

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:00 p.m.
Special Meeting
25th District Court Management Council

In accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a special meeting of the 25th District Court Management Council will be held at 5:00 P.M on September 1, 2021 in Courtroom #1 at the 25th District Courthouse; 1475 Cleophus Pkwy, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Members of the 25th District Court Management Council will attend in person. Members of the public are invited to attend by Zoom for purposes of public health, safety, and welfare. Public citizen attendees may participate in the meeting using Zoom, either online or by phone:

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I. Call to Order:

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

III. Roll Call:

IV. Opening Remarks: Chief Judge, Gregory A. Clifton

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of Special Meeting of 25th District Court Management Council held on May 26, 2021. A copy of the Meeting Minutes for 5-26-21 are attached.

VI. Action Items:

1. Chief Judge Report on Status of Operational Funding of 25th District Court:
 - a. July 2021
 - b. August 2021
2. Chief Judge Report on Status of Independent Audits of 25th District Court (2017-2020).

VII. Citizen Communications (Court Related Matters)

This public comment period is an opportunity for citizens to address topics related to the operation of the court. This is not an opportunity for dialog or debate with the Court Management Council. If necessary any topic raised may be adjourned for discussion in the future.

VIII. Oral Reports of Court Management Council Members

IX. Adjourn

Dated: August 30, 2021

Gregory A. Clifton

Chief Judge, 25th District Court

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
25TH DISTRICT COURT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF
MAY 26, 2021

In accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a Special Meeting of the 25th District Court Management Council was held at 4:00p.m on May 26, 2021 by zoom with Court Management Council Members permitted to appear in person or by zoom in Courtroom #1 at the 25th District Courthouse, 1475 Cleophus Pkwy, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. In the interest of public health, welfare and safety, members of the public were invited to attend by zoom, either online or by phone.

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M with Chief Judge, Gregory A. Clifton presiding as Chair.

PRESENT:

Court Management Council Members:

Mayor Thomas Karnes - Lincoln Park (By Zoom)

Mayor Lamar Tidwell – Ecorse (In Person)

Mayor Michael Bowdler – River Rouge (By Zoom)

Judge David Zelenak – 25th District Court (In Person)

Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton – 25th District Court (In Person)

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public including:

John Bertino, Wendy McEachern, Larry Kelsey, Lylian Ross, Maureen Tobin, Tracey Duprey, James Krizan, Jennifer Richardson, Patrick Culter, Gina Wilson Steward, Kevin Moore, Marilyn Oliver and Scott Lavis.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Court Management Council Members, Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton provided Opening Remarks. Upon Motion of Mayor Lamar Tidwell, supported by Mayor Michael Bowdler, and following no discussion, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the 25th District Court Management Council held on April 27, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Court Management Council.

The first Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-4 that the 25th District Court Management Council accept the letter dated April 30, 2021 from the City of Lincoln Park terminating, effective June 30, 2021, health care insurance coverage through the City of Lincoln Park on behalf of 25th District Court Representatives (employees and judges). Resolution 2021-4 was moved by Judge David Zelenak and supported by Mayor Michael Bowdler. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-4 was presented for vote and the Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton.

The second Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-5 that the 25th District Court commence effective July 1, 2021, health care insurance coverage (including hospital, prescription, dental, and vision) through TMR & Associates, Inc. for current full-time and eligible retiree representatives (employees and judges) of the 25th District Court. Resolution 2021-5 was moved by Judge David Zelenak and supported by Mayor Michael Bowdler. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-5 was presented for vote and the

Resolution was adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton; with a vote of "NO" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes.

The third Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-6 that the 25th District Court Management Council remove the \$25,000 OPEB expense as a line-item of the Court's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget given the implementation by the Court of an independent health care insurance program through TMR & Associates, Inc. for all current full-time and eligible retiree representatives (employees and judges) of the 25th District Court. Resolution 2021-6 was moved by Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton and supported by Mayor Michael Bowdler. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-6 was presented for vote and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton; with a vote of "NO" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes.

The fourth Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-7 that the 25th District Court Management Council suspend the \$75,000 Building Fund expense as a line-item of the Court's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget pending further study of proposed site locations and additional grant or bond funding. Resolution 2021-7 was moved by Mayor Lamar Tidwell and supported by Chief Judge Gregory Clifton. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-7 was presented for vote and the Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton.

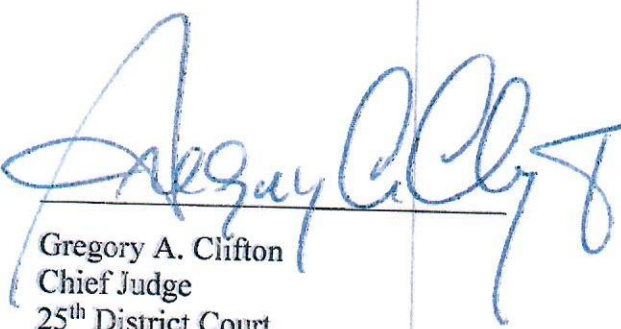
The fifth Action item presented was Resolution 2021-8 that the 25th District Court Management Council adopt the 2021-2022 line-item fiscal year budget of the 25th District Court. Resolution

2021-8 was moved by Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton and supported by Mayor Michael Bowdler. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-8 was presented for vote and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton; with a vote of "NO" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes. Following further discussion, the 2021-2022 line-item fiscal year budget of the 25th District Court was amended to subtract from the line-item expenses for Hospital/Prescription, Dental, and Optical the expense for retiree related health care insurance for the existing two eligible retiree representatives of the 25th District Court, with said retiree health care insurance expenses (\$24,259.80) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be paid by the 25th District Court utilizing the existing OPEB account fund already in place.


The sixth Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-9 to prevent the interruption and disturbance in the operation of the 25th District Court, in the event the City of Lincoln Park rejects the lump sum budget of the 25th District Court adopted by the Court Management Council, by authoring the 25th District Court to retain such revenue collected by the Court each month necessary to fund the continued operation of the Court consistent with the approved budget of the Court including the funding of the costs of health care insurance and other approved benefits for current and eligible retirees of the Court, with any other revenue to be distributed to each funding unit consistent with the Agreement for the Operation and Management of the 25th District Court. Resolution 2021-9 was moved by Mayor Lamar Tidwell and supported by Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-9 was presented for vote and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton; with a vote of "NO" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes.

The seventh Action Item presented was Resolution 2021-10 that the 25th District Court Management Council Meeting be scheduled for June 23, 2021 at 4:00p.m to discuss the status of approval of the 25th District Court 2021-2022 fiscal year budget by the funding units of Lincoln Park, Ecorse and River Rouge, and any necessary related action. Resolution 2021-10 was moved by Judge David Zelenak and supported by Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton. Following discussion by Court Management Council Members, Resolution 2021-10 was presented for vote and unanimously adopted by a vote of "YES" by: Mayor Thomas Karnes, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Judge David Zelenak and Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton with the agreement that Mayor Thomas Karnes would be permitted to participate by telephone.

The Chair opened the Special Meeting for public comment, followed by oral reports of Court Management Council Members. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Judge David Zelenak and supported by Court Council Members and unanimously adopted by all Court Management Council Members.



Gregory A. Clifton
Chief Judge
25th District Court



John R. Bertino
Court Administrator
25th District Court