



## 6. Acceptance of Communications

Kauffman went over the communication items in both the regular and supplemental agenda packets.

**Motion** by DeBoyer, supported by Sheehy to receive and file the communication. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Financial Reports

### A. Report ending 05-31-2010

Fulton reported that the invoice for the first quarter of work done for the EDA is completed for a total of \$14,417.32. Kauffman reported that if you extrapolate that out for the year we would exceed the \$50,000 of assistance projected for the EDA for 2010.

Kauffman gave an overview of the budget adjustments made.

**Motion** by Heidemann, supported by Lockwood to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8. Consent Agenda

### A. EN100486 – CHR CSO Control – 21<sup>st</sup> Street Area, Phase II Sewer Separation Project

*Staff Recommendation:*

- *The proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Plan Goals and Objectives*
- *The proposed project is consistent with the City of Port Huron Master Plan.*
- *The office of the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission endorses the project.*

***Additional Comments:***

*The City of Port Huron has submitted an application requesting the use of Environmental Protection Agency grant funding for the Congressionally Mandated Project, CSO Control - 21<sup>st</sup> Street Area, Phase II Sewer Separation Project. The city is requesting \$1,062,300 towards the total project cost of \$1,931,455. To comply with the city's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, in 1998 the City of Port Huron began the implementation of a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control plan that would separate the city's combined sewers and eliminate 19 combined sewer overflow regulators. The 21<sup>st</sup> Street Sewer Separation project is a portion of the CSO plan that is being implemented in three five-year phases scheduled for completion by December 31, 2016.*

*The proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Street sewer service area is located in the southwestern portion of the city and is bounded by Griswold to the south, 16<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, Court Street to the north, and 24<sup>th</sup> Street to the west. The project will result in the separation of approximately 86 acres combined tributary area. This will be accomplished by the construction of new sanitary sewers. The elements of the proposed project will result in the separation of approximately 86 acres of a currently combined area; construction of*

*new sanitary sewers throughout the project area; replacement of the water main in the project area that is beyond its service life; and the improvement of streets that are impacted by construction.*

B. Burtchville Township Text Amendments – various

*Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Planning Commission concur with the Burtchville Township Planning Commission and recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to their Zoning Ordinance which will allow Burtchville Township to administer their Zoning Ordinance more effectively.*

C. Emmett Township Text Amendment – Heavy Industrial Ordinance

*Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Planning Commission concur with the Emmett Township Planning Commission and recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to their Zoning Ordinance, which will allow Emmett Township to administer their Industrial Ordinance more effectively by catering towards their changing needs.*

**Motion** by Lockwood, supported by DeBoyer to approve the Consent Agenda.

**9. Work Program Reports**

David Struck and Lori Eschenburg

Gave an update on the Blueways Vision Coastal Zone Project. They explained how the Website will be interactive once the project is completed. They are partnering with Parks and Recreation and working with LLIA of Traverse City on the project.

This project will be interactive on both the Website and Smartphones and will have connections to Google Earth.

Struck and Eschenburg are working with several citizen groups to get vital information on points of interest, launching sites, parking areas, etc., that will help people interested in visiting, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, and biking in the Blue Water Area. Information that the people will need included such things as where water and restrooms are available, etc.

Comment was made to look into linking with national and Canadian sources. Staff is already considering this.

Michael Latuszek

*Federal Transportation Legislation*

Latuszek stated that they do not expect new transportation legislation from either the state or federal governments in the near future. SAFETEA-LU, which is the current legislation for funding of transportation projects, has been extended to the end of the year.

Federal Highway has started including transit/walkability into all transit funding requirements. There is a push for sustainability of communities, making it safer to walk and stay healthy.

*Wadhams Bridge*

There have been some cost overruns due to the fact that the pilings are having to go much deeper than anticipated.

*Woodward Transit Update*

There are three or four plans out there for the Woodward Avenue Transit, but nothing is finalized at this point.

*Detroit to Ann Arbor Rail*

This project does not have funding for a study, much less the project itself. While there were appropriations, SEMCOG never received funding for the project as they could not meet the requirements of proving ridership, which is difficult to do when it has never existed.

Kara Diedrich

A list of economic data for St. Clair County was compiled by Diedrich and passed around to the commissioners. This covered the second and third quarters of 2009. SEMCOG's data is available but it is from 2005. She will continue working on this project.

Trevor Floyd

Maps of the wind turbines and wind farms in the Great Lakes area was passed around. There are some potential areas in St. Clair County. Greenwood and Grant townships have favorable winds and the power lines are already available.

Geoff Donaldson

*Energy Efficiency Grant*

Donaldson gave an update on the Energy Efficiency Grant. They are working with a consultant on the overall plan of the grant distribution, as well as the county for projects. Part of the plan is to give the Community Foundation a certain amount of the funds to give to local businesses' energy upgrades. Some of the details need to be worked out with the sub-grants.

*Brownfield Redevelopment Grant*

Donaldson gave an update on the grant. We are currently waiting on the federal government to reply about the plan submitted to them.

There are several contractors interested in working with St. Clair County once the funds are released.

*Solid Waste Management Planning*

Due to possible plan amendments to the Solid Waste Plan, it is anticipated that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee will be convened by the end of June or early July. There are several issues ongoing at the St. Clair County Landfill that may need amendments.

*Land Bank Authority*

The Land Bank Authority had a workshop put on by the Center for Community Progress (formerly Genesee Institute). This workshop will continue on Monday, June 21 in the Planning Department from 1:00 p.m., to approximately 3:30 p.m.

**Motion** by Lockwood, supported by Smith to accept the Work Program Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Chairperson's Report**

Commissioner Murphy stated that his report was in the supplemental agenda packet.

*Wireless Broadband*

The Administrator and Board of Commissioner Chairperson have stated that if money is available through a grant they will be favorable to doing the towers for the broadband in the rural areas and look at placement so it can cover the urban areas as well.

*Work Priorities*

As a result of the survey taken two months ago, nothing appears prominent to be dropped from the work staff does. However, it is apparent that economic development has increased significantly. If we continue to add work then we need to look at additional staffing or funding to help with the various projects the department works on.

*Current Connections LLC*

Pursuant to a notice in the paper, Chairman Murphy has advised the Administrator, Board of Commissioner Chairperson and others of the hydrokinetic energy proposal from *Current Connections* which will cover the west coast of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. St. Clair County may want to intervene, as this is a conflict with the University of Michigan hydrokinetic project in the works. DTE has intervened about the proposed project and the amount of area it covers.

Administrator Groden and Commissioner Evans have stated they will send the information on to the county's corporation counsel for review.

*PTAC*

An update was given on how PTAC is working with local businesses to help them in procuring contracts with the Department of Defense.

*Michigan Works!*

An update was given on the projects *Michigan Works!* has been working on to get the unemployed back to work by updating their skills and transferring their skills to known openings.

*Economic Development Strategic Plan*

Commissioner Murphy and Director Kauffman gave an update on the plan and explained how the consulting company used a lot of the data and information that was produced by the department to put the plan together.

The plan will be presented at the Thomas Edison Inn on Friday.

**Motion** by Sheehy, supported by Lockwood to approve the Chairman's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Old Business**

A. County Index

Commissioner Tansky continues to compile information to be used.

**12. New Business**

A. SCCOTS FY2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

i. *FY 2008-11 TIP Amendment*

At their meeting of June 9, 2010, SCCOTS Advisory Committee approved amendment of the SCCOTS FY2008-11 TIP for FY2010, reprogramming Surface Transportation Program (Urban) funds released by MDOT from the FY2010 Wadhams Road Bridge project in the amount of \$1,525,535.

*Staff recommendation:*

*To approve amendment of the SCCOTS FY2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

ii. *FY 2011-14 TIP Amendment*

At their meeting of June 9, 2010, SCCOTS Advisory Committee approved amendment of the SCCOTS FY2011-14 TIP removing a project from FY2011 and placing it in FY2010 of the FY2008-11 TIP.

*Staff recommendation:*

*To approve amendment of the SCCOTS FY2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.*

**Motion** by Heidemann, supported by DeBoyer to approve both Transportation Improvement Plan amendments as proposed.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cooper, DeBoyer, Heidemann, Lockwood, Murphy, Secory, Sheehy, Smith, and Tansky. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Belle River Watershed

Kauffman explained what the Belle River Watershed group was about, the fact that they would like representation from the Metropolitan Planning Commission and that if

appointed the vote of any representative would not be binding without the approval of the MPC. The Watershed Advisory Group would not have the authority to levy a tax or indebtedness.

A copy of the Operating Agreement was in the supplemental packet. Members are requested to read it over and consider whether or not they would like to sit in the group as a representative of the MPC.

This will be put on the July agenda for action

C. Checklist of SCCMPC Meeting

Members and staff are requested to complete the form and turn into the Director or office manager.

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Smith, supported by Cooper to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sheehy, Secretary

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