



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

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District 07 – James M. Perna
District 13 – Sarah Lucido

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 23, 2024

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Finance/Audit/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 03:00 PM in the Administration Building, 1 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Tuesday, October 22, 2024. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Antoinette Wallace

Seconded by: Joseph V. Romano

Vote Summary: (10 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Gus Ghanam, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, Michelle Nard, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace

Nay - None

Abstain - None

4. Approval of Minutes

a) dated October 21, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes dated October 21, 2024. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Don VanSyckel

Seconded by: Michelle Nard

Vote Summary: (11 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Don Brown, Gus Ghanam, Sylvia Grot, Harold L. Haugh, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, Michelle Nard, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace

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)

Civil Service Commission
(Budget Page C-20)

Elections
(Budget Page C-28)

Jury Commission
(Budget Page C-43)

Concealed Pistol License
(Special Revenue Fund Page D-5)

Register of Deeds
(Budget Page C-56)

Remonumentation
(Special Revenue Fund Page D-34)

Technology Fund
(Special Revenue Fund Page D-35)

b) Courts

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

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

Family Counseling
(Budget Page C-35)

Juvenile Court
(Budget Page C-44)

Law Library
(Budget Page C-45)

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

Circuit Court Programs
(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-3, 4)

Friend of the Court
(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-11, 12) / Brian Nicholas, Director, Friend of the Court

c) Public Defender's Office
(Special Revenue Fund Page D-33) / Thomas Tomko, Public Defender

d) Child Care Fund

Juvenile Justice
(Special Revenue Fund Pages D-1, 2) / Rhonda Westphal, Director

Juvenile Court
(Budget page C-44; Special Revenue Fund page D-2)

Department of Human Services
(Budget page C-26; Special Revenue Fund page D-2) / Tishara Price, Macomb County MDHHS
CSA Director

e) Probation - Circuit Court
(Budget Page C-49) / Alex Goodney, Supervisor, MDOC

Motion to receive and file Budget Review items 6a - 6e. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Michelle Nard

Seconded by: Sarah Lucido

Vote Summary: (12 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Don Brown, Gus Ghanam, Sylvia Grot, Phil Kraft, Sarah Lucido, Michelle Nard, James M. Perna, Joseph V. Romano, Joe Sabatini, Don VanSyckel, Antoinette Wallace, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

7. Correspondence

- a) Letter from MDHHS RE: FY2025 Budget Approval for the Child Care Fund (CCF) /

Motion to receive and file the Letter from MDHHS regarding FY2025 budget approval for the Child Care Fund (CCF). THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Don VanSyckel

Seconded by: Michelle Nard

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

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

Nay - None

Abstain - None

8. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

9. Commissioners' Comments

Speakers

Michelle Nard

Harold L. Haugh

Joseph V. Romano

Antoinette Wallace

Gus Ghanam

Barbara Zinner

Don VanSyckel

Gus Ghanam

Joe Sabatini

Don Brown

Gus Ghanam

Don VanSyckel

Harold L. Haugh

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the October 22, 2024 meeting at 05:40 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Joseph V. Romano

Seconded by: Harold L. Haugh

Vote Summary: (13 - 0 - 0)

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

Nay - None

Abstain - None