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REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation by **Commissioner Andrey Duzyj**
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes dated 12-17-15 and 1-12-16 (Organizational) **(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, January 19 **(no report)**
 - b) Finance, January 20 **(page 1)** **(attached)**
10. Board Chair's Report **(page 3)** **(attached)**

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11. Quarterly Report (Q4 2015) for Veterans Services Department (page 23) (attached)
12. Presentation on Proposal for Veterans Millage Renewal in 2016/
Laura Rios, Department of Veterans Services Director, and Pat Daniels,
Veterans Services Commission Chair (page 24) (attached)
13. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 - a) Supporting the Board of Commissioners' Application for a 2016
Minigrant Program Project Grant (offered by Board Chair;
recommended by Government Operations Committee on 1-12-16) (page 44) (attached)
14. **PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - a) Recognizing February 19, 2016 as Youth Dialogue Day (offered by
Marino; recommended by Infrastructure/Economic Development
Committee on 1-19-16; previously provided at committee meeting)
15. **Correspondence:**
 - a) 1-8-16 memo from John Kinch, Executive Director of Community Mental
Health, to Henry Yanez, Michigan House of Representatives, Regarding
FY 2016 Rate Setting (page 45) (attached)
16. New Business
17. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)
18. Roll Call
19. Adjournment



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January 20, 2016

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: FRED MILLER, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE
RE: RECOMMENDATION FROM MEETING OF 1-20-16

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held Wednesday, January 20, 2016, the following recommendation was made and is being forwarded to the January 20, 2016 Full Board meeting for approval:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION (SEE ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Marino, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Macomb County Department of Roads and R. S. Contracting for the Pavement Marking Program scheduled to be completed in 2016; 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.

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution Number:

Full Board Meeting Date:

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to:

Approve the contracts between the Macomb County Department of Roads and R. S. Contracting for the Pavement Marking Program scheduled to be completed in 2016.

Introduced By:

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

Additional Background Information (If Needed):

This pavement marking program is budgeted each year to replace worn areas where markings are required for the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

Infrastructure/Econ Dev

01/19/2016

Committee

Meeting Date

Finance

1-20-16

Full Board

1-20-16

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: receive and file report from Board Chair for January 2016

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

- PACE
- Transit
- MTB Budget
- Veterans
- Zoo

Office

- Part-time Special Projects Coordinator is Michael Keys, started January 19, 2016
- BOC Winter Intern is Lou Whalley, who started January 12, 2016
- 2016 BOC Intern Program document (see attached)
- BOC and Health Department Mural Project: painting surfaces prepped, projects are underway at sites
- BOC Scanning Project: Phase 1 scanning is complete; Phase 2 is complete; next steps are User Training and kiosk installation. Specs for the next project – Automated Agenda Management System have been identified by a BOC staff/IT team. Vendor demos will begin shortly.

Upcoming Items

- Elected Official Compensation Study RFP – work group is in process of interviewing 3 lowest bidders
- February Boards/Comms appts: Building Authority, Hospital Finance Authority, Zoo Authority
- Four CMH Board appointments are expiring in March

Regional

- DIA’s exhibition, “30 Americans,” closed January 18, 2016.
- RTA Master Plan in final stages
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Correspondence:

- Casual Day Program letters of thanks
- Resolutions shared by other counties

Media:

- See attached articles.

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

Legal Services Invoices

| Invoice Totals: | Month |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| \$ 50,457.15 | January – November, 2015 |

*Note: Awaiting final invoice for Dec '15 services)

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE

Full Board 01-20-16

BOC Intern Program – 2016

Internship Type 1 – Stipend Intern

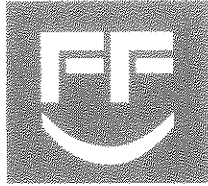
- Intern will receive a \$1800 stipend; payable in three segments
 - Winter = Time period of January 12th through April 15, 2016 (Lou Whalley, WSU)
 - Summer = Time period of Winter is: May 17th through August 19, 2016 (pending)
- This intern will work between 12-15 hours/week over approximately three days; will be provided Parking Structure pass
- Remote working hours are allowable to accommodate schedule, with permission
- An Internship Agreement stating expectations and outcome goals will be signed
- Potential Project Areas:
 - Attend committee meetings, other meetings as assigned/available
 - Project/event support
 - Budget analysis
 - Newsletter support (template design, calendar of events, content specific to districts, general content, photos, etc.)
 - Resolution pitch
 - Tours of county departments and facilities

Internship Type 2 – Unpaid Interns

- Unpaid interns will be accommodated for 3-5 week periods of time between May and August
- Unpaid interns will commit to 8-10 hours/week over two scheduled days a week
- A Volunteer Agreement must be signed
- Project Areas:
 - Outreach activities
 - Build resource database for several areas including:
 - Senior focused info
 - K-12
 - Veterans
 - Macomb County business by industry
 - Immigrant communities
 - Identification of assets
 - By community
 - By district
 - Identify helpful links to be placed on commissioner web pages
 - Policy Research
 - Tours of county departments and facilities

Internship Type 3 – International Student Interns

- These interns may be onsite for single or several days/weeks, generally from 8:30am to 4:30pm
- A letter of reference will be provided upon completion of shadowing/internship
- Project Areas:
 - Develop pamphlet about county government
 - Support for ongoing BOC office activities
 - Policy presentation
 - Historical
 - Hot topic
 - Current issue
 - Taxes
 - Tours of county departments and facilities



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David Flynn
Board Chairman
Board Of Commissioners
1 S Main St., 9th Floor
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

January 5, 2016

Dear Mr. Flynn

The Fraser First Booster Club is very grateful to have been a part of the Casual Day Program in 2015. The Casual Day Program was extremely helpful in getting our message out about McKinley Barrier-Free Park. The Funds it generated (\$1589.67) were instrumental in keeping our efforts going through 2015. What an important program! We are so privileged to have been apart of Casual Day Program in Macomb County.

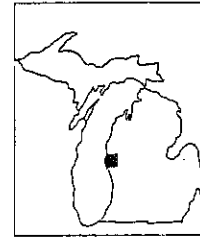
Thank you for this program, and the support it offers many organizations.

Sincerely,

Vania Apps
Fraser First Booster Club, Inc.
President
586.453.4081



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



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 4947 THROUGH 4966

Moved by Ms. Kolbe and seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, House Bills 4947 through 4966 would treat seventeen-year-olds as juveniles rather than adults;

WHEREAS, by changing state statutes to define seventeen-year-old defendants as eligible for services in the juvenile justice system, places pressure on an already under-funded court system and constitutes an unfunded mandate on counties; and

WHEREAS, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections, from 2003 to 2013, there were 19,118 seventeen year olds that went through the criminal court system; with additional offenders with lower level offenses not counted in those numbers; and

WHEREAS, Oceana County has concerns that the Family Division of the Circuit Court system does not have the financial resources or capacity to handle a new population of offenders; and

WHEREAS, without additional state funding Oceana County could not absorb the costs of programming for this population in the juvenile system and services to younger offenders would be negatively affected.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners here urges the Governor and the Michigan Legislature to reject House Bills 4947 through 4966 as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, Senator Hansen, Representative Bumstead and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

CERTIFICATION:

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

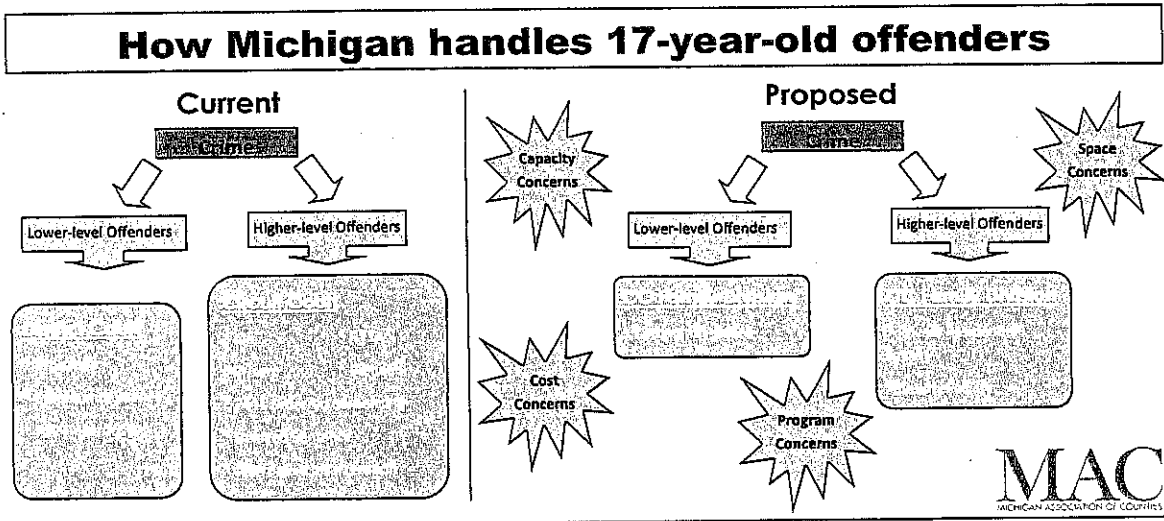

Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk
Oceana County
Board of Commissioners

Counties throughout the state have shared numerous concerns regarding this legislation.

Aside from the public safety issues raised by prosecutors and some sheriffs, major concerns center on the court systems that do not have the financial resources or capacity to handle this new population.

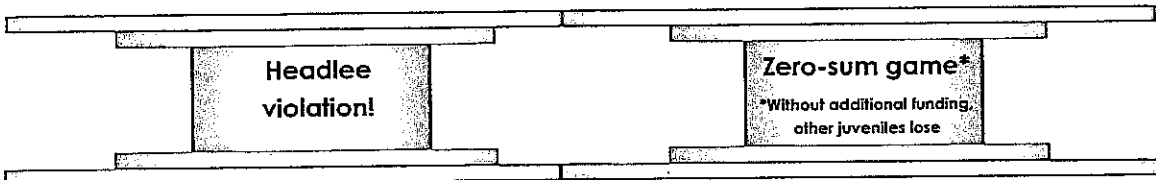
Also, without additional state funding, such a change may violate the Headlee Amendment and could not be absorbed in many areas in the state due to lack of programming and juvenile facility space. MAC will advocate for state support for any such large-scale change.

I discussed this with Judge Lambrix and he felt a resolution opposing this legislation was prudent for Oceana County.



CHANGE IN APPROACH MEANS CHANGE IN COMMITMENTS, RESOURCES

- Juvenile system requires higher standard of care
- Programs are more extensive, and more expensive
- Start-up funds for program expansion
- Lead time for scaling up programs, capacity
- Additional safety/security concerns with the commitment/placement of 17-year-olds in residential facilities





girl scouts
of southeastern
michigan

December 4, 2015

David J. Flynn
Macomb County Employees
1 S Main St Fl 9th
Mount Clemens, MI 48043-2306

Dear Mr. Flynn,


Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan has always provided girls with quality outdoor programming because the benefits of being outdoors and active are so great. We placed much emphasis on *getting girls outside* in 2015. Also, many of our girls joined 80,000 girls nationwide in voting on (and determining) new outdoor badges based on their interests. Some of the new badges include badges for Archery, Horseback Riding and Paddling.

I am grateful for your commitment to GSSEM, our nearly 24,000 active girl members, and our 8,300 adult mentors. Your caring support over the last year has helped girls to believe in their potential and reach for success. I wish to thank you for helping girls to gain the leadership skills they need to change the world. GSSEM's accomplishments over the last year include:

- Serving 13,000 girls through council-sponsored programs and nearly 24,000 girls through local series and events.
- Delivering to 488 girls the "Be a Friend First" anti-bullying series.
- Enabling 72 girls to learn about Social Entrepreneurism and Civic Activism, and connect with 80 community leaders during Camp Moxie.
- Supporting 22 Junior FIRST Lego League Teams (grades K-3) and 2 FIRST Lego League Teams (grades 4 & 5).

Enclosed is GSSEM's 2015 Community Report that provides more details on our girls' accomplishments. Thank you so much for believing in our girls. Your support is extremely important to us.

Sincerely,



Denise Dalrymple
Chief Executive Officer

**Girl Scouts of
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The Macomb Daily (<http://www.macombdaily.com>)

Downtown Mount Clemens transforms with county government changes

Reshuffling of county offices will transform downtown campus

By Jameson Cook, *The Macomb Daily*

Friday, December 25, 2015



Downtown Mount Clemens county government structures are undergoing the largest overhaul in the county's history.

The \$65 million renovation, construction and demolition project for Macomb County government facilities will intensify and become more apparent in 2016.

The most obvious addition will be the opening of the new parking structure connected to the nine-story Administration Building on Main Street on downtown's south end in the spring followed by the demolition of the old parking garage on the north end in the summer.

Those developments are only a couple of the changes that will include the reopening of the 13-story Old Administration Building, new courtrooms and relocation of several departments and offices.

Consolidation will result in a net increase of about 300 county employees working downtown, according to the project director, Chief County Deputy Executive Mark Deldin. The changes help downtown businesses and allow the county to make full use of its

three flagship buildings set in a row along Main Street: the "new" Administration Building, Old Administration Building and Macomb County Court Building.

Deldin said the project, which began early this year spurred by a 2013 fire at the old Administration Building, also will help modernize and centralize county government, cement its downtown presence and accommodate growth.

He said the two cranes currently operating next to the Old Administration Building and the parking garage construction site symbolize the progress.

"It's really exciting. We're investing in the county seat," Deldin said. "This is the first time in our lifetime that we've got two cranes in downtown Mount Clemens. Cranes are a sign of progress, either something is being taken down and replaced by something else, or you're hoisting up new equipment."

The project was approved by the county Board of Commissioners last February.

Commissioner Veronica Klinefelt, chairwoman of the Government Operations Committee, said she

supports the project although she wished the board had the ability to individually review each aspect and reduce the project cost to \$50 million or less. The board OK'd it as a single package.

"I think there are going to be a lot of good things done and desperately needed upgrades," she said. "But we didn't look at it to see what we could do without."

She added because the county will be paying off bonds for years to come, officials will have to closely monitor its financial health and watch spending.

Deldin noted the majority of the board supported the full package.

"This is a long, long overdue upgrading of space," he said.

The biggest changes will be at the Old Administration Building, which before the fire was at 50-percent usage and not fully handicapped accessible.

"The building is 83-years-old and has never had a significant update," Deldin said. "Once we decided it should not be torn down because of its historical significance, we decided to invest in upgrading it."

That building also will return to its original 1930s purpose of housing court operations, he added.

Planning the various mini-projects within the overhaul has required attention to detail, Deldin said.

"There are many moving parts," he said. "It's very intricate. It's like a puzzle. For every action there's a reaction."

A "Domino Effect" will be in play, he remarked. The first Domino will fall in April or May when work will begin on two new court rooms on the fifth floors of the courthouse, necessitated by two new judgeships on the circuit court bench. The new court rooms will displace the main jury room, which will move to the first floor, and some administrative offices and the law library, both of which will move to the Old Administration Building.

Other court administrative offices will move to the sixth floor of the courthouse, displacing the Friend of the Court, which will move to a currently unused floor of the Administration Building.

Vital records and non-court clerk offices on the courthouse's first floor will move to the first floor of the Tallmer Building, located on downtown's north end.

Human resources, now located at Tallmer, will move to the other currently unused floor in the Administration Building.

The Register of Deeds, now located at the Clemens Center on the north end, will move to Tallmer.

Probate Court and Juvenile Court, currently located adjacent off North Rose east of Dunham Road in the county complex on the outskirts of Mount Clemens, will move downtown to the Old Administration Building. The Probate Court building will be razed. The Juvenile Court structure, which is newer than the Probate Court building, will be held to accommodate future growth.

"We're still growing as a county and will have needs, so we need to hang on to some buildings that we can repurpose as we continue to grow," Deldin said.

Other workers – such as those in equalization and purchasing -- who were displaced by the fire into other

buildings will return downtown, he said.

The county board chambers on the ninth floor will be renovated to improve intimacy between board members and the audience. The current configuration was designed for 26-member board, which was reduced to 13 in the 2010 charter.

This summer's razing of the old parking structure on Market Street will make available 2.3 acres of open space that County Executive Mark Hackel wants to develop into a park-like setting.

"We're envisioning a gathering place, a mini-Campus Martius, so to speak," said Deldin, referring to downtown Detroit.

A committee that is exploring how to develop the site took suggestions in a survey that had to be turned in by Thursday.

Plant Moran CRESA, the accounting firm's real estate arm, serves as the project's program manager and Clark Construction is the general contractor.

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Snyder signs bill limiting public talk of ballot issues

Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press Lansing Bureau 5:54 p.m. EST January 6, 2016



(Photo: Carlos Osorio/Associated Press)

LANSING -- Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill Wednesday afternoon that has local officials worried that they won't be able to inform the public about upcoming ballot issues.

Snyder said in a signing letter that he interprets the bill's language differently than local officials, but also asked the Legislature to enact a new bill that will address those concerns, "And clarify that the new language does not impact the expression of personal views by a public official, the use of resources or facilities in the ordinary course of business and that it is intended only to prohibit the use of targeted, advertisement style mass communications that are reasonably interpreted as an attempt to influence the electorate using tax dollars," he wrote explaining why he signed the controversial bill.



DETROIT FREE PRESS

Snyder signs bill eliminating straight-ticket voting

(<http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2016/01/05/snyder-signs-bill-eliminating-straight-ticket-voting/78302866/>)

The legislation was the last bill to pass the Legislature in December, growing at the last minute from a non-controversial bill that had passed the Senate unanimously at 13 pages, into a totally revamped 53 pages that was passed with no public hearings and with only Republican votes.

The bill prohibits local officials from publicly discussing ballot proposals or millage issues in the 60 days leading up to an election. It has been blasted by municipal and school district officials as an official state "gag order" and a violation of free speech.

"Anytime you have to go back to the Legislature and ask for clean up it's difficult to do," said Donald Wotruba, deputy director of the Michigan Association of School Boards. "Even with the idea of clean up, this does infringe on the rights of local government to speak out and inform their residents."

But Snyder disagreed.

The "new prohibitions were not made applicable to any of the other existing exceptions in current law, in particular, those that are grounded in First Amendment political speech protections," he wrote in his signing letter.

He also said he didn't think it applied to policymakers expressing their own views, or using a public facility to host debates or town halls on ballot questions.

"These are important exceptions to retain to protect free political speech and also ensure that the electorate has the opportunity to be adequately informed about upcoming ballot proposals," he wrote.

The Michigan Freedom Fund, a pro right-to-work group funded by the west Michigan DeVos family, said Snyder put taxpayer interests over local bureaucrats.

"Thanks to Governor Snyder and state lawmakers, taxpayers can rest a little easier today knowing government bureaucrats and lobbyists won't be spending their tax dollars to bankroll political campaigns or push for local tax hikes," said Terri Reid, President of the Michigan Freedom Fund, in a statement.

It's already illegal for local and school officials to advocate for ballot proposals or millage issues, and the Secretary of State has investigated a couple dozen complaints over the last three years.

Wotruba said his organization may go to the courts to get an injunction against the law until clean-up language can be passed.

"If we have districts already in the process for a March or May election, we're already into that 60-day period. If the Legislature really wants to fix this, will the courts give us an injunction until it's resolved," he said. "In Pontiac, they have the 18-mill renewal up in March and they're under a state consent agreement. Somebody should be able to communicate on that."

Chris Hackbarth, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League, said if the bill doesn't get fixed, it will be a complete gag order¹³ on local officials.

"The way it's signed, communication is shut down. I don't know any community that would feel comfortable having a meeting broadcast on their public access channel," he said. "It's a disaster."

Also in the bill was a provision that allows candidates to shift campaign money from one election cycle to another to pay off debt from a previous election cycle. The provision effectively doubles campaign finance limits just a year after the limits already were doubled by the Legislature.

"It's terrible. Gov. Snyder has changed the landscape of campaign finance in the state," said Rich Robinson, a board member of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, which tracks election spending. "There was a time when I thought that he was doing some bargaining by signing these bills, but the Legislature isn't doing anything that he wants, he's just doing what they want."

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

New election law upsets Macomb County local leaders

CV school boss: 'I thought I lived in America?'

By Frank DeFrank, *The Macomb Daily*

Thursday, January 7, 2016



A bill signed into law by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder which will restrict the information that can be provided to voters in advance of elections was met with harsh criticism Thursday from local officials.

“It’s plain and simple: I consider Chippewa Valley Schools and myself to be ‘gagged,’” said Ron Roberts, superintendent of Chippewa Valley Schools. “... I thought I lived in America.”

On Thursday, Snyder signed into law a campaign spending bill that includes a provision Roberts and his colleagues are upset about. Under it, schools and other government entities may not use public resources to disseminate information about ballot issues with 60 days of the scheduled vote.

The law will limit school officials, for example, of providing voters information about bond issues or other tax questions. Previously, Michigan election law permitted the distribution of such information provided schools took no position on the issue.

The measure was one of several “add-ons” attached by Republicans to a bill during final hours the Legislature was in session in December. Several lawmakers complained they had inadequate time to examine the bill before the vote was called.

“We are disappointed that this important legislation was not appropriately vetted in public to allow for a thorough review and discussion,” Utica Community Schools Superintendent Christine Johns said in a statement.

“Our taxpayers make well-informed decisions based on careful research. We continue to feel it is critical that school districts and other public bodies have the opportunity to share relevant and factual information with our voting public.”

Two school districts and one city will be impacted immediately by the new law. New Haven and L’Anse Creuse and the city of Roseville all have tax renewal questions on the ballot March 8. The 60-day prohibition goes into effect Friday.

Jackie Johnston, L’Anse Creuse superintendent, said the district mailed information earlier this week in advance of the new law’s deadline.

“We thought it was better than throwing (the information) in the garbage, which is what we would have had to do,” she said.

Johnston is frustrated with the Legislature and the government because, in her view, schools have “a responsibility to educate people with factual information” in advance of an election.

The Eastpointe City Council went on record Tuesday night opposing the measure, noting there are already existing laws and Michigan Attorney Generals’ opinions that prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or against electoral issues.

And since the legislation bans only communication on local ballot issues, it “creates inconsistent treatment of residents on statewide ballot questions versus local initiatives,” the resolution states.

One of Sterling Heights’ senators, Tory Rocca, was one of only two Republicans to vote against the final version of the bill, [which passed 25-12 on Dec. 16](#).

Snyder said local governments should still be allowed to provide “basic information” to voters, including ballot language and the date of the election.

In a letter to legislators, the governor asked them to pass new legislation that will clear up confusion caused by the law.

“As I interpret this language, it is intended to prohibit communications that are plain attempts to influence voters without using words like ‘vote for’ or ‘support,’” Snyder wrote. “With this clarified prohibition, there remain many other mechanisms, including private entities, associations, and political action committees to encourage support or opposition to a ballot proposal that do not rely on public resources.”

Johnston, among others, found little solace in the governor’s statement.

“The governor said it wasn’t the intention,” she said. “But it’s the law.”

The law also:

- Bars corporations from deducting union PAC contributions from employees’ paychecks while allowing deductions for corporate PACs;
- No longer requires annual consent to automatically deduct PAC contributions; and
- Requires the secretary of state to post all campaign-finance complaints and rulings to its website within 45 days.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Patterson: LGBT proposal is right call for Michigan

10:05 p.m. EST January 9, 2016



Re: Ingrid Jacques' Jan. 2 column, "[LGBT proposal likely to flop \(/story/opinion/columnists/ingrid-jacques/2016/01/02/jacques-lgbt-proposal-likely-flop/78209034/\)](#)": The column offered a shortsighted look at a statewide ballot proposal to amend Michigan's Constitution to bar discrimination against any Michigander on the basis of gender, gender identity, sex, or sexual orientation. I believe that assessment falls short on many fronts.

The piece rightly noted that Lansing has repeatedly failed to update our state's landmark Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act from almost 40 years ago. This is exactly why Michigan has a ballot initiative system — to allow the public a direct voice in state policy when the Legislature fails to act.

Banning discrimination and ensuring fairness is — of course — the right thing do, but it's also much more than that. Michigan's leading businesses recognize that equal protections in the workplace are critical in attracting and retaining top talent for generations to come. Equal treatment for all is critical to businesses in Michigan. That's why so many respected household names like Dow, Ford, GM and the Kellogg Co. scored perfect rankings in the latest Human Rights Campaign's 2016 Corporate Equality Index.

Oakland County is one of Michigan's economic powerhouses due to our business-friendly environment. Many of our industries and companies recognize that hiring well-qualified individuals without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status or marital status is essential to their success and growth. Now is the time to add gender, gender identity, sex and sexual orientation to that equation. Welcoming businesses and communities draw people to work and live here.

I'm a proud conservative, but I'm also a realist. Waiting for the votes on this measure in Lansing would be time wasted — time that individuals and our businesses and communities don't have. Please stand with me, and Fair Michigan, to get this measure before the voters this election cycle.

The ballot proposal to prevent discrimination and ensure equal protection and fairness deserves our support. It is the right — and smart — thing to do for our communities, our economy and our state. And in 2016, it is well past time to do so.

L. Brooks Patterson

Oakland County executive

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Study about fire service merger nears completion

By Sean Delaney, sean.delaney@advisorsource.com, [@sdelaney81](https://twitter.com/sdelaney81) on Twitter

Sunday, January 10, 2016



A study to examine the feasibility of consolidating fire service operations in Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Harrison Township and Mount Clemens is nearly complete.

"I'm guessing it should be completed by mid-February," said Sterling Heights Fire Chief Chris Martin. "Once the study is done, we will sit down and see what it tells us."

Martin said that Tri-Data, the firm hired to conduct the study, presented a preliminary draft of the results in November. The firm recently submitted a second draft that is currently being reviewed by a group consisting of representatives from each community and labor group involved in the study, as well as a representative from the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management.

"The leadership group is in the process of reviewing the draft to see if it aligns with the scope of work that the firm was hired to meet and if there are any other questions or gaps that need to be addressed before the final study is complete," Martin said.

According to Martin, the results of the study could include a variety of options, ranging from not doing anything at all to enhancing the levels of service sharing between departments, as well as the potential merger of the four departments.

"The ultimate decisions will need to be made by the governing bodies of each municipality, after fully understanding the results of the study," Martin said.

The total cost of the feasibility study was approximately \$200,000, 25 percent of which was paid for via a grant available through the state of Michigan Competitive Grant Assistance Program. The remaining \$150,000 in costs was divided as follows among the participating municipalities:

- Clinton Township: \$42,112.96 (28.2 percent);
- Clinton Township Firefighters Association: \$5,264.12 (3.5 percent);
- Harrison Township: \$12,932.72 (8.6 percent);
- Harrison Township Firefighters Union: \$1,616.59 (1 percent);
- Macomb County: \$15,000 (10 percent);

- Mount Clemens: \$6,778.62 (4.5 percent);
- Mount Clemens Firefighters Union: \$847.33 (.5 percent);
- Sterling Heights: \$58,175.70 (38.9 percent);
- Sterling Heights Firefighters Union: \$7,271.96 (4.8 percent).

“We are all interested in taking part in a meaningful study in hopes of being provided excellent information,” Martin said. “If we are going to do it, we want to do it right.”

According to Martin, the scope of services to be provided by Tri-Data includes the collection of data to support the feasibility of various merger, consolidation and contracting scenarios; cost-savings analysis; and identification of impediments to these objectives.

“It is simply a study, and the language is clear that nobody is bound to do anything at the end of it,” Martin said. “This (study) will simply answer the question of how we can merge, consolidate or share services. It’s simply a study to determine the feasibility of sharing services.”

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Catholic Charities urges Macomb officials to welcome refugees

By Norb Franz, *The Macomb Daily*

Monday, January 11, 2016



Make refugees feel welcome and urge the community to do so as well.

That was the message Monday to elected officials from Macomb County, a few of whom heard firsthand the plight of two Iraqi families who fled their homeland in fear.

State Reps. Derek Miller and Sarah Roberts, County Commissioner Andrey Duzyj, Clinton Township Supervisor Robert Cannon, Sterling Heights Councilman Doug Skrzyniarz

and aides to Congressman Sander Levin were invited guests as officials of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan described the services the agency provides to people who fearfully flee other nations for safety.

Of the estimated 85,000 people expected to enter the United States this year from various nations as refugees, 6.5 percent are expected to land in Michigan. That's the third-highest share among all states, with approximately 56 percent likely to settle initially in metro Detroit.

"We assuming the numbers will continue to be high in metro Detroit," said Jeralda Hattar, director of Immigration & Refugee Services at the Catholic-based agency.

Hattar showed a photo of two boys who received day care programming from the facility. One of them, about 3 years old and appearing sad, drew a picture depicting a tank, the barber shop he and his father walked to, and seeing the bodies of two Catholic priests buried up to their necks.

She explained the governmental processes that start with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reviewing applications for refugee status, and the series of bureaucratic steps that follow.

The local officials who visited Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's office in Clinton Township on Monday met "Za," a Christian who fled Iraq. Za — who asked that he not be identified by his real name — and his family went to Syria in July 2007. They applied to the United Nations for refugee status, and for four years hoped to re-settle in the U.S. They were approved in 2011, but the process was halted because of civil war in Syria.

Living with no running water, electricity or heat and bombings around them, he and his wife and their three children were told to return to Iraq, but went to Kurdistan instead because their lives were threatened in Iraq. Za risked his safety by returning to Baghdad for one day, where he begged United Nations representatives to re-open his file.

On Sept. 18, 2015, the family arrived in the U.S. They are living in Clinton Township.

“It’s been very difficult. Almost nine years pain and suffering,” he said through an interpreter. “Of course we love life here in the United States because it’s a completely reverse situation.”

A mother of four told the local officials her 15-year-old son was kidnapped in Baghdad and the captors threatened to “cut him up and put him in a bag” if they didn’t pay a ransom. Police suggested they pay. She did, and six days after the abduction, her son was released. Within a week, the family, including four children, fled to Syria. They remained there for seven years but fled to Kurdistan to avoid the civil war. But they weren’t welcomed there, and were forced to return to Baghdad.

“We were living in fear the whole time. Every time someone left the house, we didn’t know whether we would see them again,” she said through the interpreter.

She and her children finally arrived in the U.S. on Sept. 29.

“The community has been very warming and very welcome,” she said.

In fiscal 2014, Macomb County had the highest number of refugee arrivals -- more than 1,500 -- of any county in Michigan.

The U.S. government expects refugees to be self-sufficient within three months of landing on American soil.

“I’ll be honest and tell you that is extremely difficult,” Hattar said.

She explained it can take almost one month to get a Social Security card; children can’t be enrolled into school until health screening is completed; public assistance programs take time to kick in; and employment counseling must be completed before most employers are willing to hire a refugee.

For large families, self-sufficiency could take a year.

“I just feel we’re now at a time where the rhetoric is so changed, it’s almost anti-refugee,” Hattar said.

She requests area elected officials as well-known community leaders become advocates of refugees and urge their constituents to welcome them as well, such as at public events.

“The ultimate goal for us is for people to get to know refugees ... they have hopes and dreams like we do.”

With increasingly heated debate about whether the U.S. should allow Muslim refugees from Syria into the country amid fears of terrorism and efforts to combat it, Hattar said escalating anti-refugee rhetoric and a stigma sometimes tied to people who come to the U.S. to escape persecution and war makes her job difficult.

“I actually have to justify (to some people) what I do,” said Hattar, who emigrated from Jordan to the U.S. in 1991.

Rep. Miller, a Warren Democrat, said language barriers with school-aged children has created a lot of stress for teachers in that city’s school districts. To that end, immigration services representatives hope government funding will be sufficient for tutoring and English as a Second Language programs for the continuing influx of foreign students, plus translators to assist parents.

The visit by officials to the Clinton Township offices of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan was one of three Monday to refugee resettlement agencies in metro Detroit, to show support and respect for people of all faiths. The visits follow the signing of the "Stand Strong, Respect Michigan" pledge, signed by more than 100 officials. It was created by Welcoming Michigan in partnership with Take on Hate.

[Welcoming Michigan](#) is a project of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation and Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Since 2012, it has worked with communities and local governments across the state to strive to facilitate local leadership committees and public activities where immigrants and U.S.-born residents discuss efforts that foster mutual respect and understanding.

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Selfridge's aircraft look safe in next Pentagon budget

Todd Spangler, Detroit Free Press 3:46 p.m. EST January 14, 2016

Report suggests Pentagon won't seek to retire A-10 Warthogs in next budget because of demands fighting Islamic State



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WASHINGTON — A defense publication reported this week that the Pentagon is preparing to formally delay its longstanding proposal to retire the nation's fleet of A-10 Warthog attack planes, which includes the dozen or so flying out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County.

Defense One in Washington reported Wednesday that the A-10s have become critical to the effort in fighting the so-called Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, in the Middle East, and that plans to retire the fleet will be delayed for at least some time. Defense One cited anonymous Pentagon sources saying that the change in policy will be outlined in the Defense Department's budget request for fiscal year 2017.

The report doesn't come as a surprise, however. As the Free Press reported in November, a top Air Force commander had suggested that new combat demands, like those involving the effort against ISIS, could lead the Pentagon to keep the Cold War-era A-10 support jets flying.



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Selfridge A10 jets could be safe for years to come

[\(http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/10/selfridge--10-jets-could-safe-years-come/75518994/\)](http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/10/selfridge--10-jets-could-safe-years-come/75518994/)

Selfridge's A-10 pilots last year returned from a six-month mission against ISIS, flying some 1,600 sorties during their time overseas. Congress, meanwhile, rejected the Pentagon's earlier proposal to begin retiring the fleet this fiscal year in order to invest in newer and more technologically advanced aircraft, a move Air Force officials say still needs to happen eventually.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who has been a staunch supporter of keeping the A-10s flying, said Thursday she was "very pleased" with the Defense One report and called it "welcome news for our troops and the hundreds of airmen who fly and operate the A-10 at Selfridge and just returned home."

Back in November, U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, who represents Selfridge and has been a key advocate of keeping the A-10s in place, praised the statements then that the effort against ISIS showed the need for maintaining the fleet and that the aircraft were still effective.

"The A-10 without question provides the best close air support in combat throughout the world," Miller, R-Harrison Township, said at the time. "The A-10 is an indispensable aircraft, which provides critical capabilities for our troops on the ground around the world."

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Macomb County Veterans Services

Quarterly Report (2015 Q4)

Last Updated: **January 5, 2016**
 Last Updated By: **Sharon Stahl**

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide outstanding service to all veterans and their families who reside in Macomb County by maximizing the receipt of the veteran's benefits and eliminating or reducing the frustration and confusion of the benefit receipt process.

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 Don Martindale, Member-at-Large

KEY METRICS

| | <u>2015</u> | | <u>2014</u> | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | <u>Q4</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Q4</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| 1 Personal Contacts w/ Vets | | | | |
| World War II | 162 | 823 | 267 | 1,146 |
| Korea | 159 | 716 | 174 | 748 |
| Vietnam | 666 | 3,062 | 753 | 3,419 |
| Persian | 238 | 1,065 | 287 | 1,189 |
| Iraq | 154 | 522 | 179 | 619 |
| Peacetime | 111 | 576 | 174 | 721 |
| Visitor | 27 | 1,125 | 37 | 89 |
| 2 # of Claims (New/On-Going) | 723 | 3,018 | 741 | 3,287 |
| 3 # of Fully Developed Claims | 261 | 691 | 80 | 350 |
| 4 Federal Burial Allowance | 31 | 159 | 39 | 180 |
| 5 # of County Burial Allowance (CBA) | 62 | 254 | 77 | 336 |
| 6 Total Amt of CBA | \$18,600 | \$76,200 | \$23,100 | 100,800 |
| 7 # of Marker Reimbursement (MB) | 2 | 22 | 8 | 26 |
| 8 Total Amt of MB | \$200 | \$2,200 | \$800 | 2,600 |
| 9 State Assistance (MVTf) | 34 | 119 | 37 | 147 |
| 10 County Assistance (VRF) | 37 | 172 | 57 | 221 |
| 11 Federal Claims Back Pay | \$899,815 | \$5,662,952 | \$1,267,747 | 7,353,291 |
| 12 Federal Claims Recurring | \$134,915 | \$790,581 | \$162,456 | 1,004,300 |

QUARTERLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1 Strategic Plan completed
- 2 VA office space complete

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 1 Veteran job fair October 21st
- 2 Host Region 10 VCAT Collaborative January 21st

KEY ISSUES

- 1 Millage renewal and increase

VETERAN MILLAGE MODEL & FORECAST

Macomb County Department of Veterans Affairs

Presented by Altarum Institute

25 November 2015 (revised 8 December 2015)

Current Status

- The Macomb County Department of Veterans' Services is supported by a special property tax millage of .04 mills.
 - This millage was approved in 2008 and renewed in 2012 with overwhelming support (68.0% in Nov'08 and 80.8% in Aug'12).
 - The current millage is authorized through 2018.
- The Department of Veterans' Services budget for 2016 is \$1,298,061, a decrease of \$22,355 from 2015.
 - Revenue for 2016 is budgeted at \$1,027,329. 98% of budgeted revenue comes from the dedicated property tax millage.
 - Expenditures in excess of revenue will be supported by drawing down the Veterans Affairs fund balance. For 2016, the fund balance is budgeted to decrease from \$773,057 to \$502,375.
 - The fund balance is forecasted to be \$11,404 by the end of 2018.

Exploring Sustainability

- Altarum Institute was retained to assess sustainability of Department expenditures at the current millage level.
 - Altarum created a model to forecast revenue and expenditures through 2027.
 - Current staffing levels and other resource requirements were maintained through 2027. The current millage was applied to current trends in the property tax base.
 - Sustainability was identified as revenue in balance with expenditures such that the fund balance was positive but not exorbitantly high and stable over time.
- Sustainable millages to support current and expanded services for the Department were determined.

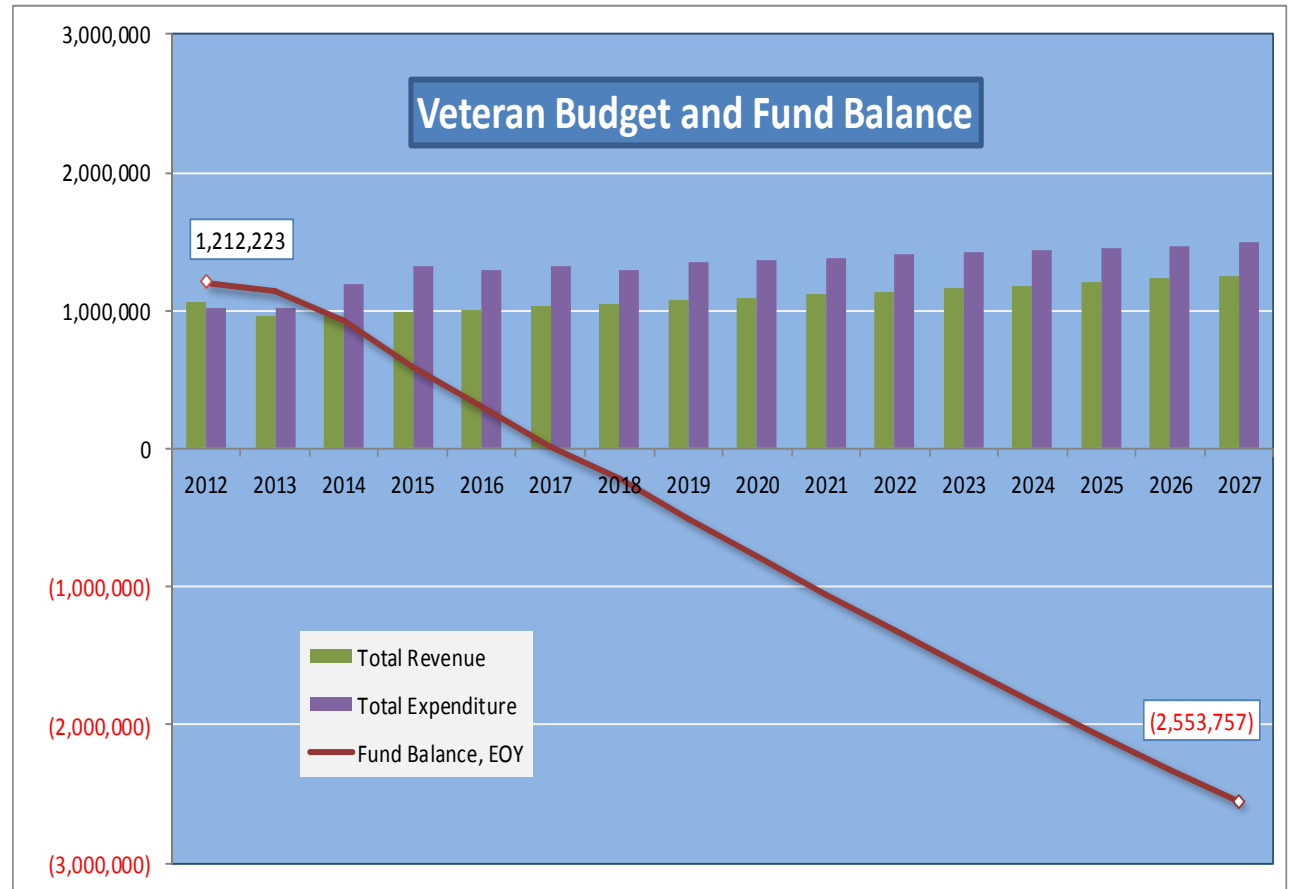
Current Scenario

Maintain .040 Millage
Maintain current services.

Revenue increases from \$1.01M in '16 to \$1.25M in '27.

Expenditures increase from \$1.30M in '16 to \$1.49M in '27.

Fund Balance **negative** by end of 2018 and **(\$2.55M)** by 2027.



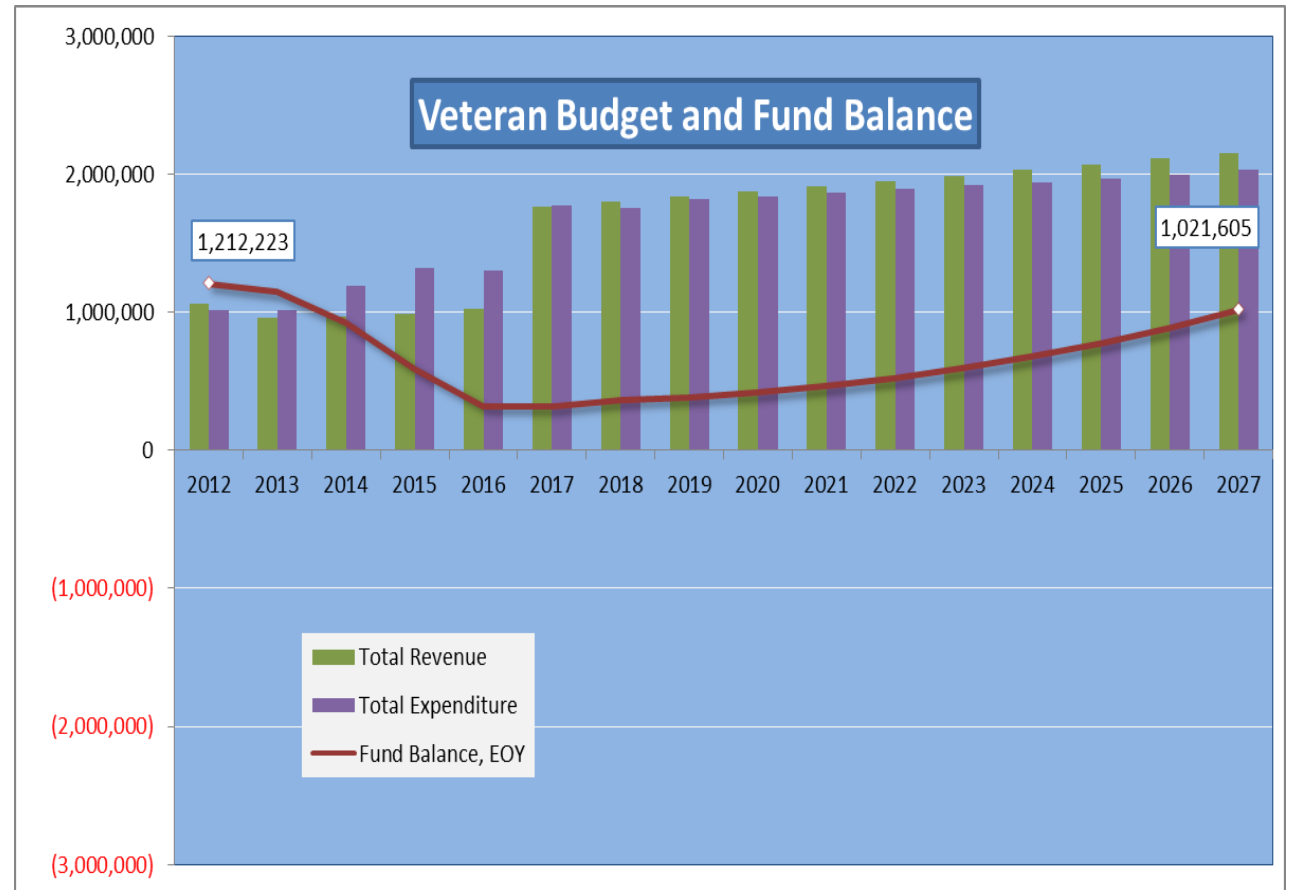
Recommended Scenario

Millage at .069
 Services expanded
 (see following slides)

Revenue increases from \$1.03M in '16 to \$2.15M in '27.

Expenditures increase from \$1.30M in '16 to \$2.03M in '27.

Average Fund Balance is 31% of Average Total Revenue for '18-'27.



Expanded Services

The new millage supports current operations plus these service enhancements:

1. Staff Pay Adjustments – increase wages approximately \$10K/FTE
2. Add a seventh counselor
3. Increase Outreach – identify a satellite facility to increase outreach for existing counselors
4. Transportation Program - add part-time staff to coordinate appointments with volunteer drivers and VA vehicles to improve access for Macomb veterans
5. Veteran Treatment Court – provide full time administrative support for program
6. Employment programs / Boot Camp – adopt program to provide 1 week/month of employment skills development and training.

Expanded Services

- **Staff Pay Adjustments**

- Department has 11 FTEs with average personnel costs of \$70K/FTE.
- Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne county Veteran Services departments have average personnel costs of \$98K/FTE.
- Increase wages approximately \$10K/FTE.
- A salary correction would improve staff retention and enhance recruiting.

- **Add a seventh counselor**

- Department expenditures are \$22.35/veteran in Macomb County.
 - Counties with comparable veteran populations spend between \$27/veteran and \$48/veteran for an average of \$32.20/veteran.
- Department counselors support an average of 11,814 veterans.
 - Counselors for comparable counties support between 5,796 AND 6,429 veterans per counselor for an average of 6,231 veterans/counselor.
 - A seventh counselor reduces the number of veterans served per counselor to 8,439.

Expanded Services (continued)

- **Increase Outreach**

- Macomb County counselors operate from a single, permanent location
- Leasing retail/office space would assist current counselors to improve outreach.
 - Oakland County, with a similar geographic scale and veteran population, maintains two offices to improve access.
 - Kent County, after passing a veteran's millage, moved to a larger space to improve access.

- **Transportation Program**

- Inadequate and unreliable access to services is frequently cited as a barrier for Veterans, their families and caregivers.
 - The Department addresses this issue by issuing gas cards and bus passes.
 - Veterans with mobility restrictions and/or special requirements not accommodated by mass transit are not supported.
- A transportation program that recruits and screens volunteer drivers and coordinates vehicles and appointments could enhance access to local service providers.
 - Volunteer drivers are available. Programs are available to provide vehicles.
 - A program coordinator is needed to manage the schedule of drivers, vehicles and Veteran passengers.

Expanded Services (continued)

- **Macomb County Veterans' Treatment Court (MCVTC)**
 - The MCVTC stated mission is *“To serve Macomb County veterans in the justice system through a specialized treatment court docket, focusing on substance abuse and mental health treatment, and by providing the tools required to lead productive and law-abiding lives.”*
 - These courts combine rigorous treatment and personal accountability, with the goal of breaking the cycle of drug use and criminal behavior.
 - VTCs prove to be a smart, cost-effective investment that helps put offenders on the road to recovery, effectively reducing recidivism.
 - Added administrative support for VTC's in the 16th Circuit and 41B District Courts will expand program capacity and improve responsiveness – enabling judges, lawyers and mentors to better serve Veterans that participate in the VTC program.

Expanded Services (concluded)

- **Employment Programs/Boot Camp**

- Macomb/St. Clair MiWorks! is offering Job Seeker training sessions for Veterans and their spouses.
 - This ***Veteran Employability Boot Camp*** is unique to Macomb/St. Clair MiWorks!. Participants develop the skills needed to successfully complete the job search process. The Boot Camp covers résumé development, networking, and interviewing.
 - In this program's first year of operation, the employment model has allowed 77.5 percent of participating veterans to gain employment. These veterans earn an average hourly wage of \$15.59.
- The program runs the first week of each month.
- The operating costs of the program and minimal supplies would be supported by an enhanced millage. This allows the program to continue at no cost to participating veterans and spouses.

Recommendation

- It is the recommendation of Macomb County Veterans Affairs Commission with the support of the Macomb County Veterans Services Department that:
 - A proposal to change the Veterans millage to .069 from .040 be placed on the ____ 2016 ballot.
 - This millage, if approved, would provide revenue to support current and expanded services as described above beginning in 2017.

MODEL DETAILS

Forecast Model

- Revenue
- Expenses
 - Salary & Wage
 - Fringe
 - Operating Expenses
 - Internal Service Costs
 - Capital Outlay
- Other elements
 - Property tax base
 - County Veteran Population

Revenue

- Property Tax Base – 2%/yr increase
- Millage @ 4/10 of a mil
- Adjustments
 - Add IFT Levy @ 2/10 of a mil
 - Subtract TIFA/DDA Levy @ 4/10 of a mil
 - Subtract 2% of above to allow for Appeals
- Other Revenue
 - Personal Services of \$18,150 **eliminated after 2016**
 - No other revenue forecasted

Salary & Wages

- Begins with 11 FTEs for 2016
 - Total Wages of \$442K
 - Total Comp of \$786K
- Adjustments
 - Wage Adjustments in '17 and '18 for Chief VSO and Counselors
 - Wages increasing 1.5%/yr
- Planning
 - User can add FTEs and can designate starting year
 - User can add one time (ie, non-recurring) salary adjustment in any year.

Fringe

- Fringe Benefits are separated into two pools, FR_% and FR_Fix
- **FR_%** are fringe benefits that are calculated as a percent of wages (23.99%) and includes:
 - FICA/Medicare (6.20% & 1.45%)
 - Pension (14.92%)
 - Other Fringes (1.39%)
- **FR_Fix** are fringe benefits that are calculated as a fixed amount for every FT employee and includes:
 - Retiree Medical
 - Employee Health, Dental & Life
 - Employee Health increases 4%/year

Operating Expenses

- **Supplies & Services**
 - Vet Commissioners (2% increase starting 2019)
 - Office Supplies (increases at half of FTE%)
 - Travel (increases at half of FTE%)
 - Printing/Advertising (2% increase starting 2019)
 - Training (increases at half of FTE%)
 - Burial/Grave Marker (matches VetPop 65+ plus 2%)
 - Relief Fund (matches VetPop Total plus 2%)
- **Conferences & Training** (increases @ half of FTE%)
- **Repairs & Maintenance** (2% increase starting 2019)
- **Planning** – can add expenses with varying start years and inflation rates

Other Expenses

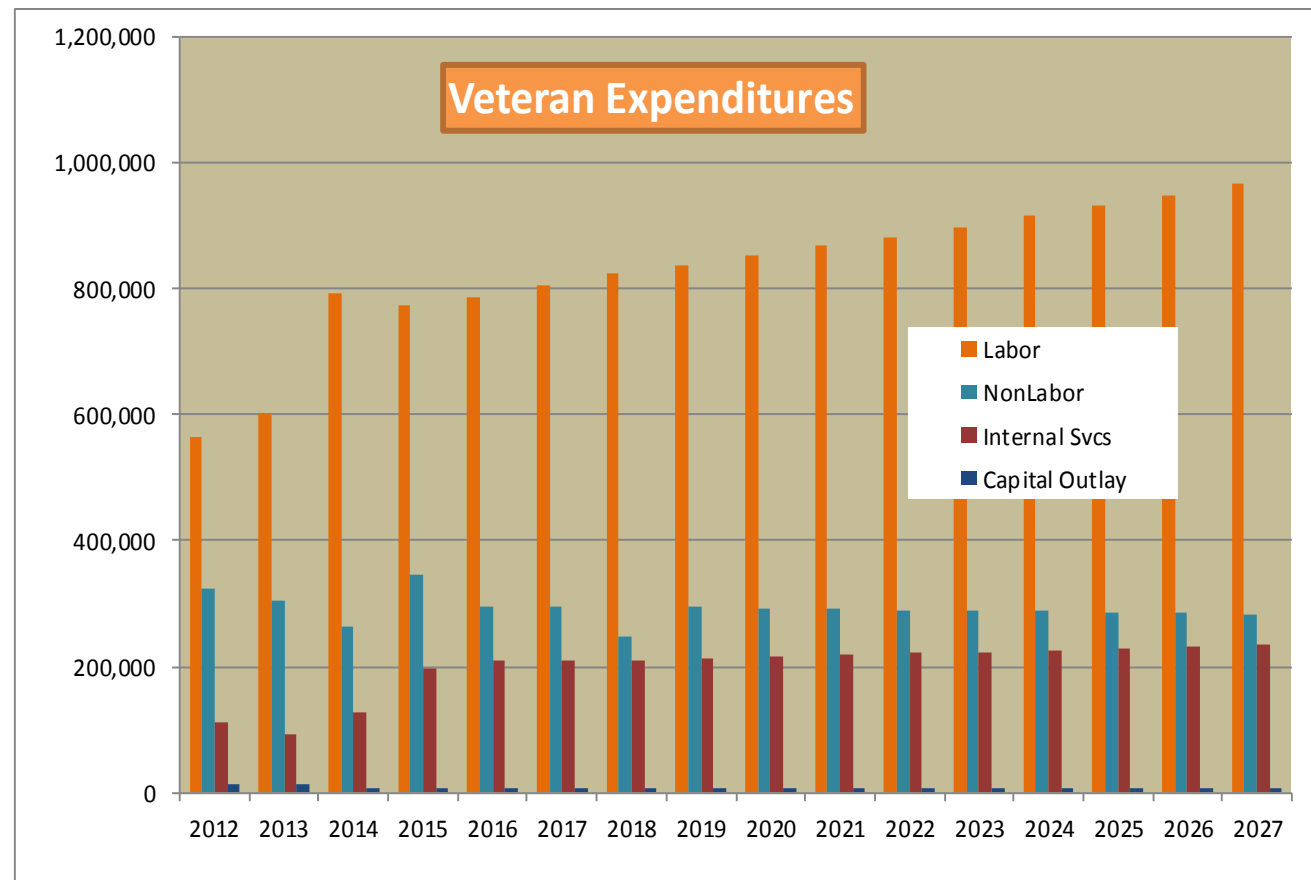
- **Internal Services**
 - Liability Insurance is 2% of Wages
 - Telephone increase @ 5%/yr
 - Indirect Cost Allocation – increases to match %change of FTEs+1%
- **Capital Outlay** - increases to match FTE%
 - Furniture & Equipment
 - Computer Equipment

Baseline Expenditures

Maintain current resource levels.

Total expenditures increase 15% from '16 to '27.

- Labor increases 23%.
- Nonlabor decreases 4%.
- Internal Services increase 12%.
- Capital Outlay is constant.



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2016 RESOLUTION NO. R16-xxx

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

**A Resolution Supporting the Macomb County Board of Commissioners' Application for a
2016 Minigrant Program Project Grant**

Chairman Dave Flynn, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, a goal of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners is to provide opportunities for residents of Macomb County to experience high quality arts and culture, especially when additional gains can be made in the areas of health and wellness and cultural learning; and

Whereas, the 2016 Minigrant Program – Arts Projects program is a partnership between the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and Regional Regranting Agencies throughout the state. Arts Projects Minigrants provide up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high quality arts and cultural projects. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs, as well as to increase public access to arts and culture; and

Whereas, MCACA Minigrants support a broad range of artistic expression from all cultures through projects which preserve, produce or present traditional or contemporary arts and culture and/or education. Applicants are limited to registered non-profit organizations located within the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, applicants can request a maximum of \$4,000; grants awarded must not exceed 50 percent of total project costs and a 1:1 cash and/or in-kind match is required. Projects must be completed between mid-February and September 30, 2016. Grant submissions must be entered by January 15, 2016; and

Whereas, yoga is considered an ancient art (and science) and has many benefits related to health and wellness for people of all ages. Yoga connects mind and body through the art of movement; and

Whereas, “Yoga At the Hill” is a Board of Commissioners-sponsored outreach event, administrated on behalf of commissioners by BOC staff in collaboration with Macomb County businesses and departments, and will be held at Freedom Hill County Park the morning of Saturday June 4, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners supports the application for 2016 Minigrant Program - Art Projects grant funding for its outreach project, “Yoga At the Hill.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution, digital copies if possible, be provided to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Regional Regranting Agencies as an attachment to the Board of Commissioners' application for a 2016 Minigrant.

Dave Flynn
Chairman, Macomb County Commission
Commissioner, District 4

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Memorandum:

To: Henry Yanez
(D - Sterling Heights)
Michigan House of Representatives

From: John Kinch
Executive Director
Macomb County Community Mental Health

Re: FY 2016 Rate Setting

Dear Representative Yanez,

Please find the following talking points as Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) concern for current and future Medicaid funding for our consumers and our community based system of care. As we have discussed, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is actively engaged in funding appropriations now referred to as "Redistribution of Funds" or similarly so named process. MCCMH will be the biggest County loser in FY 2016 and FY 2017 as the funding formula no longer accounts for past costs related to utilization of services. Hence, MCCMH stands to lose millions of dollars, particularly so at a time when the Affordable Care Act has mandated the provisions of the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule - Federal Intent.

- * The exclusion of the Utilization Factor from the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Medicaid rate setting methodology is contrary to the MDHHS "values and goals" of promoting consumer choice, control, community inclusion and independence. Over the past many years, MCCMH has been progressive towards assisting consumers with Intellectual/Developmentally Disabilities (I/DD) via offering semi-independent living arrangements as opposed to group homes placements. The Community Living Supports (CLS) required to support consumer(s) are much more costly then placing the same consumer(s) into community living facilities and group homes.



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- * The exclusion of the Utilization Factor will have a devastating effect on our system of care and will reduce our Community Living Support revenue by thirty percent (30%), and at a cost of approximately 12.5 million dollars. Consequently, many consumers who have been living in semi-independent settings for years will be moved into group homes, and into living arrangements that will not respect consumer choice.
- * MCCMH has engaged and monitored utilization management practices to support consumer(s) ability to live more full and meaningful lives. Practices whereas MCCMH helped to integrate consumers into the community, as requested by their dreams, wishes and desires. Those services allow consumer to attain and maintain the greatest possible independence.
- * Today, MCCMH provides CLS services to approximately 2260 consumers, most with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- * Approximately five years ago, it was an initiative of MDHHS to have all consumers reside in community living facilities of less than six (6) consumers. MCCMH aggressively pursued these system of care changes and as of today, MCCMH does not have any consumers in group homes larger than six persons. Many consumers were offered the choice of semi-independent living with CLS services.
- * Years ago it was MDHHS - managed care plan - for services/supports for persons with developmental disabilities that required each local Community Mental Health Services Program to make consumer-managed and directed services and supports available. Self-determination is at the core of consumer-managed services and supports. Self-determination in Michigan was central to the transition to a managed care service system for persons with developmental disabilities.
 - **FREEDOM:** The ability for individuals, with chosen family and/or friends, to plan a life with necessary supports, rather than purchase a program;
 - **AUTHORITY:** The ability for a person with a disability to control a certain sum of dollars in order to purchase these supports, with the backing of a social network or circle of friends, if needed.
 - **SUPPORT:** The arranging of resources and personnel, both formal and informal so to assist a person with a disability to live a life in the community, rich in community associations and contributions, and;
 - **RESPONSIBILITY:** The acceptance of a valued role in a person's community through employment, affiliations, spiritual development, and general caring for others, as well as accountability for spending public dollars in ways that are life-enhancing.
- * MDHHS must realize now, that without adequate funding for the sustained support of CLS services in MCCMH, then MDHHS financial rate setting strategy becomes in direct opposition the emerging Home and Community Based Services Waiver - Final Rule -

Federal Intent....

- To protect a person's right to privacy, dignity, respect and freedom from influence and control.
- To support a person's independence in making life choices.
- To assist a person's choices of services, supports and providers.
- To ensure people receiving long term services and supports through Medicaid programs are part of the community in which they reside.
- To have access to the same conveniences as people not in Medicaid programs.
- To have one's own selection among all options available.
- To chose who one wants to live with.
- To have independence in making life choices.

Macomb County Community Mental Health Board, the Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan and Community Mental Health Services Program administration, our providers and stakeholders, strongly encourage MDHHS to give serious consideration to the decisions being made relative to FY 2016 redistribution of funds, and the effects it will have on Macomb County citizens.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support our vulnerable consumers in Macomb County, those persons with Serious Mental Illness, Children with Severe Emotional Disturbance, Adults and Children with Developmental Disabilities, and those with Substance Abuse Disorders.

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