



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation by **Commissioner Steve Marino**
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes dated 8-20-15, 9-10-15 (Public Hearing) and 9-10-15 (Full Board) **(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) Infrastructure/Economic Development, September 15 (**no report**)
 - b) Finance, September 16 (**page 1**) **(attached)**
10. Board Chair's Report (**page 18**) **(attached)**

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David J. Flynn – Board Chair
District 4

Kathy Tocco – Vice Chair
District 11

Steve Marino – Sergeant-At-Arms
District 10

Andrey Duzyj – District 1

Marvin Sauger – District 2

Veronica Klinefelt – District 3

Robert Mijac - District 5

James Carabelli – District 6

Don Brown – District 7

Kathy Vosburg – District 8

Fred Miller – District 9

Bob Smith – District 12

Joe Sabatini – District 13

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a) Resolution Urging the Macomb County Art Institute Authority to Oppose the Bonuses to DIA Senior Executives and Urging the Macomb County State Legislative Delegation to Offer a Bill to Require any Institution that has More Than 25% of Their Operating Revenue Publicly Funded Through an Ad Valorem Tax to Follow the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act (offered by Board; recommended by Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee on 9-15-15) (page 42) **(attached)**

12. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

- a) Recognizing October 2, 2015 as National Manufacturing Day in Macomb County (offered by Carabelli; recommended by Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee on 9-15-15; previously provided at committee meeting)
- b) Commending Vincenzo Ciraulo on Being Named the 2015 Man of the Year by Lodge Figli Della Sicilia (offered by Carabelli and Miller; recommended by Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee on 9-15-15; previously provided at committee meeting)

13. Approve Request from Commissioner Marino to be Excused from Absence for 9-15-15 Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee Meeting

14. New Business

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

16. Roll Call

17. Adjournment



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September 16, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: FRED MILLER, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE
RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEETING OF 9-16-15

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the following recommendations were made and are being forwarded to the September 17, 2015 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Duzyj, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 18 signals along M-53/Van Dyke and M-97 Groesbeck; 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 Vosburg, supported by Smith, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT for the annual contract for the staffing and operations of the Traffic Operations Center for the 2015/2016 budget year; 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 Klinefelt, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 18 signals at various locations throughout Macomb County; 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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4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Mijac, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 282 signals throughout Macomb County; 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 Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Z Contractors, Inc. outlining the scope of work and project cost for culvert replacement on 22 Mile Road and asphalt resurfacing from Ryan to Shelby 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.**

6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Shelby Township outlining the scope of work and cost sharing for culvert replacement on 22 Mile Road and asphalt resurfacing from Ryan to Shelby 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 Brown, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Fenton Excavating and Construction, Inc. outlining the scope of work and project cost for the paving of Omo Road from Armada Ridge to Armada Center 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.**

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Klinefelt, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract to upgrade the Internet service to COMTEC and the Jail; 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 DUZYJ VOTING “NO.”**

9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Klinefelt, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the AT&T Switched Ethernet Service 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 WITH DUZYJ VOTING “NO.”**

10. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Brown, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a \$25,000 budget amendment under Planning Grants – Fund 361 for a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Lake St. Clair Public Access and Ecological Conservation Study; 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

A motion was made by Sauger, supported by Smith, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a budget amendment to transfer \$45,000 from General Fund Appropriations – Professional Development Initiative to HRLR Special Projects; 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.**

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Flynn, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the agreement with The Vanguard Group for comprehensive management and record keeping of the defined contribution plan for County employees; 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.**

13. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Marino, supported by Vosburg, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the BASIC – Flexible Spending Account contract for a period of two years – 1-1-2016 through 12-31-2017; 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.**

14. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sauger, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve a one-year extension, 9-18-2015 to 9-18-2016, with the current employee benefits consultant and broker, TMR and Associates, Inc., under the same terms, conditions and compensation of \$85,000 as presently exist; 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 BROWN.



MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:

Full Board Meeting Date:

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 18 signal along M-53/Van Dyke and M-97 Groesbeck.

Introduced By:

Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

Project is budgeted in the current Department of Roads Traffic Budget

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT for the annual contract for the staffing and operations of the Traffic Operations Center for the 2015/2016 Budget year.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Project is budgeted in the 2016 Department of Roads Traffic Budget</p>

Infrastructure/Economic Development

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 18 signal at various locations throughout Macomb County.

Introduced By:

Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

Project is budgeted in the current Department of Roads Traffic Budget

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Resolution to:
Approve the contract between the Department of Roads and MDOT outlining the scope of work and cost for the upgrading of 282 signals throughout Macomb County.

Introduced By:
Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
Project is budgeted in the current Department of Roads Traffic Budget

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Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract between the Department of Roads and Z Contractors Inc. outlining the scope of work and project cost for culvert replacement on 22 Mile Road and asphalt resurfacing from Ryan to Shelby Road.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Project is budgeted in the Department of Roads Construction Budget</p>

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Introduced By:
<p>Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Project is budgeted in the Department of Roads Construction Budget</p>

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Resolution to:
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Introduced By:
<p>Commissioners James Carabelli & Robert Mijac, Infrastructure/Economic Dev Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>Project is budgeted in the Department of Roads Construction Budget</p>

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the contract to upgrade to the Internet service to COMTEC and the Jail.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Co-Chair Carabelli or Mijac</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This contract will upgrade the Internet services to COMTEC and the Jail to 100mbps by providing two circuits.</p>

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
Approve the AT&T Switched Ethernet Service contract.

Introduced By:
Co-Chairs Carabelli or Mijac

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
This replaces the current contract with AT&T, lowers the price, and replaces old copper circuits with a digital environment.

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Resolution to:
<p>Approve a \$25,000 budget amendment under Planning Grants - Fund 361 for a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Lake St. Clair Public Access and Ecological Conservation Study.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Jim Carabelli and Robert Mijac, Co-Chairs, Infrastructure/Economic Development Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>The County has been awarded grant monies in the amount of \$12,500 from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Coastal Zone Management Program Award to study the Lake St. Clair Access points and Ecological Conservation of coastal sites. The project will total \$25,000 with In-Kind Wages of \$12,500.</p> <p>State-Grants and In-Kind Revenue will EACH be increased by \$12,500 on the revenue side and CS-Other and In-Kind Wages will EACH be increased by \$12,500 on the expense side.</p>

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Resolution to:

Approve a budget amendment to transfer \$45,000 from General Fund Appropriations - Professional Development Initiative to HRLR Special Projects.

Introduced By:

Fred Miller, Chair, Finance Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

The Human Resources budget has included a Special Projects line item for many years, which is used for a variety of purposes, including testing costs, compliance activities, consulting fees and legal fees incurred in connection with arbitrations and grievance resolutions. The adopted budget for 2015 was \$55,000. The County has experienced an unusually high number of very involved, complicated and multi-day arbitrations this year, which has resulted in the depletion of this particular budget. An increase of \$45,000 is being requested and funds are available in the Professional Development Initiative line item in the General Fund appropriations budget.

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<p>Approve Agreement with The Vanguard Group for comprehensive management and record keeping of the defined contribution plan for County employees</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Commissioner Fred Miller, Chair, Finance Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve the BASIC - Flexible Spending Account contract for a period of two (2) years - 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2017.</p>

Introduced By:
Fred Miller - Chair, Finance Committee

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>The current one (1) year contract with BASIC expires on 12/31/2015. The terms, conditions and compensation remain the same for the next two (2) years. The fee is \$33,075* for year 2016 and \$33,075 for year 2017. The two (2) year total is \$66,150.</p> <p>*Based on an estimated enrollment of 735 participants.</p>

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:
<p>Approve a (1) One-Year extension 09/18/2015 to 09/18/2016 with our current Employee Benefits Consultant and Broker - TMR and Associates, Inc. under the same terms, conditions and compensation - \$85,000, as presently exist.</p>

Introduced By:
<p>Fred Miller, Chair - Finance Committee</p>

Additional Background Information (If Needed):
<p>This contract extension will provide HR/LR with the necessary support for open enrollment, employee benefit contract renewals (i.e. Blue Cross, HAP, Delta Dental etc.) and various employee benefit consulting services throughout the next year.</p>

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RESOLUTION TO: receive and file report from Board Chair for September 2015

INTRODUCED 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

- Budget
- MTB
- DIA
- Transit

Office

- Commissioner Outreach Opportunities – video.
- Reminder: Please utilize the BOC Proclamation/Resolution Request Form (attached)
- Posting process for Part-time Special Projects Coordinator position initiated
- BOC Scanning Project –
 - Phase 1 is very near to completion; next steps include developing user guides, installing a public kiosk and staff training.
 - Phase 2 will link committee minutes to agendas and support materials enabling easy searches and creating increased transparency and access.
- Automated Agenda – Minutes system is being research collaboratively with IT, Clerk's Office, BOC
- FYI: Parking Structure closes nightly at 8pm; on Full Board nights it will stay open until 9pm.

Upcoming Items

- Naturalization Ceremony at MCC Center Campus - Lorenzo Cultural Center on September 18th, 10am
- Reserve Full Board Meetings scheduled for September 24 and September 30.
- Elected Official Compensation Study

Regional

- Michigan Association of Counties Annual Conference - Sept. 20-22
- MAPERS – Sept. 26-29

Correspondence:

- Casual Day Program letters of thanks
- 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:
	\$120,400 (2015)			
		\$ 5,566.00 (January)		
		<u>3,243.00</u> (February)		
		\$ 8,809.00	\$111,591	0.07
		<u>6,992.00</u> (March)		
		\$15,801.00	\$104,599	0.13
		<u>3,334.00</u> (April)		
		\$19,135.00	\$101,265	0.16
		<u>1,265.00</u> (May)		
		\$20,400.00	\$102,530	0.17
		<u>1,380.00</u> (June)		
		\$21,780.00	\$101,150	0.18
		<u>1,065.00</u> (July)		
		\$22,845.00	\$102,215	0.19

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE

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Tribute and Proclamation Request Sheet

Requesting Commissioner: _____

_____ Tribute

_____ Proclamation

Date needed by: _____

Party's name: _____

Subject matter (i.e.-Retirement, Anniversary, etc.) _____

Pertinent information: _____

Point of contact for follow-up information: _____

See Courtney to schedule groups/outings for any of the following:

Check out these upcoming county events:

Fall Fun and Fitness Fest - Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join the DIA and Macomb Township Parks and Recreation for a great day of free fun and fitness for the whole family at Macomb Corners Park. DIA staff will be onsite to answer questions about the museum and festival goers will have a chance to explore the DIA's [Inside|Out exhibit](#) at the park. [Click here](#) for more info.

Macomb County Day - Saturday, Oct. 10

The DIA is providing free bus transportation to and from the museum on Saturday, Oct. 10 for Macomb County residents. The DIA provides this service four times per year for tri-county residents. Round-trip transportation and admission is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a spot and find times and locations, call [313-833-4005](tel:313-833-4005) or visit tickets.dia.org.

College Night - Friday, Oct. 23, 6:30-11 p.m.

The DIA will host College Night for students from colleges and universities in the tri-county area. Students will have the opportunity to see [30 Americans](#), enjoy live music and explore the collection. The event will conclude with a dance party and light reception. The museum will offer complimentary transportation and free admission. Participating colleges are Macomb Community College, Lawrence Technological University, Oakland University, Wayne State University, Center for Creative Studies and the University of Michigan, Dearborn. Students from other colleges and universities may attend with a student ID. [Click here](#) for more info.

The DIA is offering free admission to the [30 Americans](#) exhibition for tri-county high school-aged groups. Contact the DIA's group reservations department at [313-833-7981](tel:313-833-7981) for registration information or [click here](#) to apply online.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

August 25, 2015

Macomb County Board of Commissioners
One South Main
Mt. Clemens, MI 4843

RE: "No Reason" Absentee Ballot

Dear Macomb County Board of Commissioners:

This letter acknowledges receipt and filing on July 28, 2015, of the 2015 Resolution No. R15-160, a Resolution Supporting Michigan House Bill No. 4724 to Amend the Michigan Election Law to Allow a "No Reason" Absentee Ballot, in accordance with Act 116, Public Acts of 1954.

Sincerely,

Dept. of State
Office of the Great Seal
1.888.767.6424



September 1, 2015

Partners

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Clinton Township

Harrison Township

Eastpointe

Mount Clemens

New Baltimore

Roseville

Shelby Township

Sterling Heights

Utica

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Macomb County

Michigan State University

SEMCOG

University of Michigan

To: Macomb County Commissioners
One South Main Street, 9th Floor
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

From: Macomb Area Communities for Regional Opportunities (MACRO)

Re: Joint Letter of Support for a County-Wide ban of Sky Lanterns

Dear Macomb County Commissioners:

The Macomb Area Communities for Regional Opportunities was created in 2011 and formalized under the Urban Cooperation Act in 2013. MACRO fosters an environment of collaboration and innovation among municipal entities while breaking down barriers such as municipal boundaries. One of our goals and objectives as a group is to advocate for causes that directly impact the region and member's communities.

On July 9th, 2015 MACRO members and affiliates heard from Fire Chiefs and Fire Deputies about the profound negative consequences of the Fireworks Safety Act that became law on January 1st 2012. MACRO members and affiliates have approved a joint letter of support for House Bills 4725 and 4726 which would repeal the Act.

Another problem that has become an issue in many communities throughout the metro Detroit area due to relaxed fireworks restrictions is the growing popularity of Sky Lanterns. Sky lanterns are not classified as fireworks, but as "aerial candles." A fuel pad in a typical sky lantern lasts for 5 minutes. Sky lanterns can ride over half mile and land often land miles away from where they were released. We have heard from residents and businesses that sky lanterns originating from other areas have landed on their properties, with a growing concern for accidental fires.

MACRO members agree unanimously that a County-wide ban of sky lanterns is in the best interest of the safety and wellbeing of Macomb County residents and businesses. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Cannon
Chairman



Oceana County
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County Building
100 S. State Street, Suite M-4
Hart, Michigan 49420



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AS CONSTITUTION DAY

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the American Revolution created an independent nation, the United States, and secured the first system of self-government as a model for the world; and

WHEREAS, this system of self-government produced the tenets of equal justice, limited government and Rule of Law that exists in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, the 39 delegates who signed the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention forever changed the course of human history and established the essential guide of compromise; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States protects the unalienable rights of every citizen of the United States, secures "the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity", and sets the standard of governance for the world; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2015 marks the 228th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution which is the supreme law of the land and the document by which We the People of this land self-govern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby commemorates the 228th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2015 and recognizes the sacrifices made by the people who made that signing possible.

Roll call vote: Sebolt, yes; Byl, yes; Gustafson, yes; Kolbe, yes; Brown, yes; Walker, yes; and, Powers, yes.
Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the Clerk of Oceana County, does hereby certify that on the 10th day of September 2015, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners did adopt the above Resolution at its Regular Meeting.

Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk
Oceana County
Board of Commissioners

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mark A. Hackel
County Executive

Macomb County Animal Control

21417 Dunham Road

Clinton Township, Michigan 48036

Phone: 586-469-5115 Fax: 586-783-0906

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Board of Commissioners
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Re: Macomb County Employee 2015 Casual Day Program

Dear Board of Commissioners:

Thank you so very much for the enclosed check. Your constant support of our facility has been of tremendous help to us. The received funds will go directly to the care and welfare of our animals. Due to your assistance we've been able to introduce a number of updates to our shelter, among them being:

- Implementing microchips to better serve the public and return animals to their owners.
- Provide numerous updates to our building to allow for better animal welfare.
- Provide better and more constant medical attention/treatment to our animals.

Your support and continued donations are among the list of reasons we've been able to get our Shelter to a 90% save rate!

We can hardly begin to thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Chief Jeff Randazzo
Macomb County Animal Control

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



August 10, 2015

David Flynn, Board of Commission
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor
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Dear Mr. Flynn,

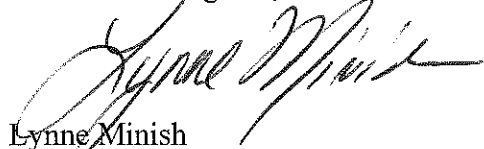
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City pursues restrictions on pet sales

By Kevin Bunch

August 21, 2015

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EASTPOINTE — The City Council unanimously approved the first step in adding an ordinance that would, with some exceptions, restrict or ban sales of dogs, cats, rabbits, large reptiles and long-lived birds during its regular meeting Aug. 18.

The ordinance would need to be approved at its second reading to be adopted; that currently is planned for the council's next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at City Hall.

City Manager Steve Duchane said that this ordinance addresses the retail sale of those animals at stores, flea markets and roadside stands, while providing exceptions for adoption agencies, nonprofit organizations and breeders selling directly to the public. Those organizations — and breeders who certify that they raised the animals — would be allowed to continue adopting out animals at pet stores.

"This is addressing the retail sale of cats and dogs that end up as quick impulse buys that end up in our shelters," Duchane said. "Macomb County had collectively 20,000 strays up for adoption in the past year."

Duchane said both legally operating pet shops in the city, Stingray Bay and Petco, already are in compliance with the proposed ordinance. This particular ordinance would go after people bringing in animals from unknown origins and reselling them to stores or individuals.

While this is not an issue the city is grappling with at the moment, he said he wanted to see an ordinance on the books before there are any local problems.

"That kind of thing has proven to be problematic in communities across the country," Duchane said. "My experience in the past with people working out of a truck selling to



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stores that then resell sick or unhealthy animals — that doesn't need to be done."

Council members had concerns about a few of the proposed ordinance's provisions, however. Councilman Ron LaForest said the ordinance banning the sale of birds that live longer than 25 years seemed excessive.

"I have friends who have these birds," LaForest said. "I don't know; I don't feel like they should be included."

He also wondered what impact this would have on a discussion taking place at the city's Planning Commission now that would allow residents to own two to four chickens for their eggs. The city currently does not allow residents to own any farm animals.

Duchane said that he did not think this ordinance would impact the planning discussions. City Attorney Richard Albright said that depending on what happens with those talks, the council could amend the ordinance at a later date.

Albright added that as far as the long-lived birds are concerned, the ordinance does provide an exemption for animals that were provably bred and raised on the premises.

Councilman Michael Klinefelt said he felt the ordinance was too all-encompassing, since it would seemingly block reputable breeders from selling their animals through a small store or something similar.

"My concern is about small breeders that only put out so many animals a year. If they can't sell them quick enough, they will sell to private stores throughout the state," Klinefelt said. "My family has a purebred sheepdog, and we take him to the (dog) park on 10 Mile. We recently ran into one of his brothers who was part of same litter; well, we got him direct from the breeder, but this person got (his dog) from a store in Macomb Mall."

Councilman Cardi DeMonaco said he just did not want to see "20 dogs" show up at a pet store for sale with no information on where they came from. He suggested that the council review the proposed ordinance and come up with amendments and tweaks to discuss at the Sept. 1 meeting.

Resident Karen Manoogian decried the ordinance during public comment, opposing any sale of animals in the city.

"I can't begin to stress the importance of not allowing any animals to be sold in Eastpointe," Manoogian said. "You have people in the city who can't even take care of cats or dogs. Animals require so much care and so little is being done."

She added that purchasing animals from a store or a breeder indirectly kills those in shelters that are waiting to be adopted.

Existing pet stores would be allowed to sell the soon-to-be-restricted animals until Jan. 1, 2016, under the proposed ordinance.

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The challenge of poverty in Detroit's suburbs

Posted By Michael Jackman on Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 3:43 pm



Oakland County, once regarded as an unassailable suburban stronghold, has significant and growing numbers of people living in poverty.

If you live in Detroit's suburbs and always thought poverty was an urban problem, think again. That's the takeaway from some pretty heavy hitters in the sociological field.

Call it a lag in the way we think about poverty, and where it's concentrated. Any ideas we may have about the suburbs as impregnable sanctuaries of affluence haven't caught up with the present, where quality of life is eroding in ways not imagined a decade ago.

The idea of suburban poverty began to gain currency in the immediate wake of the mortgage meltdown that crashed the U.S. economy. It was in 2008 that Christopher Leinberger's article "**The Next Slum?**" appeared in the Atlantic magazine, positing that, over the next few decades, the suburbs and exurbs may become "slums characterized by poverty, crime, and decay."

Over the last decade, statistics have borne out Leinberger's idea. The Brookings Institution has even created a special report, **Confronting Suburban Poverty**, which points out that the suburbs of U.S. cities are "home to the largest and fastest growing poor population in the country and more than half of the metropolitan poor." The report adds that, since most of the country's anti-poverty efforts are focused on our cities, suburban poor are caught in a special bind.

That's something **Lighthouse of Oakland County** deals with every day. In a special report, the group points out that 58 percent of those living below the poverty line now reside in suburban communities in the tri-county area. Between 2005 and 2012, the number of individuals in poverty in Oakland County increased 77 percent. Of the estimated 120,000 people living in poverty in Oakland County, more than 58 percent are white and almost 60 percent are working-age adults.

The organization presents some compelling statistics pointing out that Oakland County, once regarded as an unassailable suburban stronghold, has significant and growing numbers of people living in poverty. It's just that many of them don't look anything like the stereotypes of poor people. Unlike the poor of the city, suburban poor have less recourse to public transportation and are assisted by fewer social service agencies and nonprofits. What's more, they have less

awareness of how to avail themselves of help: Lighthouse of Oakland County says about a third of the families that ask for help say they've never needed the help before.

And the official federal poverty line is useful for finding only the very poorest, those earning less than \$19,530 for a family of three. Poverty has always been about a tight squeeze between low and stagnant incomes and the rising costs of living, but in the "affluent" suburbs it can pinch a household budget very tight. Lighthouse estimates that a family of three would need an annual income of \$46,944 to meet basic needs.

In other words, a family that makes the financial sacrifices to rent in the suburbs, to enjoy better police response times and higher-performing schools, may pay almost half their pretax income on rent and utilities. A group called **Make Room** has declared that, in Michigan's ten largest cities, more than one in three households (37 percent in all) pay at least half of their household income (before taxes) toward rent and utilities. Housing experts call percentages like that a "severe" burden. To put a human face on the issue, Make Room recently produced a **video showing the struggles faced by a Farmington Hills resident** named Devona Rollins who found herself in just that situation.

It's hard to wrap one's head around all these changes. In another surprising turn of events, the Michigan city that saw the starkest rise in poverty **was none other than Grand Rapids**. The trend cuts across all American cities, and no metropolitan region is immune to it. It calls for a fundamental change in the way we think of helping low-income families, not as well-to-do affluent suburbanites helping those poor people on the other side of a political boundary, but as a united region taking a regional approach to ensuring people don't get mired in poverty right in our own backyard.

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County commissioners approve budget, consulting contract

By Thomas Franz
September 14, 2015

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MOUNT CLEMENS — The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met on Sept. 10 to approve or reject a series of final changes before approving the county budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

Among the most discussed amendments was the withdrawal of a proposed amendment offered a day earlier that would have slashed \$72,000 from the contract services budget for the Macomb County Executive's Office.

That figure represents the contract cost of Melissa Roy, a former assistant county executive who left her position to work in the nonprofit sector this spring. Roy was retained by the Executive's Office as a consultant, and that consulting contract was completed just before she left the county office in early April.

The execution of that contract was questionable to some commissioners, who initially voted by a 7-6 margin on Sept. 9 to cut the \$72,000 from the executive's budget.

The Sept. 10 Finance Committee meeting brought a different tune from the board, which reversed course and chose to keep the funds in the executive's budget.

Commissioner Kathy Vosburg voted against reconsidering the amendment from the previous day, and said that the board was "acting like an abused spouse."

Vosburg added that several commissioners met with Deputy Executive Mark Deldin prior to the Sept. 10 meeting. The result of those meetings, she said, was that if the board didn't withdraw the amendment, the Executive's Office had threatened to return their business practices to those of four years ago, when the board didn't have access to talk to department heads or employees to get information needed for decision making, and queries would have to go through the Executive's Office.

"It reminds me of a terrorist," Vosburg said during the meeting.

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Vosburg later clarified the remark to reporters after the meeting.

"I probably should've said bullying instead of terrorist, but I said terrorist," she said.

Deldin, who was present at the meeting, said he did not communicate with Vosburg prior to the meeting, and added that the Executive's Office did not ask for the money back after the Sept. 9 meeting.

"We did not. They (the board) were the ones that informed me earlier this morning that they were going to reconsider putting the money back in there," Deldin said.

Board Chair Dave Flynn said he personally did not feel pressured by the Executive's Office to switch positions on the amendment, but did so to preserve the board's relationship with the Executive's Office.

"I've been here too long and kind of grew up in politics to know what to fight, and when to fight it in different arenas. Although I feel that this item causes me personal concern as a commissioner — I believe that the institution outweighs my personal feelings on this, and I'd like to reconsider," Flynn said.

Vosburg and Commissioner Robert Mijac, who questioned the ethics of Roy and the county entering into the consulting contract prior to her leaving office, were the lone commissioners to vote against reconsidering the amendment.

"The overwhelming issue here is she signed while she was still a county employee. I think that outweighs everything," Mijac said.

The board voted to reconsider the previous day's amendment, then also approved putting the \$72,000 back in the budget.

"I hope this extends that olive branch," Flynn said. "I don't feel that it was wrong to vote yes yesterday. However, I do feel that the reconsideration is the right motion at this time."

Other late changes to the budget included the reduction of the budget for a compensation study from \$250,000 to \$50,000, and the board approved raises in the County Prosecutor's Office that will be paid with forfeiture funds.

Following the Finance Committee meeting to make final changes, the full board voted 9-4 to approve the final \$685 million budget.

Throughout the two-month review of the budget by the board, which included 40 hours of public discussion in 21 meetings, \$138,000 was put back into the general fund over what was originally recommended. That included \$508,000 in cuts from the recommended budget, but added \$369,337 to support specific services and programs.

Highlights of those services include funds in contract services to fund the Survivors of Suicide program and the Macomb County Crisis Response Unit. The board also funded a part-time position for the Meals on Wheels program and added support for Turning Point, which educates students on domestic and sexual abuse.

Of the \$685 million in the total budget, \$226 million is part of the county's general fund. Key expenditures in this year's general fund will include the purchase of body cameras for sheriff's deputies, and \$1 million is expected to be spent on IT maintenance.

Although there is no tax increase for county residents, the budget projects a 2 percent increase in revenue from property taxes.

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Macomb OKs budget, restores \$72,000 for ex-official

By Christina Hall, Detroit Free Press 5:10 p.m. EDT September 10, 2015



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It's a sliver of Macomb County's \$685-million budget next year, but \$72,000 to pay a contract for a former assistant county executive sparked two days of feisty debate and what one commissioner called "bullying in the back room" to keep the money in the budget.

On Wednesday, the board narrowly voted to cut \$72,000 from Executive Mark Hackel's contract-services budget, the same amount of a contract his office signed with former assistant executive Melissa Roy in the spring. Today, the board reinstated the funds when it reconsidered the idea before approving the final 2016 budget.

Commissioner Kathy Vosburg did not support the board reconsidering the idea, saying it was "acting like an abused spouse."

She said before today's meeting that she understood that Deputy Executive Mark Deldin spoke with some of the commissioners, indicating that if they did not reconsider, the executive's office would return to its practice of business four years ago. Those were times when the board said it didn't have access to department heads and inquiries had to go through the executive's office.

Vosburg, who did not talk with Deldin, said the move is "totally inappropriate" and reminded her of "a terrorist."

"In my opinion," she said, "bullying in the back room is not appropriate."

Deldin said he spoke with some commissioners before today's meeting, but "I did not ask the commission to restore the dollars on behalf of the executive."

He called the threats "absurd" and said he and the commissioners were "talking about the process."

Commissioner Steve Marino said there were threats of communication between the two offices reverting back to the old ways. He said he understands Deldin and Hackel were upset, but "it's our job to legislate for the taxpayers, the power of the purse."

Marino, who on Wednesday proposed cutting the \$72,000, pulled his amendment today, saying the conversation with the executive's office "made it very clear the executive would still be honoring the contract," even if the money was cut.

After Wednesday's vote to trim the funds, Deldin told the Free Press that he expected Hackel would honor the agreement if the funds were slashed, and that the board's action was "purely political for their disdain of the county executive, and every budget cycle in the last five years, they're continuously challenging the executive's charter-given authority."

Commissioner Robert Mijac was concerned Roy was a county employee when she and Assistant Executive Al Lorenzo signed the contract at the end of March. Roy left her \$110,000-a-year county job in April to lead the nonprofit Advancing Macomb.

In 2012, Hackel asked business and community leaders to create an entity that could drive development for the county. The leaders launched Advancing Macomb a year later.

Commission Chairman David Flynn, who on Wednesday voted to cut the \$72,000, said he spoke with Deldin today. He agreed to reinstate the funds.

"Do I have concerns over a specific contract? Yes. However, I've learned that you need to pick your fights and debate them in different arenas. The commission in the future may continue to look at policy changes as well as asking an independent body to opine on this issue," he said.

Marino said the board will be pursuing alternative actions, including a formal complaint with the county ethics board. Hackel nominates ethics board members and commissioners approve the nominations.

The board left in the budget an amendment Marino suggested that no funds without prior board approval be used to pay any amounts pursuant to a contract with someone who is or was a county employee within one year of the contract.

The county budget, of which about \$226 million is for the general fund, includes pay raises for employees, the first in nearly a decade, and 85 body cameras for the sheriff's office.

There will be no layoffs, and the board added a few positions, including one in information technologies and two investigators for the paternity unit in the prosecutor's office, of which two-thirds of the cost is covered by the state. The board also allowed the prosecutor's office to spend some money out of forfeiture funds for salary bumps.

The commission also designated funds for the Survivors of Suicide and jail-diversion programs, computer equipment to help veterans complete resumes and apply for jobs at the Macomb/St. Clair County Michigan Works! Office, a part-time employee to support Meals on Wheels and staffing to educate the county's students about preventing domestic and sexual abuse.

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UPDATED: Hackel says Macomb County commissioner should apologize for 'abused spouse' remark

Funding for contract with ex-assistant executive restored

By Norb Franz, *The Macomb Daily*

Thursday, September 10, 2015



Macomb County commissioners approved funding Thursday for a consultant who formerly worked as a high-ranking administrator, an abrupt reversal that one commissioner blamed on bullying by the County Executive's Office.

A day after it appeared commissioners would not allocate \$72,000 that Executive Mark Hackel had requested as part of his proposed budget in a contract for former Assistant Executive Melissa Roy, divided commissioners voted to include that amount in the county's next budget.

Commissioner Kathy Vosburg, who opposed the allocation, said her colleagues caved in to 11th-hour pressure and threats.

"In my opinion, we are acting like an abused spouse," said Vosburg, a Republican and former board chairwoman whose district includes New Baltimore, New Haven and Chesterfield and Lenox townships.

She said select board members were told the board would face consequences if they didn't vote in favor of funding to hire Roy, who left a \$110,000 salary in the executive's office in the spring in favor of a consulting position with a firm that bears her last name.

"It reminds me of a terrorist" tactic, Vosburg said during a meeting of the board's Finance Committee in which commissioners reconsidered a handful of budget amendments shortly before adopting a \$685 million spending plan for county government operations.

Questioned by reporters, Vosburg said she learned Deputy Executive Mark Deldin met in a conference room with select commissioners, lobbying them for the Roy consultant contract funding. Vosburg said Deldin warned that the County Executive Office would not allow commissioners to talk to department heads without first obtaining permission from Hackel or his staff, if they didn't include the \$72,000.

"In my opinion, bullying in the back room is not appropriate," she said.

Deldin, who watched the board debate, strongly denied he used strong-arm political tactics.

"I always talked to the commissioners. I've been up here for 2 ½ years, and I've always been engaged in the legislative process. We don't always agree, but who does?" the deputy county executive said. "Her assertion is absurd. I'm shocked."

Hackel did not attend the Board of Commissioners meeting. But late Thursday afternoon, he called on Vosburg to apologize for a portion of her public remarks.

Hackel called Vosburg's comparison of the board's decision to domestic violence "inexcusable" and "vile."

"I can take criticism," he told The Macomb Daily. "Just because of (her) anger and mean-spirited nature, I can't accept something like that being said to people who have to deal with spouse abuse.

"I think she needs to apologize to the public – especially those in particular that have had to suffer from the effects of domestic violence."

Hackel believes Roy, who worked for the county for four years, took a significant financial risk by resigning as assistant executive. Asked whether the county will always get its money's worth paying a consultant regularly on regional issues, Hackel said the contract runs monthly and he can terminate it at any time.

While the Roy contract funding was a tiny portion of total county spending, it caused the most political stir. Hackel has defended the deal, saying he wants to retain Roy's institutional knowledge on a variety of major regional issues, such as transportation and water service, that she gained during her employment with the county.

Macomb Board Chairman David Flynn said he is troubled by the Roy contract, but officials must pick their battles.

"I believe the institution outweighs my personal feelings," the Sterling Heights Democrat said.

The board chairman showed he didn't want a return of strained relations like those between the executive and legislative branches a few years ago.

"I hope this extends this olive branch," Flynn added.

Commissioner Robert Mijac joined Vosburg in opposing any reconsideration of the board's previous opposition to the Roy contract. He pointed out Roy and another assistant executive, Al Lorenzo, signed the consultant agreement approving the contract for Roy PR Management on March 24, 2015 — 10 days before she left the county's payroll.

"If I am the only vote in the minority, my conscience is clear," said Mijac, a Shelby Township Democrat.

In unrelated move, the board approved \$60,000 for raises at the Prosecutor's Office.

Prosecutor Eric Smith successfully argued his case for the additional funding to boost salaries, saying proceeds from forfeitures in drug busts and drunken driving arrests would cover the raises and without new expense to taxpayers.

"It won't cost the county a penny in the general fund. In the end of the day it's revenue neutral for everybody," he said.

Smith told commissioners the raises would be rescinded if forfeiture funds dry up or fail to cover higher salaries.

Highlights from the budget for the county fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 includes an additional engineer in

the Department of Public Works; funding for the Macomb County Crisis Center to support survivors of suicide victims; two additional investigators in the Prosecutor's Office to collect child delinquent child support payments; an educational program for children at the Turning Point shelter for victims of domestic violence; and an additional driver for the Meals on Wheels program.

The budget includes no other pay raises and no millage rate increases.

The county's fund balance, or so-called "rainy day" account, will get a \$270,000 influx. The bulk of that is from the board's decision to allocate \$50,000 -- instead of \$250,000 -- toward a compensation study of county salaries.

The analysis by an outside firm would have an estimated cost of \$500,000 and possibly take up to 18 months to complete. Because the study would carry across multiple fiscal years, Hackel's administration asked for \$250,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.

"So now we're going to have to regroup with only \$50,000 and see how we approach that kind of a study," Deldin said.

On the overall \$685 million budget, the board voted 9-4 to approve it. Commissioners Steve Marino, Joe Sabatini, James Carabelli and Vosburg were opposed.

The budget approval followed more than 40 hours of scrutiny, conducted in 20 meetings, of the spending plan submitted by Hackel in July. Commissioners cut \$508,000 from the recommended budget but added \$369,337 for specific programs and services.

Finance Committee Chairman Fred Miller said investment in senior citizen programs, mental health and other services are sound, and that county government's financial health is "very strong."

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By Nicole Tuttle, Contributing Writer

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A fundraiser to benefit indigent residents of the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility marked the facility's 65 years of service in Macomb County Thursday and celebrated the facility's ability to weather challenges.

The strolling barbecue and carnival event, with about 250 in attendance, was held at the facility, located at 43533 Elizabeth Road in Mount Clemens. Medical Care Facility Project Coordinator Emily Pelyak said the fundraising goal was \$50,000, which would assist residents of the 217 bed facility in obtaining necessities.

"There are some residents who have nothing, you know, glasses, shoes. Some residents come from the hospital with just a hospital gown, and they lose their glasses in transport. We are looking to do a media room for our residents, wheelchairs, there are so many things," Pelyak said.

A representative of American House Foundation, which is a non-profit of American House Senior Living, presented a \$5,000 check. The Mount Clemens Rotary Club chipped in with \$6,000 to purchase a van for the facility that will allow residents to be transported to physician appointments, and a representative of McLaren Macomb presented a \$3,500 check.

Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility includes a 1,081 square foot therapy room with a full kitchen, equipment to meet therapeutic needs of residents, beauty salon and barber services, a library, café, commons areas, banking services, housekeeping, maintenance and facility laundry services. The facility offers short-term rehabilitation and long-term or hospice care.

"In recent years the medical facility has received significant upgrades, and the facility and its staff have made great strides in improving the care that has provided to the happiness of its patients," Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano said.

Pelyak said the facility is currently 98 percent filled. Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility Executive Director Jennifer Morgan said over 200 residents are taken care of at the facility on a daily basis.

"...The slogan, 'Make Macomb Your Home,' it is still their home, and they may not be able to have their own residence, but Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility is their home..." Morgan said.

The majority of residents at the facility are on Medicaid and many are indigent, according to Morgan.

Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chair David Flynn discussed some of the history of Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility.

“It was the generosity of Dr. Henry Berry who had the vision and commitment for Macomb County’s most indigent population 65 years ago that provided the foundation for this facility. He left the remainder of his estate in 1949 with instructions that it had to be used as a medical care facility, providing care for those who could not afford it. That was his goal as a physician but more so as a human being. And by remaining a county owned facility they have kept that mission. Dr. Berry was also smart enough to name it after his late wife...” Flynn said.

Flynn also discussed some of the challenges that the facility has faced, particularly since 2007.

“I got on the board in 2007 when the economy was declining by one-third of the revenues that we were receiving. The county used to subsidize Martha T. Berry to the tune of millions of dollars a year. Revenues went down, we had to reconcile that with also preserving the service that was here. Some people wanted to sell the facility, some people wanted to privatize the facility, but to many of us that was not an option. At the time there were more critics and naysayers than there were believers,” Flynn said. “However we had passionate debate and one of my colleagues who is here, Marv Sauger, who this place means so much to, would always make articulate arguments and at the end of them said, ‘Give them a chance.’”

Flynn added out of the economic difficulty came an opportunity for a joint operating agreement.

“That allowed the social services board to operate this facility under new management. I would not be telling the whole story if we did not talk about the employees who had to take tough cuts, had to make concessions to make this possible, but because everybody came together, labor and the county and the administration, since then the joint operating agreement has been able to pass a balanced budget without a county subsidy,” Flynn said.

He mentioned the high rate of occupancy at Martha T. Berry.

“You see all of those beds in there, 98 percent of them are occupied. That far exceeds any public institution or private institution that I know of, and for that 98 percent, \$240 per day per bed goes to them. A private facility gets \$185 a day. That’s a difference of \$2 million a year that flows into this facility, into this county that otherwise would not be there. And despite some of those accomplishments, in 2013 this facility took a tough struggle over who had oversight. It went to the courts and there was a lot of uncertainty. But it was ruled that the JOA was still in effect and the social services board had that oversight. The county had to go through a period of transition of not providing those services for cost but going out to independent providers. People said at the time that it could not happen, there were more naysayers and critics as well. However the facility and the residents came together under this leadership and they made it happen,” Flynn said.

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DIA names its new director

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Salvador Salort-Pons, currently head of the European Art Department at the Detroit Institute of Arts, has been named the museum's new director.

Museum board chair Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. made the announcement after a Wednesday morning board meeting. Salort-Pons, who's Spanish, has been at the museum seven years and is also DIA executive director for collection strategies and information.

He brings a rare combination of art expertise and business acumen to the job. Salort-Pons got his doctorate at the Royal Spanish College at Italy's University of Bologna, and an MBA from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

"Salvador would be fantastic for Detroit, said Henry Luttikhuisen, a Calvin College professor and president of the Midwest Art History Society, where Salort-Pons is a board member. "He's an excellent curator, has a fine track record, and is good at communicating with the public.

"He also has a very good eye," Luttikhuisen added, pointing to Salort-Pons' 2013 discovery of a previously unidentified painting at Meadow Brook Hall by Murillo, an important 17th-century Spanish Baroque painter. The work is currently on loan to the DIA.

At the museum, Salort-Pons was instrumental in organizing the 2010 "Fakes, Forgeries and Mysteries" and "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus" the following year. He also pulled together one of the museum's most popular mini-shows, the 2012 "Five Spanish Masterpieces," where key works by Velázquez, Goya, El Greco, Dalí and Picasso were spotlighted in dramatic isolation.

Prior to landing in Detroit in 2008, Salort-Pons was senior curator at the Meadows Museum at SMU, and before that an assistant professor of art history at Madrid's Universidad Complutense. He's also been a Getty Fellow and exhibition curator at Rome's Memmo Foundation.

Salort-Pons, who's fluent in English, Spanish and Italian, is the author of two books, "Velázquez en Italia" published in Madrid in 2002, and "Velázquez," which came out in 2008.

"I was quite impressed with Salvador as a young scholar," said William Jordan, founding director of the Meadows Museum, "and he seems to have been a great partner for Graham (Beal), who appears to have relied on him a lot."

Luttikhuisen calls Salort-Pons "level-headed," and notes that he has that rare gift among the highly educated — he engages ordinary audiences easily, with no hint of condescension.

Ruth Rattner, a Metro Detroit art consultant and head of the museum's European Painting Auxiliary, says he's immensely popular with museum patrons.

"People love Salvador's tours," she said. "They're always overbooked. He always has to do two."

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2015 RESOLUTION NO. _____

*Official Resolution of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan*

Resolution Urging The Macomb County Art Institute Authority To Oppose The Bonuses To DIA Senior Executives And Urging The Macomb County State Legislative Delegation To Offer A Bill To Require Any Institution That Has More Than 25% Of Their Operating Revenue Publicly Funded Through An Ad Valorem Tax To Follow The Open Meetings Act And The Freedom Of Information Act

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners Offers the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in August 2012, the residents of Macomb County approved a millage, along with Wayne and Oakland County, to support the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA); and

WHEREAS, based on each county's 2013 apportionment report, the three counties collected approximately \$22.5 million (Macomb = \$4.8 million; Wayne = \$7.9 million; Oakland = \$9.8 million) through the 2013 DIA millage [Note: DIA's 2013 Audited Financial Statements indicates a contribution of only \$11.5 million since the fiscal year for the DIA ends on June 30, 2013]; and

~~WHEREAS, based on the latest census reporting 332,818 Macomb County households, the 2013 average annual contribution of a Macomb County household was approximately \$14.50; and~~

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners ~~also~~ recognizes that the tri-county millage subsidizes approximately 70 percent of the operating revenue of the DIA; and

WHEREAS, based on such significant subsidy from taxpayers, compensation of DIA's senior executives should be evaluated with prudence and frugality and follow standards of other taxpayer funded entities; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014, compensation increases for the DIA's senior executives were offered using operating revenue, during the same time as discussions were happening regarding the intervention of a State appointed Emergency Manager to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, as a response, on November 20, 2014, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 14-257, urging the DIA and the Macomb County Art Institute Authority to implement accountability procedures to provide greater transparency for senior executive compensation; and

WHEREAS, the DIA failed again to be cognizant of the financial conditions of the communities paying the millage, and on August 17, 2015, the members of the Macomb Art Authority ~~was~~ were informed of a proposed \$30,000 performance bonus for the Director for FY 2013, a

\$65,000 bonus for the Chief Operating Officer for FY 2013 and 2014, a \$40,000 performance bonus for the Chief Financial Officer for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014, and a forgiveness of a \$155,832 home loan and \$285,000 in retirement severance for the retiring DIA Director; and

WHEREAS, the practice of back pay for prior years undermines the public trust and jeopardizes the future of other worthy millages; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, property values have declined significantly in Macomb County and local government organizations and other taxpayer funded entities have taken considerable concessions in compensation and benefits; and

WHEREAS, even Macomb County employees, funded by taxpayer dollars, have taken significant decreases to their compensation through dock days and sustained pay cuts and taken on increased work load with no increase in base salaries since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the proposed compensation increases for the DIA senior executives are not consistent with the average increases of compensation of the communities paying for the millage; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the bylaws, detailed budget, and schedule of meetings of the DIA Board of Directors are not easily accessible to the public or media even though the DIA is primarily a publicly funded entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges the Macomb County Art Institute Authority to oppose the bonuses to DIA senior executives regardless of the funding source.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Macomb County Board of Commissioners continues to urges the DIA Compensation Commission to ~~continue recognizing~~ recognize that the primary source of funding for the DIA is received from a public millage, and to consider placing a cap on the salaries of top executives of the DIA to be reviewed periodically with an emphasis on compensation increases consistent with the average increases of compensation of the communities paying for the millage and, remove the practice of compensation through bonuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges the DIA to ~~continue implementing~~ the following accountability procedures to provide greater transparency for senior executive compensation:

1. The DIA Compensation Commission should be cognizant of the financial condition of the communities paying the millage.
2. Compensation decisions for senior executives should be reviewed and approved with representatives of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority County, Oakland County Art Institute Authority, and Wayne County Art Institute Authority before being implemented regardless of the funding source.

2.3. The practice of back pay for prior years should be eliminated.

3.4. Any modifications to DIA compensation policies and procedures should be reviewed with representatives of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority County, Oakland County Art Institute Authority, and Wayne County Art Institute Authority before being implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges the Macomb County State Legislative Delegation to offer a bill to require any institution that has more than 25% of their operating revenue publicly funded through an ad valorem tax be required to follow the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution, digital copies if possible, be provided to DIA’s Board of Directors, Macomb County Art Institute Authority Board members, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Macomb County State Legislative Delegation, all Macomb County Elected Officials, Macomb County Corporation Counsel, GCSI Principal Kirk Profit, and GCSI Associate Gary Owens.

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