

**MINUTES OF THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION
Thursday, August 13, 2015**

A meeting of the Retirement Commission was held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., at the Macomb County Administration Building, 9th Floor Library, located at 1 South Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan. The following members were present:

Present:

Darra Slanec – Vice-Chair, Dave Flynn, Bob Hoepfner, Matthew Murphy, Mark Deldin, Gary Cutler

Excused:

Jerry Moffitt – Chair

Also Present:

Leonard Reinowski, Stephen Smigiel, John Schapka, John Kravitz, Stephanie Dobson, Brian Green, Mike Holycross, Tom Michaud

1. Call to Order

There being a quorum of the committee present, the meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Vice-Chair Slanec.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Hoepfner to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was supported by Trustee Murphy. The motion carried.

3. Public Participation

None

4. Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2015

A motion was made by Trustee Hoepfner, supported by Trustee Cutler to approve the minutes of July 23, 2015 as presented. The motion carried.

5. Approval of Invoices

A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Hoepfner to approve the invoices as presented. The motion carried.

6. Retirement Administrator Report

Ms. Dobson requested authorization to post some additional items on the Retirement System website. Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the inclusion of the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) and other policies and statutes as recommended by Ms. Dobson. Trustee Hoepfner supported

the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Cutler inquired about the status of the FAQ document and whether or not it is ready for inclusion on the website. Ms. Dobson indicated she will bring that document back to the Board at a future meeting for approval before posting.

Ms. Dobson has done a complete audit of all disability retirees to determine the schedule for re-examinations. This information is now being tracked within the retirement system software instead of on a separate Excel spreadsheet, so it will be easier to run reporting in the future. A motion was made by Trustee Cutler for the 16 employees listed for disability re-examination to be sent out pursuant to the ordinance. Trustee Hoepfner supported the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Dobson requested authorization to move forward with assembly of the committee to begin reviewing the first draft of the Retirement Ordinance. She is proposing a committee comprised of: herself, Tom Michaud, John Schapka, Eric Herppich, Karen Bathanti, Karlyn Semlow, Denise Krzeminski and Matthew Murphy. This committee would have regular meetings and work on continuing the revisions to the ordinance. Trustee Murphy inquired about the inclusion of the legal counsel from the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Trustee Deldin recommended there be two members of the Pension Board included and concurred with the inclusion of legal counsel from the BOC (Scott Smith of Dickinson Wright). Trustee Cutler made a motion to approve the committee as suggested by Ms. Dobson with the inclusion of David Flynn and Scott Smith. Trustee Hoepfner supported the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Dobson reported that the Department of Roads payroll feeds into the GRS system are accurate. She is also continually working on the date audit for all County employees (verifying eligibility by checking hire dates, termination dates and re-hire dates where appropriate).

Ms. Dobson also provided some information about a situation that has come up with one of the employees whose application for disability retirement was approved for processing at the last meeting. This particular employee has provided documentation related to over 14 different diagnoses and has been requested by MMRO to visit a doctor that is 80 miles from her home. MMRO has made this recommendation based on the belief that this particular physician will be best able to address her many health conditions. The employee is refusing to travel 80 miles to see this physician, so Ms. Dobson is looking for some direction on how to handle this situation. Trustee Cutler inquired about whether or not there is a medical condition prohibiting her from traveling this distance. Vice-Chair Slanec indicated she had received an email from the employee and she is under the impression that the employee does not understand that seeing this one physician will eliminate the need for multiple appointments. As there is no medical reason she cannot travel, Ms. Dobson will reach out to her and explain that this physician is the one who can best review her application for disability retirement.

A motion to receive and file the Retirement Administrator's report was made by Trustee Deldin and supported by Trustee Hoepfner. The motion carried.

7. Disability Retirement

-- Elizabeth Baumann (Application)

A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Murphy to adopt the resolution to process the disability retirement application of Elizabeth Baumann and direct Human Resources to order an IME. The motion carried.

8. Update on Actuarial Service Provider contract

Mr. Michaud advised the Board that a draft contract has been provided to Buck and he is awaiting their feedback. He requested this item be added to the agenda for the next meeting for further update.

9. Angelo, Gordon & Co. Distressed Debt

Brigid Flanagan and Mati Adler from Angelo, Gordon & Co. presented their August 2015 report. Their report included an overview of their investment team, their investment approach, a summary of investments and a description of the current opportunity set. Trustee Cutler inquired about where the funds are invested in this fund. Mr. Adler advised that 93% of the Board's investments are held within the U.S. They are anticipating wrapping up this fund by the end of next year.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy and supported by Trustee Deldin to receive and file the Angelo, Gordon & Co. August 2015 report. The motion carried.

10. Authorize Plante Moran to certify the 2015 Employee Representative Election

A motion was made by Trustee Flynn and supported by Trustee Murphy to authorize Plante Moran to certify the 2015 Employee Representative Election. The motion carried.

11. Other Business

Trustee Deldin inquired about the changes that will take place related to the Employee Representative Election when new employees are hired after January 1, 2016 since they will not be eligible to participate in the retirement system. Mr. Michaud remarked that this will likely need to be examined as part of a policy issue and the definition of "membership" in the ordinance will need to be reviewed. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Trustee Cutler requested an update at the next meeting on the Board's Twitter holdings from Mr. Green and Mr. Holycross.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Deldin, supported by Trustee Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried.