



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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District 04 – Joseph V. Romano
District 12 – Julie Matuzak

District 05 – Donald VanSyckel
District 13 – Joe Sabatini

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Government Oversight Committee

CHAIR: Chair Harold L. Haugh, Vice Chair Michelle Nard

LOCATION: County Administration Building, One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens

MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 01, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 03:00 PM in the Administration Building, 1 S. Main St., 9th Floor Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

Present:Antoinette Wallace, Joseph v. Romano, Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Michelle Nard, Julie Matuzak, Barbara Zinner, Mai Xiong, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Jeff Farrington
Absent:Phil Kraft

Others:Legislative Analyst Adriana DeMaggio, Director of Legislative Affairs Kyle McKee, BOC Technology Liaison Luke Bisciaio

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph v. Romano

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Joseph v. Romano, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated October 06, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes dated October 06, 2021.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Don VanSyckel
Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Joseph v. Romano, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

5. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chair, related only to issues on the agenda)

None

6. Appointment Interviews

- a) Jury Commission

Circuit Court Bench Recommendation with Board Concur

1 vacancy; 6 year term to expire on May 31, 2027

Leo LaLonde (unable to attend) / John Nizol, Deputy Court Administrator

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners re-appoint Leo LaLonde to fill vacancy on Macomb County Jury Commission.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Jeff Farrington
Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Joseph V. Romano, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

7. Budget Reviews

- a) Board of Commissioners (Budget Page C-17) / Crystal Richardson, Chief of Staff

Motion to receive and file the Board of Commissioners budget review as presented.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Michelle Nard
Seconded by: Jeff Farrington

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Joseph V. Romano, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

Speakers

Mai Xiong

Veronica Klinefelt

Julie Matuzak

Jeff Farrington

8. Discussion

- a) Request Quotes for Independent Counsel / Veronica Klinefelt, Commissioner

Motion to seek presentations from different attorney firms for consideration of independent counsel.

Motioned by: Veronica Klinefelt

Seconded by: Julie Matuzak

The motion was rescinded in order to draft proper wording.

Speakers

Veronica Klinefelt

Julie Matuzak

Motion to receive and file the discussion to Request Quotes for Independent Counsel.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Mai Xiong

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Joseph V. Romano, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

9. Commissioners' Comments

Speakers

Barbara Zinner

Mai Xiong
Joseph V. Romano
Veronica Klinefelt

10. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chair)

None

11. Closed Session

- a) Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigations: Case No. 2019-004015-NI - Christopher Ronald Poli v Macomb County; Case No. 21-1260-CZ - Grabowski v Macomb County; Case No. 20-2997-CH - Fowler v. Donofrio / John Schapka, Corporation Counsel, Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Motion to enter into Closed Session .

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Michelle Nard

Seconded by: Joe Sabatini

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Joseph V. Romano, Antoinette Wallace
Nay - None

Abstain - None

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Closed Session at 3:27 p.m., with it concluding at 4:04 p.m.

12. Department Recommendations

- a) Settlement: Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-004015-NI - Christopher Ronald Poli v Macomb County / John Schapka, Corporation Counsel

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur with the recommendation of Corporation Counsel in the settlement of Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-004015-NI - Christopher Ronald Poli v Macomb County.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Mai Xiong

Seconded by: Michelle Nard

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

- b) Settlement: Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 21-1260-CZ - Grabowski v Macomb County / John Schapka, Corporation Counsel

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur with the recommendation of Corporation Counsel in the settlement of Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 21-1260-CZ - Grabowski v Macomb County.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Jeff Farrington

Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

- c) Settlement: Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 20-2997-CH - Fowler v. Donofrio
Resolution 2021-7217: Approving Settlement of Lawsuit, Case No. 20-2997-CH and Vacating River Street in Harrison Township / John Schapka, Corporation Counsel

Motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners concur in the recommendation of Corporation Counsel in the settlement of Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 20-2997-CH and to adopt Resolution 2021-7217: Approving Settlement of Lawsuit, Case No. 20-2997-CH and Vacating River Street in Harrison Township.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motion by: Michelle Nard

Seconded by: Jeff Farrington

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the November 3, 2021 meeting at 04:07 PM.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Jeff Farrington

Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Veronica Klinefelt, Don Brown, Harold L. Haugh, Mai Xiong, Don VanSyckel, Barbara Zinner, Julie Matuzak, Jeff Farrington, Joe Sabatini, Michelle Nard, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None