

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Health Services Committee**, held Thursday, February 9, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Gielegem-Chairman, Brdak, Brown, DeSaele, Doherty, Flynn, Lund, Mijac, Revoir and Rocca.

Absent and excused were Gibson, Haggerty and Kennard.

**Also Present:**

Commissioner Brandenburg  
Commissioner Rengert  
Commissioner Slinde  
Steve Gold, Deputy Health Officer, Health Department  
Gary White, Division Director, Environmental Health, Health Dept.  
Steve Kuntz, Manager, Planning & Quality Assurance, Health Department  
Sherry LaBelle, Associate Director, Environmental Health Services, Health Dept.  
Keith Barbieri, Information Technology Department  
Mark Richardson, APA, Prosecutor's Office  
Josephine Savalle-Dunn, Administrator, Martha T. Berry

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chairman Gielegem called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chairman Gielegem requested the addition of a status report on Martha T. Berry.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Rocca, to adopt the agenda, as amended. **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by Doherty, to approve the December 8, 2005 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

### **REPORT ON PROSECUTOR'S WATER QUALITY UNIT FOR JANUARY**

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to be kept updated on the money that is being recouped. Chairman Gielegem asked Mr. Richardson to provide that information.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the Status Report provided on the Water Quality Unit for January, 2006, as submitted by Mark Richardson. **The Motion Carried.**

### **INFORMATION FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENTAL WEBSITE**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the information from the Health Department on improvements and enhancements to the departmental Web site.

Mr. Koontz provided an overview. He indicated that it is a work in progress and they have built in many redundancies so something can be found in different areas. He said they are working on developing a survey that will be included in order to get feedback.

Ms. LaBelle spoke about the development of the various pages and the information that is included.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked about accepting payments over the internet. Mr. Barbieri stated that e-commerce is part of the Information Technology Department's strategic initiative plan that was approved by the Board in December so they will be moving towards that.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if alternatives are listed for the septic tile field. Mr. Gold stated that they prefer to list a telephone number that people can call so they can handle each case individually. Commissioner Brandenburg felt the Web site should indicate that alternatives are available. Mr. Gold said they would look at that.

Chairman Gielegem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **REPORT OF WATER QUALITY BOARD**

Committee was in receipt of a report from the Water Quality Board outlining the items that were discussed at their January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Revoir, to receive and file a report of the Macomb County Water Quality Board. **The Motion Carried.**

## **S.W.I.M. TEAM REPORT FOR DECEMBER**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the S.W.I.M. Team Report for December, 2005.

Commissioner Doherty referred to the year-to-date totals and asked if they have been able to extract any trends out of this report.

Mr. White replied yes and said the focus of the illicit discharge elimination work is to narrow down those areas where the problem is and investigate those. Commissioner Doherty requested a report on the tracking of one illicit discharge site.

Chairman Gielegem suggested that interested Commissioners go over to the Health Department for a better understanding of the SWIM Team report.

Commissioner Brandenburg requested a status report on how the biofilter is working in Fraser.

Chairman Gielegem called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

## **APPROVE PAYMENT TO CITY OF FRASER FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR WEED CONTROL AND E.COLI TESTING PROJECT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Rocca, to approve payment of \$7,243.94 to the City of Fraser from the Environmental Problems: Lake/River Fund for weed control and E. coli testing project as approved May 19, 2005, and forward to the Budget Committee. **The Motion Carried.**

## **AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY BRDAK, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Revoir, to refer this issue to next week's Budget Committee meeting.

Commissioner Doherty indicated that this item is on the discretionary list that will be addressed by the Budget Committee so she was not sure if the Board should move forward with this process.

Commissioner Brown spoke against the postponement and suggested continuing the process and making reductions later.

Chairman Gielegem called for a vote on the referral motion and **The Motion was Defeated.**

Chairman Gielegem called for a vote on the motion to approve and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT \$250,000 REAL-TIME WATER QUALITY MONITORING GRANT FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY REVOIR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A \$250,000 REAL-TIME WATER QUALITY MONITORING GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY EMERGING ISSUE MONITORING GRANT**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY EMERGING ISSUE MONITORING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADJUST VISION AND HEARING SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADJUST VISION AND HEARING SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **STATUS REPORT FROM MARTHA T. BERRY**

Committee was provided a report outlining Martha T. Berry's 2005 accomplishments and 2006 highlights and goals. Ms. Savalle-Dunn gave an overview.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the report provided by Martha T. Berry Administrator. **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brown spoke about a disposal facility that St. Clair County is working on, in conjunction with their county landfill, which presents unique alternatives to the disposal of liquid solid waste. He said he does not know the details, but would be interested in learning more about it and encouraged the Health Department to look into that.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Revoir, supported by Rocca, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**