



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 2023

DATE/TIME: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 1:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

CHAIR: Chair Joe Sabatini, Vice Chair Phil Kraft

LOCATION: Administration Building, One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 01:02 PM in the Administration Building, 1 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

Present: Don Brown, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, Michelle Nard, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Mai Xiong, Barbara Zinner
Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Thursday, October 26, 2023. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Don VanSyckel

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, James M. Perna, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Joe Sabatini, Joseph V. Romano, Michelle Nard, Sylvia Grot, Barbara Zinner, Don Brown, Phil Kraft

Nay - None

Abstain - None

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated October 25, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes dated October 25, 2023. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: James M. Perna

Seconded by: Michelle Nard

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, James M. Perna, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Joe Sabatini, Joseph V. Romano, Michelle Nard, Sylvia Grot, Barbara Zinner, Don Brown, Phil Kraft

Nay - None

Abstain - None

5. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker, related only to issues on the agenda)

None

6. Budget Reviews

a) Clerk/Register of Deeds / Anthony Forlini, Clerk/Register of Deeds

County Clerk

(Budget Page C-21)

Speakers

Mai Xiong

Harold L. Haugh

Joe Sabatini

Civil Service Commission

(Budget Page C-20)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Elections

(Budget Page C-28)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Don Brown

Mai Xiong

Phil Kraft

James M. Perna

Mai Xiong

Jury Commission

(Budget Page C-43)

Speakers

Sarah Lucido

Concealed Pistol License

(Special Revenue Fund Page D-18)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Register of Deeds

(Budget Page C-56)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Remonumentation

(Special Revenue Fund Page D-16)

Speakers

Harold L. Haugh

Phil Kraft

Technology Fund

(Special Revenue Fund Page D-17)

b) Courts

Circuit Court

(Budget Page C-19) / James Biernat, Chief Judge

Speakers

Joseph V. Romano

Don Brown

James M. Perna

Sarah Lucido

Harold L. Haugh

Joe Sabatini

District Court - New Baltimore

(Budget Page C-24) / Karen Grasel, District Court Administrator

District Court - Romeo

(Budget Page C-25) / Darra Slanec, District Court Administrator

Speakers

Don Brown

Family Counseling

(Budget Page C-35)

Juvenile Court

(Budget Page C-44) / Nicole Faulds, Juvenile Division Administrator

Speakers

Phil Kraft

Law Library

(Budget Page C-45)

Speakers

Don Brown

Probate Court

(Budget Page C-47) / John Brennan, Deputy Court Administrator

Circuit Court Programs

(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-24, 25)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Phil Kraft

Friend of the Court

(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-35, 36) / Thomas Blohm, Director, Friend of the Court

Speakers

Barbara Zinner

c) Public Defender's Office

(Special Revenue Fund Page D-41) / Thomas Tomko, Public Defender

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Phil Kraft

d) Child Care Fund

Juvenile Justice

(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-26, 27) / Rhonda Westphal, Director

Speakers

Phil Kraft

Joe Sabatini

Don Brown

Phil Kraft

Juvenile Court

(Budget page C-44; Special Revenue Fund page D-27)

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Don Brown

Department of Human Services

(Budget page C-26; Special Revenue Fund page D-27) / Valerie Nunn, District Director

e) Probation - Circuit Court

(Budget Page C-49) / Alex Goodney, Supervisor, MDOC

f) Prosecuting Attorney

(Budget page C-50, 51) / Peter Lucido, Prosecutor

Speakers

Joe Sabatini

Sarah Lucido

Harold L. Haugh

Don Brown

Joseph V. Romano

Joe Sabatini

Phil Kraft

Sarah Lucido
 Barbara Zinner
 Federal Forfeitures
 (Special Revenue Fund Page D-13)

Forfeitures
 (Special Revenue Fund Page D-14)

Grants
 (Special Revenue pages D-15, 45, 46)

District Court - Witness Fees
 (Budget Page C-27)

Motion to receive and file Budget Reviews 6a - 6f. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Phil Kraft
 Seconded by: Antoinette Wallace

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, James M. Perna, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Joe Sabatini, Mai Xiong, Joseph V. Romano, Michelle Nard, Sylvia Grot, Barbara Zinner, Don Brown, Sarah Lucido, Phil Kraft

Nay - None

Abstain - None

7. Correspondence

a) DHS Letter re: FY24 Budget for Child Care Fund (CCF)

Motion to receive and file the DHS Letter re: FY24 Budget for Child Care Fund (CCF). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Don VanSyckel
 Seconded by: Harold L. Haugh

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, James M. Perna, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Joe Sabatini, Mai Xiong, Joseph V. Romano, Michelle Nard, Sylvia Grot, Barbara Zinner, Don Brown, Sarah Lucido, Phil Kraft

Nay - None

Abstain - None

8. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

Speakers

Molly Zapitell - Macomb County Resident

9. Commissioner's Comments

Speakers

Mai Xiong
Antoinette Wallace
Michelle Nard
Don Brown
Don VanSyckel

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the October 26, 2023 meeting at 05:02 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Harold L. Haugh, James M. Perna, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Joe Sabatini, Mai Xiong, Joseph V. Romano, Michelle Nard, Sylvia Grot, Barbara Zinner, Don Brown, Sarah Lucido, Phil Kraft

Nay - None

Abstain - None