects. Similarly, substance use disorders contribute to costly social, physical, mental, and public health problems. Through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental and/or substance use disorders, which can lead more people into needed treatment. Managing the effects of these conditions can help people achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and.

Whereas, now in its 25th year, Recovery Month has worked to improve the lives of those affected by mental and/or substance use disorders by raising awareness of these diseases and educating communities about the prevention, treatment, and recovery resources that are available. For the above reasons, we are asking the citizens of Macomb County to join us in celebrating September 2014 as National Recovery Month.

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

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That By These Presents, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners publicly acknowledges and proclaims the month of September 2014 as **National Recovery Month In Macomb County**.

II

Be It Further Resolved that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges entities throughout the county, state and nation to observe this month by encouraging increased communication about behavioral health issues, highlighting recovery and treatment programs, and promoting activities in support of the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle.