

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AGENDA

FULL BOARD

Hall of Justice

990 Terrace, Muskegon, MI

March 23, 2010 - 3:30 PM

Kenneth Mahoney, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

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1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Approval of Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Meeting (Previously Forwarded)
 7. Communication
 - A. Alger County Resolution #2010-05: Asian Carp
 - B. St. Joseph Resolution #5-2010: Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates
 - C. VanBuren County A11/03 - 09-2010: Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates
 8. Committee Reports
 - A. Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee (Page 9)
 - B. Transportation Committee (Page 10)
 - C. Ways & Means Committee (Page 11)

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990 Terrace Street
Muskegon, MI 49442
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9. Chairman's Report/Committee Liaison Reports
 - A. MAC Legislative Updates of March 5th and 12th, 2010
 - B. Resolution in Support of Azulstar, Inc.

10. Administrator's Report
 - Approve to Create Water System Engineering Aide/Seasonal Position

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Public Participation

14. Adjournment

Note: Public Participation - Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Participation or at any time by suspension of the rules. All persons must address the Commission and state their name for the record. Comments shall be limited to two minutes for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public participation period by a vote of a majority of the commission.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2010-05

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes is the largest freshwater system in the world; and

WHEREAS, the states and Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes, and everyone that uses the Great Lakes for sport fishing, boating, and recreation face a dire threat by the Asian carp that are literally at the threshold of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, these silver and bighead carp (both species of Asian carp) presented themselves in the 1990's in fish farms on the Mississippi River and reproduce quickly, eat vast amounts of organisms at the base of the food chain, and have driven out native fish populations; and

WHEREAS, the carp have moved quickly up the Mississippi River, into the Illinois River, into the Des Plaines River and are now likely into the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Calumet-Sag Channel; and

WHEREAS, efforts to stop the migration of these fish to Lake Michigan resulted in an electric barrier that was fully operational in 2009 although it now appears as though carp may be past the barrier and as close as seven miles to Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Asian Carp are a hyper-aggressive exotic species that threaten to ruin the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports all efforts at the state and federal level to stop the migration of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes by whatever means necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Michigan should prepare a contingency plan for dealing with this threat should these carp enter Lake Michigan to include but not limited to closing fish ladders at dams on the St. Joseph River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representative Steven Lindberg, State Senator Mike Prusi, United States Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Bart Stupak.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be forwarded to all Michigan counties and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Dated: March 8, 2010

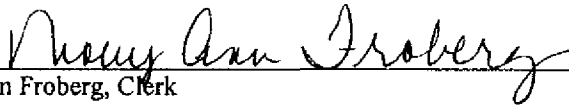


Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on March 8, 2010.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this March 12, 2010 at Munising, Michigan.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk

**RESOLUTION 5-2010
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

FUNDING OBLIGATIONS – STATE MANDATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the electorate of the State of Michigan passed an amendment in November 1978 to the State’s Constitution that required the State to fund mandates imposed on local units of government (often referred to as the “Headlee Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment (Article IX, Section 29) states:

“The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or service required of units of Local Government by state law. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the Legislature or any state agency of units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs. The provision of this section shall not apply to costs incurred pursuant to Article VI, Section 18”; and

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment became effective on December 23, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature established the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates (LCSM) through P.A. 98 of 2007, as amended by P.A. 356 of 2008 and assigned the LCSM to identify mandates (including those involving reports) and the related cost of the mandates to local units of government, along with recommendations to resolve the unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, the LCSM worked with the Citizens Research Council (issued an analysis of other state’s statutes and constitutional requirements similar to the Headlee Amendment) and local units of government associations, including:

Michigan Association of Counties.

Michigan Municipal League.

Michigan Township Association.

Michigan School Business Officials and Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Michigan Community College Association.

County Road Association of Michigan.

WHEREAS, the LCSM issued a report in June 2009 entitled “Interim Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates” that indicated, among other matters, that the State had failed to enact legislation enabling the Headlee Amendment and has not complied with the Headlee Amendment since its adoption in 1978; and

WHEREAS, the LCSM has completed its report in December 2009 entitled “Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates” that reaffirms the Interim Report results and provides recommendations, including but not limited to:

Drafted legislation and court rules that would mitigate unfunded mandates imposed on local units of government in the future.

Proposed procedures that will prevent new unfunded mandates from being imposed on local units of government.

Proposed procedures that would be corrective should unfunded mandates be imposed that include, among other requirements:

A submission of an action before the Court of Appeals to be heard by a special master in order to rule on whether the matter is a mandate and if the mandate is underfunded.

Require the Court of Appeals to rule on the above within six months of the filing.

Should the Court of Appeals not rule on the above within six months, the local unit of government would have no obligation to continue to provide the services until such time as the State complies with the Headlee Amendment.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties adopted a resolution of support for the recommendations contained in the final LCSM report in December 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners supports the findings and recommendations in the interim and final reports of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates and encourages the Governor, Legislature and Supreme Court to adopt and enact the recommendations cited in the final report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Bown, Representative Matthew Lori, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

I, PATTIE S. BENDER, Clerk of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on January 19, 2010.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Centreville, Michigan, this 20th day of January 2010.

s/ Pattie S. Bender, Clerk

VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION □ MOTION □ REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties adopted a resolution of support for the recommendations contained in the final LCSM report in December 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners supports the findings and recommendations in the interim and final reports of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates and encourages the Governor, Legislature and Supreme Court to adopt and enact the recommendations cited in the final report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the release of this resolution to be distributed to the Governor, Legislators, Supreme Court and local units of government legislative boards and executives located within Oakland County.

Signed: _____

Date: March 9, 2010

FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

MOTION BY: TOMA
 SECONDED BY: HANSON

CARRIED
 NOT CARRIED

The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee met on March 18, 2010, and it was recommended and I move:

CD/SP10/03 - 02 To authorize the County Administrator to apply for a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities program, to provide needed water distribution for the proposed fortu high technology battery plant.

CD/SP10/03 - 03 To approve the financial contributions be made and that the funds be utilized from the CVB's Community Promotions (902020) line item: Muskegon Heights "Festival in the Park" - \$3,000.00; The Association of Concert Bands 2011 National Convention Committee - \$500.00; the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant - \$3,000.00.

The Transportation Committee met on March 18, 2010; it was recommended, and I:

TR10/03-10 REMOVED FROM AGENDA BY CHAIRMAN BILL GILL.

TR10/03-11 Move to adopt the Fiscal Year 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program resolution and proposed project list as developed by the Muskegon Area Transit System for consideration by the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

TR10/03-12 Move to approve operation of a 2010 Trolley Route Program as proposed.

TR10/03-13 Move to approve the Muskegon Area Transit System's FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Program and Policy, dated December 29, 2009.

TR10/03-14 Move to approve the award of two (2) intermediate-sized plow trucks used for snow removal operations at the Airport, to the lowest bidder, Western Michigan International Trucks LLC, in the amount of \$352,212.74, contingent upon receipt of a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and a Contract from Michigan Department of Transportation - Aeronautics (AERO), with the County's 2.5% share of the acquisition to be \$8,805.32.

TR10/03-15 Move to approve the award of two (2) large-sized plow trucks used for snow removal operations at the Airport, to the lowest bidder, Oshkosh Corporation, in the amount of \$764,096.40, contingent upon receipt of a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and a Contract from Michigan Department of Transportation - Aeronautics (AERO), with the County's 2.5% share of the acquisition to be \$19,102.41.

TR10/03-16 Move to approve the Chairman to execute Reimbursable Agreement Number AJW-FN-CSA-09-0866 between the County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$120,175.00 to fund the design and installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS) control switch for runway 14/32, with the County's 2.5% share to be \$3,004.38.

TR10/03-17 Move to approve the Purchasing Department to issue an RFP on behalf of the Airport, seeking proposals from interested Travel Agencies to locate their business in the terminal building.

The Ways & Means Committee met on March 16, 2010, and it was recommended and I move:

- WM10/03 - 55 To approve payment of the accounts payable of \$4,785,980.11 covering the period of February 24, 2010 through March 9, 2010, as presented by the County Clerk.
- WM10/03 - 56 To award the three-year contracts for surveyor services for the Remonumentation Program to Moore & Bruggink for \$138,915, Westshore Consulting for \$138,915 and Driesenga & Associates, Inc., for \$138,915.
- WM10/03 - 57 To approve the acceptance of the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant for \$537,945 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant agreement.
- WM10/03 - 58 To change the salary range of the Employment and Training Manager (BP# X32201) from salary grade NX00390 to NX00362 and fill the position at step 1.
- WM10/03 - 59 To waive the hiring freeze and allow the Human Resources Department to fill the vacant Human Resources Analyst position #N39502 at step 1 and change the funding from 100% 1010-0226 to 75% 1010-0226 and 25% 6770-0203.
- WM10/03 - 60 To approve Professional Benefits Services (PBS) for the Third Party Administration of the Muskegon County retiree dental plan from 4/1/2010 - 9/30/2012 at a rate of \$1.90 per line item.
- WM10/03 - 61 To authorize Community Mental Health to purchase one additional mid-sized sedan from Signature Ford for \$14,145.00.
- WM10/03 - 62 To authorize the Prosecutor to accept the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant from the Michigan Department of State Police for the purpose of technology enhancement in the amount of \$14,400 with a local match obligation of \$1,600 to be provided by the Prosecutor's Forfeiture Fund, for a total grant amount of \$16,000.
- WM10/03 - 63 To grant the Chairperson of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk the authority to sign necessary contracts with Web Tecs, Inc., and Ottawa County.



MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
March 5th, 2010

In this week's update:

- **PILT LEGISLATION MOVES FROM SENATE FLOOR WITH BENEFICIAL CHANGES**
- **HOUSE COMMITTEE MOVES SUPPLEMENTAL BILL FOR COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT**
- **STIMPSON TESTIFIES ON SENATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE REFORM**
- **DOYLE TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING**
- **FREE CMI WEB SEMINAR**
- **MAC WAGE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SURVEY**
- **IMAGIN ANNOUNCES COMMISSIONER RANDY JOHNSON TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
- **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

PILT LEGISLATION MOVES FROM SENATE FLOOR WITH BENEFICIAL CHANGES

This week, after hearing concerns from MAC and others, it appears the Senate was more than willing to listen. House Bill 5645, sponsored by Rep. Durhal (D-Wayne County) passed the Senate floor this week and was amended to narrow the impact on counties. As the legislation passed the House, its intent was to essentially implement the legislature's decision to cut the state's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for the current fiscal year.

The Senate, which originally had a version of the bill to make this cut permanent, pulled back and actually made some modifications that are beneficial to counties. The bill now only allows for the cut to occur this year, not annually as had been in earlier versions. Additionally it prescribes a formula by which local units of government would send the bills for PILT to the county by December 1 of each year. The county, in turn would send the local's bills, in aggregate, to the Michigan Department of Treasury by December 15th, and in turn, the Department of Treasury would have to send PILT payments back to the locals by February 15th of each year. This would be very helpful to counties in getting this revenue in place before March 1 of each year, and would allow the county to accrue this revenue to the previous fiscal year for counties that have a calendar year fiscal year.

The bill now goes to the House for concurrence. MAC thanks the staff of Senator Jelenik (R-Berrien County) for being excellent to work with and looks forward to being able to receive PILT payments in a more timely fashion!

HOUSE COMMITTEE MOVES SUPPLEMENTAL BILL FOR COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT

After months of not paying their bills, the Michigan House has begun the process of getting funds flowing to counties for diverted felons under the County Jail Reimbursement Program. This funding will be retroactive to January 1 of this year and when all is said and done should amount to between \$9 and \$10 million for counties

for Fiscal Year 2010. MAC will continue to fight for the best possible deal for counties in the 2011 budget. House Bill 5406, which contains the funding now goes to the House Floor for further consideration. While this appropriation still needs to go through the Senate process as well, as it stands right now, there will be a three tiered reimbursement system. Presumptive prison felons will be reimbursed at \$60 per day, while violent straddle cell crimes will be reimbursed at \$50 per day. The lower end of the straddle cell offenders (non-person crimes) will be reimbursed at \$35 per day. Last year these were all reimbursed at \$43.50 per day. Non person "F" grid crimes will become non-reimbursable and in 2008, there were 308 of these individuals statewide.

One of the best benefits to this program, including the opportunity for higher reimbursement is the component that will reimburse for offenders on tether as well. This was not previously reimbursable.

Thanks go out to Rep. Alma Smith (D-Washtenaw County) for her efforts in keeping funding alive in this fiscal year as well as Senator Alan Cropsey (R-Clinton County) for his hard work in fighting for counties.

STIMPSON TESTIFIES ON SENATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE REFORM

Lenawee County Commissioner David Stimpson, Chair of the MAC Human Services Committee testified before the Senate Standing Committee on Reforms and Restructuring. He testified to the Senate Public Employee Healthcare Reform Package, Senate Bills 1046 and 1047. Commission Stimpson offered several suggestions that the MAC Human Services Committee offered to improve SB 1046. The bill would require that all public employers pay no more than 80% of the health plan premium it offers its employees, or up to 90% if it offers a health savings account. Under the bill, counties, cities, and townships could opt-out of the requirement by a two-thirds vote of the governing body, but the education community can not. Commissioner Stimpson told the Reforms Committee that the bill should be a simple majority vote to opt-in or opt-out because counties with five member boards would need 4 of 5 members, or 80% to meet the required two-thirds threshold as the bill is drafted. Additionally, a simple majority to opt out lessens any impact that state politics may play in the future of county benefits once the legislature starts down the road of setting local health premium payment requirements. Commissioner Stimpson reiterated the MAC Human Services Committee's support for SB 1047, which would give local units of government the option of joining the state's healthcare plans.

DOYLE TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Citing examples from the Report of the State Mandates Commission, Saginaw County Commissioner Ann Doyle testified in support of Local Public Health receiving its state share of funding for state mandated services. By law, the state is supposed to fund 50% of mandated public health expenditures. On average, it funds about 25%, with the rest coming from counties. This year, the Governor recommends that state support for local public health mandates be reduced by 8%. Commissioner Doyle asked that the state not add to the \$2.6 billion in unfunded state mandates on local units by continuing to cut public health.

FREE CMI WEB SEMINAR

CMI is inviting you to a free web based safety seminar. Participants will join the seminar using their internet connected computer to view the presentation and listen to the presentation over a telephone. This webinar is designed to help you fulfill OSHA's two hour Asbestos Awareness training requirement for any employee who may come in contact with Asbestos as part of their job activities. To register visit: <https://cc.callinfo.com/cc/schedule/display.do?udc=lqt9otrourakx>.

MAC WAGE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SURVEY

MAC has not compiled a wage and employee benefits survey since 2003. To better provide services and information to our members, we are requesting that all counties complete the brief survey and email it back to us as soon as possible. In addition to the breakdown of salaries and benefits for elected officials, we'd also like to know how many employees your county has. After the results have been compiled, we will share them with all members. To ensure that your county is included, please send your county's responses to MAC via email at intern@micounties.org. Thank you for your prompt assistance! *Please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey and return it to MAC if you have not already done so.*

IMAGIN ANNOUNCES COMMISSIONER RANDY JOHNSON TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

IMAGIN is pleased to announce that Commissioner Randy Johnson, from Hennepin County, MN will be the keynote speaker on Monday, May 3rd, during the first day of our annual conference in Lansing. Attached you will find his bio for your review. For more information on the IMAGIN conference, please reference the website at: www.imagin.org.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The MAC Grant Services Program would like to inform counties about the following currently available grant opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Grant Services Director Flo McCormack or her assistant Gabriel Zawadzki at (800) 336-2018 or email them at mccormack@micounties.org or zawadzki@micounties.org.

Michigan Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program

A total of \$250,000 in funding is available through the Michigan Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program for the development of local Climate Action Plans. These action plans should include all strategies and initiatives to fully implement climate change activities in your community. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) will provide matching grants to county governments, local health departments, municipalities, and regional planning agencies to fund local climate action planning. Local governments can also improve infrastructure, operations, and enable climate-smart practices through land use plans, zoning and building codes, solid waste and water management programs, energy reduction programs, and through policies dealing with roads and public transportation. Local governments can lead, educate, and demonstrate the savings from energy efficiency and low-carbon energy, encouraging businesses, institutions, and individuals to move forward on climate change. Preference will be given to projects that include community-based coalitions. Projects should be transferable, and act as models to be shared by other institutions across the state. Requests for funding will be accepted from **March 01, 2010, through April 30, 2010**. For further information contact Mr. Michael Young, DNRE, at (989) 894-6238, or you can download the Request for Proposal from the Internet at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/dnre-oppca-communityp2-rfp_311980_7.pdf.

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)

This grant provides assistance with acquisition of important coastal and estuarine property for conservation and public access. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2010. Visit the [Michigan Coastal Management Program website](#) for information on eligibility, match requirements and the [2011 Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#).

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

This grant can provide assistance with the acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation or the protection of significant natural resources. Special 2010 initiatives include trails/greenways, wildlife/ecological corridors and winter deeryard acquisitions, and projects located within urban areas. Applications are due by April 1, 2010 with a secondary application deadline of August 2, 2010 for acquisition

applications only. Further information on grant requirements as well as application forms can be found at the [MNRTF website](#).

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Grants from this fund can be used to develop land for public outdoor recreation. The application deadline is April 1, 2010. Further information on grantee eligibility and grant requirements as well as application forms can be found at the [\(LWCF\) website](#).

Coastal Zone Management (CMZ)

This grant provides assistance to protect, manage, and restore coastal communities and habitats, restore historic structures, revitalize urban waterfronts, and increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2010. Visit the [Michigan Coastal Management Program website](#) for information on eligibility, match and [grant application guidelines](#).

Contact: **Tom Hickson, Director of Legislative Affairs**
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Ben Bodkin, Legislative Coordinator
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MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
March 12th, 2010

In this week's update:

- **HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS REVENUE SHARING BUDGET BILL; COUNTIES CUT 3%**
- **DCH BUDGET COMES OUT OF SUBCOMMITTEE**
- **FEDERAL FMAP EXTENSION PASSES SENATE**
- **HB 5927 WOULD MANDATE CONSOLIDATION OF 911 CENTERS**
- **SENATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL HOLDING FOR NOW**
- **JOIN MAC-PAC FOR ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE MAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE!**
- **GREAT LAKES WIND COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS**
- **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE (NACo) A SUCCESS**
- **ROUND TWO DEADLINE REMINDERS**
- **HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS REVENUE SHARING BUDGET BILL; COUNTIES CUT 3%**

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS REVENUE SHARING BUDGET BILL; COUNTIES CUT 3%

This week, the House Subcommittee on General Government reported House Bill 5880, legislation which provides appropriations for Revenue Sharing and several of the state's smaller departments. As passed this committee, the bill cuts revenue sharing by 3%, including counties. This would amount to a cut of \$3,561,500 to be spread out over the 38 counties slated to receive revenue sharing for 2011. Attached is a breakdown of how this cut will impact each of those 38 counties. MAC opposed this cut in committee and will continue to oppose any cuts to revenue sharing. The bill now moves the House Appropriations Committee where it will likely have a hearing next week.

DCH BUDGET COMES OUT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Yesterday the Senate Subcommittee on the Department of Community Health budget passed its recommended budget on to full Appropriations, clearing the first step in the budget process for fiscal year 2011. The budget recommendation restored \$1 million worth of a proposed \$2.7 million cut to Local Public Health Operations, the line item that pays the state's portion of mandated local public health services. The Healthy Michigan Fund lines were "rolled up" into one line and reduced by \$5 million. The budget continues the current year 8% reduction in Medicaid reimbursement to Medicaid providers, a win for county medical care facilities, local public health, hospitals, and doctors considering the Governor had recommended cutting the line by another 11% if the "Physician's QAAP" was not adopted (it wasn't by this recommendation). The money was made up largely by \$100 million in new Medicaid funding through a "clawback" of money owed back to the state by the federal government. Community Mental Health agencies took a big hit in the budget; they sustained a 20% reduction in their

Non-Medicaid Services line item, a cut totaling more than \$53.6 million. This line is used to pay for jail mental health services, and other people who do not qualify for Medicaid. 19 and 20 year-olds were eliminated as a group from Medicaid, which would likely increase county expenditures for indigent care. Finally, adult dental was reinstated in Medicaid.

FEDERAL FMAP EXTENSION PASSES SENATE

The U.S. Senate has passed an extension of the federal FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) rate, the rate at which the federal government matches state Medicaid expenditures. Under ARRA legislation, the federal match rate for Michigan went from roughly 65% to about 74%. The Senate Jobs Bill extended this increase for another 6 months, ending June 30, 2011. The extension means about \$514 million in Medicaid funding for Michigan, which the state was counting on to complete its budget. The House has already passed a similar extension in its version of the Jobs Bill. The FMAP extension is something MAC and NACo lobbied hard on in recent months, and special thanks go to Senators Levin and Stabenow for co-sponsoring the bill and working for its passage.

HB 5927 WOULD MANDATE CONSOLIDATION OF 911 CENTERS

HB 5927, introduced by Rep. Andy Neumann (D-Alpena County), would require that 911 centers that serve fewer than 100,000 people have a plan for consolidation approved by the Public Service Commission. Both MAC and the Michigan Communications Directors Association have significant issues with the bill, chief among them is the public's safety and the cost of this unfunded mandate on counties. A meeting has been set with Rep. Neumann, MAC and MCDA for next week, and he is willing to hear our concerns and issues. MAC will keep you updated on this very important issue.

SENATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL HOLDING FOR NOW

The Senate public employee healthcare proposal has not moved out of committee yet, as members weigh options. SB 1046, sponsored by Senator Jansen (R-Kent County) would require that all public employers pay no more than 80% of the health plan premium it offers its employees, or up to 90% if it offers a health savings account. Under the bill, counties, cities, and townships could opt-out of the requirement by a two-thirds vote of the governing body, but the education community can not. MAC has suggested improvements to the bill, including a simple majority vote to opt-out, so that counties have a way to temper any attempt to dictate local premium payments based on state politics.

JOIN MAC-PAC FOR ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE MAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE!

Tuesday, March 30, 2010
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Lansing Radisson Hotel – Capitol III Room
\$35.00 per person, \$60.00 per couple

Featuring a panel of former County Commissioners turned Legislators:

Rep. Mike Lahti (D-Houghton County)
Rep. Chuck Moss (R-Oakland County)
Rep. Bill Rogers (R-Livingston County)
Rep. Woodrow Stanley (D-Genesee County)

Join your fellow commissioners to learn a little about the legislature from those who once wore your shoes, and enjoy complementary beer and wine after the panel.

Platinum Sponsors:

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GREAT LAKES WIND COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Michigan Great Lakes Wind Council has recently released a proposed legislative framework for the development of offshore wind development in the Great Lakes. The link to the framework can be found at the council's website here:

http://www.michiganglowcouncil.org/Offshore%20Wind%20Legislative%20Recommendations_03032010.pdf

Additionally, the council is also hosting public meetings in the Saginaw and Bay City Area on March 25th, Escanaba on April 14th, and Muskegon on May 4th with the goal of receiving public input on its recommendations related to the framework.

The council issued a report in September 2009 with criteria for identifying the least and most favorable areas for offshore wind energy development. For example, the most favorable areas must be at least six miles offshore and avoid shipping lanes, sensitive fish and wildlife habitats, etc. The five largest most favorable areas are located in southern Lake Michigan near Berrien County, northern Lake Michigan near Delta and Mackinac Counties, outer Saginaw Bay, and Lake Huron near Sanilac County. In addition, the council has provided input on a proposed legislative framework for the siting and regulation of offshore wind energy systems on the state's Great Lakes bottomlands. For more information on the meetings and the council's recommendations, visit www.michiganglowcouncil.org.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE (NACo) A SUCCESS

This week, NACo wrapped up their annual legislative conference and Michigan was well represented. 39 Michigan county officials (among 1700 from the United States) were in attendance and were addressed by keynote speakers like Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Time Magazine columnist Joe Klein, and a surprise visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California). Michigan commissioners also had a personal audience with Michigan U.S. Senators Stabenow and Levin who informed us about transportation funding, TANF reauthorization, FMAP extension, and the Asian Carp issue.

ROUND TWO DEADLINE REMINDERS

Applications for BTOP's Public Computer Centers (PCC) and Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) programs are due at **5 p.m. EDT on March 15, 2010**. NTIA expects a high volume of applications during this round of funding, and strongly recommends that applicants do not wait until the last minute to submit their applications.

Applicants for BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure projects will have until 5 p.m. EDT, March 26, 2010 to submit their applications to NTIA. Applicants for BIP Infrastructure projects will have until 5 p.m. EDT, March 29, 2010 to submit their applications to RUS.

Need help desk support?

The Broadband USA Help Desk is extending support hours beginning March 8, 2010 and running through the entire application period until March 29, 2010. The Help Desk will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 10:00 EDT and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 6:00 EDT. The extended hours are being implemented to support applicants' early submission of applications. Please visit www.BroadbandUSA.gov for more information or call (877) 508-8364.

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County of Muskegon



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

FOR AZULSTAR, INC.'S APPLICATION

FOR BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Muskegon County community is underserved in terms of the high capacity broadband networks; and

WHEREAS, the community has shown to be proactive in seeking broadband services; and

WHEREAS, AzulStar, Inc. is proposing the deployment and operation of a broadband wireless network encompassing the counties of Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo and Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regional network would utilize worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) technology to deliver high value fixed, plus mobile broadband; and

WHEREAS, the proposed network would be an extension of existing WiMAX networks currently operating in Grand Haven and Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the broadband network system enhances our community both residents and businesses who may wish to locate here;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners hereby lends its support to AzulStar, Inc. on their application for funding through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the US Department of Agriculture's Broadband Initiatives program; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be signed, sealed and included as part of the grant application being submitted by AzulStar, Inc.

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REQUEST FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION-COUNTY OF MUSKEGON

COMMITTEE Full Board		BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>	NON-BUDGETED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PARTIALLY BUDGETED <input type="checkbox"/>
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Public Works	COMMITTEE DATE March 23, 2010	REQUESTOR SIGNATURE		
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)				
<p>As the our regional water system continues to grow, staff is requesting authorization to create a seasonal (summer) Water System Engineering Aide position, similar to a position that has been used by the Wastewater System for 30 years. College students in science or engineering curriculums would qualify. The Regional System has over 1,000 hydrants and over 200 valves now and all require some amount of maintenance over time. One urgent need is to set up a schedule and perform flushing on hydrants in areas of low flow. Similarly, a valve index needs to be developed and the valves need to be exercised every year so that they will operate when we need them. All of the water piping needs to be put on GIS maps. Other work on meters and chlorination will keep this student very busy. This seasonal position will pay for itself several times over since the System would otherwise need to hire a City of Muskegon crew or a contractor to do this maintenance work. Our Water Policy Board approved of this staff addition in February.</p>				
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)				
<p>I move to create the position of Water System Engineering Aide/Seasonal for our Regional Water System effective May 1, 2010, at a pay rate of \$8.50 per hour (50% 5910-0546 and 50% 5910-0552) per the attached Request for New Position form.</p>				
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS (AS APPLICABLE)				
HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYSIS:		FINANCE & MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS:		
<p>Recommend Approval D. Groeneveld</p>		<p><i>Recommend approval</i> <i>BD</i></p>		
CORPORATE COUNSEL ANALYSIS:		ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:		
		<p><i>approval</i> <i>PSA</i></p>		
AGENDA DATE	AGENDA NO.		PAGE NO.	

**REQUEST FOR NEW POSITION , RECLASSIFICATION,
SALARY ADJUSTMENT, FUNDING TRANSFER, DELETION OF
EXISTING POSITION, TITLE CHANGE, OR CHANGE OF HOURS**

Fund/Organization (Names & Numbers): 5910 REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

REVISED 2/10

Request: New Position Deletion
 Reclassification Title Change
 Salary Adjustment Change of Hours
 Funding Transfer

Present Position Number/Pos. Class/Pos. Description _____
 Present Table/Grade/Hourly Range _____
 Present Funding Source _____

Requested Position Class/Pos. Description Txxxxx WATER SYSTEM ENG AIDE/SEASONAL
 Requested Table/Grade/Hourly Range \$8.50/HR
 Requested Funding Source 5910-0546 50% 5910-0552 50%

Salary and Fringe Benefit Cost Increase/(Decrease)- *2010 Cost

Account	Present Cost*	Requested Cost*	Increase/(Decrease)
Salary and Wages		5,746	5,746
Social Security		681	681
Hospitalization Ins.			0
Life Ins.			0
Retirement			0
Retirement - ICMA			0
Dental Insurance			0
Retirees' Benefits			0
L. T. Disability Ins.			0
Longevity			0
Cost of Living			0
Unemployment Ins.			0
Workers' Comp.		1,011	1,011
Total	0	7,438	7,438

Purpose of Request:
 Replace work hired from City and Contractors with summer intern hours.

Position Responsible For:
 Valve exercising, hydrant flushing, meter replacements, GPS mapping, creating a valve index,
 and other tasks as needed.

If requesting a new position or reclassification, also please complete a Position Classification Questionnaire form, and send it to the Budget office via interoffice mail.