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#### FOURTH DAY

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Commission Chamber, Room 400, 4th Floor, Wayne County Building, Detroit, Michigan

Thursday, February 21, 2002

10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Ricardo A. Solomon, at 10:19 a.m.

The roll of the Commission was requested by the Clerk of the Commission, Joyce D. Williams:

<b>Banks</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Cushingberry</b>	<b>- e.d.s.</b>	<b>Sullivan</b>	<b>- excused</b>
<b>Blackwell</b>	<b>- excused</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Varga</b>	<b>- present</b>
<b>Boike</b>	<b>- excused</b>	<b>Hubbard</b>	<b>- e.d.s.</b>	<b>Ware</b>	<b>- present</b>
<b>C. Cavanagh</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Palamara</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Beard</b>	<b>- present</b>
<b>P. Cavanagh</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Parker</b>	<b>- present</b>	<b>Solomon</b>	<b>- present</b>

10 present, a quorum

**e.d.s. = entered during session**

## **PROPOSED INVOCATION**

Chairman Solomon called upon Vice-Chair Beard, who delivered the following invocation:

“Dear Lord, thank You for this day. Thank You for everyday that we wake up in good health and good spirits. Thank You for allowing us to be part of this wonderful County that so carefully tries to do things for the citizens of this great County. This Commission and its oversight takes great pride in being able to speak on behalf and act on behalf of the citizens of this County. Please give us today the courage and the wisdom to do the right thing. There are many items before us of great significance that people have varying opinions on. Please open the minds and the hearts of all of us today and allow us to do Your will for the good of the people of Wayne County. Amen.”

## **READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

**Commissioner Parker, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, moved approval of the proposed Journal of the Third Day, Organization Session held February 7, 2002, as presented, with any necessary additions, deletions, or corrections as appropriate, to be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission within the following five days.**

### **The Commissioners voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Bankes, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Hall, Palamara,  
Parker, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Beard,  
Chairman Solomon -- 10  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- Commissioners Cushingberry, Hubbard -- 2  
Excused -- Commissioners Blackwell, Boike, Sullivan -- 3

## **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

CHAIRMAN SOLOMON: “Today is one of the most important meetings that any of us will attend in our legislative session. Today, the Wayne County Commission must express in no uncertain terms our opposition to the alliance between two lame-duck party bosses, Governor John Engler and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

When John Engler was elected governor of this great State, he pledged to reduce the size of government. If we step back and examine a part of his legacy, we will find that he convened over the largest State budget deficit in the history of our State. We will also see that many needy programs were cut under his administration. We will also see that under the guise of State government, he created a number of quasi-government organizations, such as the Jobs Commission and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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John Engler and Ed McNamara have equally been active here in Wayne County today. Mr. McNamara, while I respect him as an individual, while I respect his years of public service, has intimidated this Commission and has tried to force us and force his will on the Commission by acting in a way that he will totally, totally disregard. I, as Chairman of the Commission, was never called one time to hear anything about a potential discussion or a potential deal that will be struck with the Governor of our great State.

He and John Engler are attempting to extend their control and influence beyond their term in office. Senate Bill 690, which will be the vehicle to take both the Airport and to try to gain control of the Pinnacle Project, which we have talked about over the course of the last several months. By taking this act, two of the most important economic engines in our County will be out of the reach of public scrutiny, which means essentially that the elected individuals who are charged with the responsibility for oversight, will not have the opportunity to have oversight. This is not about the Commission, this is not about the County Executive, this is about our fiduciary responsibility and the ability of taxpayers to have equal representation, one person, one vote.

We saw the debacle this year in the Vice-President Al Gore and the President George Bush election, where many individuals across the country votes were not counted. When I look at this situation, I am appalled at the fact that we are now suggesting that the Governor of our State and the County Executive of our County will appoint six members to a Board after their tenure with status terms between six and eight years far beyond their term in office. We have to recognize that on January 1, 2003 Governor John Engler and County Executive Ed McNamara will then be public citizens.

For the record, the Commission has for better than five years worked to strengthen the control and the discipline at the County Airport. The first thing that we did was empowered the Auditor General function. We felt so strongly about this initiative that we placed on the ballot and we said to Wayne County voters, "you should be the determining factor as to whether or not we strengthen the Auditor General." We do not want to be accused of tightening our budget, so we said we want the voters of Wayne County to determine whether or not we should have a strengthened Auditor General. We place the initiative on the ballot, and the voters of Wayne County voted overwhelmingly to give the Auditor General a strengthened role.

Not only that, we did something that was different. We had been accused of moving our budget to the Auditor General's budget. So, we separated, to show full integrity, open government, and fiscal accountability, we separated the Auditor General's budget from our budget. In doing so, the Auditor General's budget is an independent arm of this government, and has the fiduciary responsibility to go out to the Airport, to go into any department, and to audit.

The second thing that we did was we strengthened the Auditor General's Ordinance. We passed a comprehensive and detailed Auditor General's Ordinance to compel cooperation of County managers and employees through the audit process.

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The third thing that we did, we said we need to have greater independent authority as it relates to our Legal Counsel. We didn't make the decision unilaterally, we again took steps to insure that the citizens of Wayne County and the taxpayers of Wayne County had the ability to weigh-in on this. So, we said to the citizens of Wayne County, we believe that we deserve an independent Legal Counsel. We placed that initiative on the ballot. We allowed the citizens of Wayne County to make the final decision. They made the decision. They gave us the independent Counsel that we needed.

We, for several years, decided that we needed to move in a direction that will separate us in a way that we will be above reproach. So, we did something else. We approved a comprehensive and detailed Procurement Ordinance. The Wayne County Commission unanimously approved this Ordinance that increases legislative oversight of contracts, tightens rules and procedures for how contracts are bid, how county contracts are awarded, and how contracts are modified. We did this using a national model that other cities and counties have adopted.

We took it a step further. We said because we are about to open a Two Billion Dollar plus Airport we need to have a mechanism within our own branch of government that has oversight solely for the Airport. We created the Airport Operations Subcommittee. And, finally this year we did something that was historic in nature that we have tried to do over the course of many years. We placed in the budget of the Airport a line-item that will allow for the Airport to pay for \$250,000 so that we will have auditors to support our initiatives. We received numerous support from financial institutions in government associations suggesting that this was an appropriate mechanism to fund our auditors. We placed that in the budget. That was vetoed. We overrode that by 15-0. Every member of this Commission said that we should have Airport auditors number one, and number two that the Airport should pay for them. We did our homework. We looked at how this was better utilized for the County, and we did that.

What I'm suggesting to you today, is that it is clear to me that the facts are very clear. Why would we give majority control to an Airport Authority appointed by two individuals who are leaving office. This is about accountability. This is about open government. This is about fiscal integrity. This is about protecting the interest of taxpayers who have elected us to serve as stewards for taxpayers dollars.

When I look at this issue, and I look at our Airport, the first thing that I have to say to you is that when we looked at the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press, when we looked at the reports that were issued by the State, when we looked at our own reports that were issued by our Auditor General, the first thing that I recognized is that yes we have made some mistakes. Yes we have mismanaged the Airport in certain ways. And when you make mistakes, you are supposed to step up to the plate and admit that yes I've made mistakes. But when you make the mistakes the next thing that you are supposed to do, is to go and look at where you made the mistakes, and take corrective action. That is what we've done. We've taken corrective action. But then on the heels of this corrective action, on the heels of our Airport becoming opened, we knew nothing, absolutely nothing about this side-bar deal between Ed McNamara and John Engler.

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For the record, I called Senator John Cherry's office yesterday. For the record, I called Minority Leader of the House Buzz Thomas' office. I asked them, were you aware of this? Did you know that this was coming down? Each of them told me absolutely not. This is the Minority Leader of the House and this is the Minority Leader of the Senate. Both of them said to me, "I knew nothing of this".

For the record, I called both of our lobbyists, Karoub and Associates, as well as Kelly-Cawthorne. I talked to the principals in each firm. I asked them were you aware of this? Did you lobby on behalf of this? You work for both the County Commission, as well as the County Executive. Both of them indicated to me on the phone that they knew nothing about this deal. They indicated they were called on the telephone at the last hour and told about this deal.

I take offense to this deal. I am appalled. I do not support it. We were obligated. Mr. McNamara and Mr. Engler have an obligation, a fundamental obligation to let us know what was going on. This is a co-equal branch of government. It is not managed by one individual. It is not managed solely by the Commission. We had a right to have an opportunity to weigh-in.

In the final analysis, this is why public officials get the rap that we get. This is why there is so much scrutiny on public officials, because people are cynical about the individuals who they elect. They want to know that the people who they elect are above reproach. They want to know that the people who they elect have their best interest at heart. While I respect Ed McNamara as an individual and as a public servant, I disagree with the position that he took with Governor John Engler.

What I have asked many of you to do today, because this is so serious, is that we table our Agenda for today and pass this resolution in opposition to what took place. I have called our lobbyists and I have asked them if they would come down tomorrow to talk to us and to inform us about what has taken place with this Bill. I've talked to Senator Cherry and I've talked with Minority Leader Buzz Thomas. They've indicated that they welcome our presence in Lansing and that we should make it up there as soon as possible, Monday or Tuesday.

I believe that this is an initiative that we need to take severe action. I believe that this is an initiative that we need to take a good look at this, and we need to fight and we need to look at what it is the best interest of the taxpayers of Wayne County.

I want all of my colleagues to have an opportunity to express their concerns and their views on the record. I would ask that we take a good look at this resolution, and that we move to approve the resolution. Then, I will ask that we have a Special Meeting tomorrow to deal with this very important issue and to hear from our lobbyists."

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VICE-CHAIR BEARD: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I've been involved in politics for a long time as most of you know, and I've seen a lot of strange things happen. But I have never seen anything to match this. We have been double-crossed. We have been lied to by a person that asked us to work with him to stop the State takeover. We did so. We put aside some of the problems that we were having with McNamara; some of the issues in order to work in concert so that we were speaking together as one voice when we spoke to the people in Lansing. Then to find just a few days after we had the wonderful programs that we had; the wonderful luncheon; and charity preview; and family day; and public day for people to see a wonderful new terminal that we have all worked on so very, very hard; to see it come to fruition, and then three or four days later to suddenly be hit with this yesterday morning with none of us having any idea of something like this happening. Why did it happen?

The deal was dead in December. Senator Stille wasn't even trying to push for any kind of a State takeover, or any kind of an Authority, or anything else. He didn't have the votes. He wasn't able to do it. So, why, why did Ed McNamara, supposedly a powerful Democrat, go to John Engler, supposedly a powerful Republican, both of whom are lame-ducks this year, going out of office, what a cozy little deal. They can both have their appointees running the Airport under this deal, if they're able to have immediate affect. I hope to God if we can't stop the Bill, at least we can stop the immediate affect. Because if this does takes place, if the Republicans don't stand still for this kind of robbery, then that will mean that the new County Executive and the new Governor would have the appointment power, not the current County Executive and the current Governor.

I hope that the public understands what has really happened here today. We tried and we worked together, and we thought that we had accomplished being able to keep the Airport in the hands of public elected officials. The Authority might have one elected official on it, and it might not. Public funds should only be under the control and the supervision of publicly elected officials because we are accountable to the public. The Board that's appointed by a couple of public officials, who might very well be the lame-ducks, have no accountability to the public. Authorities operate in the dark. We've had that here in this County. And the people, two years after this County became a Charter County, the very next election the people eliminated the Road Commission.

At that time the Road Commission was in charge of both Airports, all the roads, some of the drains, and all of the Parks System. Two years after that, the voters eliminated the Drain Commissioner. All of those things came into both branches of government; both the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. We're the only County in Michigan that is a Charter County; and as I said, no longer has a Road Commission and no longer has a Drain Commissioner.

So, we are different than all the other counties. We are bigger than 17 states population wise. So, we're no little 'rinky dinky' operation here. We operate very professionally, and we take pride in what we do in our branch. All of our meetings are open to the public. We don't do anything behind the scenes. All of our committees operate in the public arena. We have done what we have been able to do.

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I have tried, personally, when I Chaired the Audit Committee 12 years ago, to start having Auditors at the Airport. I have fought, and the Board has fought along with me, to get Auditors on site. We're the only large Airport in the country that didn't have Auditors on site. We have a couple out there now, but we need many more. We would have found all of the things in mismanagement that had been coming out. We would have found those. We would have been able to make changes. We would have been able to work with the Executive Branch and make changes. We were stonewalled. We've been stonewalled for 12 years, and not allowed to have the oversight that we are elected to have.

Let's get real. Let's keep the oversight where it belongs in the elective legislative body of Wayne County. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Outside this morning is a group of Airport employees who worked for the former APCOA Parking Lot. These employees are picketing today because they are losing their jobs as a result of a contract awarded to a good friend of Ed McNamara. These employees, when they worked at APCOA, witnessed major, major corruption occurring. It was because of them, and they're all outside picketing this morning, that the Wayne County Commission ordered an audit by our Auditor General of the Airport parking operations. That audit revealed major, major problems and very questionable practices under the McNamara Administration. As a result of that audit, the State conducted its own investigation, and had numerous audits which showed even more questionable practices under the McNamara Administration.

Without the Commission directing its Auditor General, who is here this morning, to conduct these audits and to expose potential criminal activities, fraud, and other going ons at that Airport, the impetus for taking the Airport and creating an Independent Airport Authority would not exist.

I have to say I've never seen such creative activity on the part of Mr. McNamara, to create the reason for taking away the Airport because of his poor and questionable impossible corruption at the Airport. He creates the reason for taking the Airport away. And now he's going to steal it and run it for the next eight years. What a joke. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER PARKER: "Thank you. I concur with your statement, and also those of the other Commissioners that have spoken. I guess you have to remember that about three years ago at the Greater Chamber of Commerce Conference at Mackinac Island where this question was raised because I believe the Committee suggested this. The question was asked to Mr. McNamara, and his response was if they had about three or four billion dollars they can take control of it. I would like to know where it is? We're just giving it away. It's an outrage to talk about something that we all know that 30 or 40 years ago it was a little 'rinky dink' Airport that many people did not want to fly into, and now it's a world class Airport being recognized throughout the County and the world as being the State of the Art Airport, and one that is going to anticipate much more

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revenue and much more passengers, and a situation where people are really going to recognize what can be done in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And we're going to give that away. Regardless of how it affects us as a branch. Just the whole idea that the citizens of Wayne County should be upset after all the effort that they have put in and all the sacrifices that have been made and things of that nature, and now we're going to take something and give it to a private body; someone who is not a public body, that is not elected by the people, not elected to come in and have to explain why they do things, but rather someone who we don't know who is going to be that will be there. To give that control is something that we should not, in any way, recognize.

There have been some problems at the Airport. We have to take some fault for that. We didn't do the oversight responsibility that we have, although we were the ones that did discover the parking situation and did take action on that. We were the ones that did discover other type of problems out there. But we still have been a little lax in our oversight responsibility, and now we've decided to move on that. As you have said, Mr. Chair, our Procurement Ordinance is very tight now. It's very difficult. We know that the Airport and other departments have said how difficult it is for them to implement that, because we have really enforced that. We are taking an assertive action. And if I understand correctly, and again from the media because McNamara has not talked to me, is because we have taken that action, because our Procurement Ordinance is now so tight, because we have taken that action that we want Auditors out there, all of a sudden it's too difficult for him to run the Airport. So, he wants to give it away. If that's the case, then we should really raise some serious questions if he is saying that our oversight was too much than this Private Authority that they are going to put there. Is there going to be any oversight there? Is there going to be anyone responsible to see what they are doing? Are we going to have Procurement Ordinances?

Mr. Chair, I agree with your analysis and I agree that we need to take action. I would like to suggest that I believe that this takes the type of action that we need to take towards the Airport and towards the areas that directly relate to the Airport. If the County Executive does not feel that we are responsible or should have an Authority, then I will agree we should table all of the Airport things, except for those critical issues that involve the safety and security of passengers or other people there. We need to review and make sure that nothing will affect that. We don't want to challenge that. But I would suggest that there are some other items on our Agenda that we need to look at that do really affect the citizens of Wayne County, and we should be responsible to them and not give up our responsibility in those other areas.

But more importantly, Mr. Chair and other Commissioners, I understand that they are up there right now in Lansing trying to push this through today. They are up there trying to caucus and rally in order to get enough support to go on the floor today. If that's the case, I don't think we can wait until Monday or Tuesday. I think we have to take some action today. I am suggesting that we will immediately, if we can't go up there, at least try to call our legislators and talk to them as legislators. Let them understand what has taken place is that they are taking control away from the Legislative Branch and giving it to the Executive Branch on both sides. From the Governor side they're giving it to him and they're not going to have any say so in it, and on the County side they're giving it to the County Executive and not give us any authority. I think that is something as legislators that we cannot allow to happen. I really think those legislators up there will



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listen to us no matter what side of the House they are on. I'm opposed to it, but if in fact they feel that it's going to go through, let's look at how it would give us more time to talk about how we can reach some other agreement between the legislative bodies; the State Legislation and the County Commissioners and see how we can come up with a proposal that's going to meet some of the needs and not disregard the authority of both legislative bodies.

So, Mr. Chair I greatly suggest that we take some action today. The resolution is good and we should do that and take it up there. But I really would suggest that we need to take more of an affirmative action, and that is either going up there and talking to them or minimally have a telephone situation where we call every legislator that is up there and talk to them one on one. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

COMMISSIONER C. CAVANAGH: "Thank you Mr. Chair. In my opinion I believe this is the worst possible solution. I cannot believe that the taxpayers of this County will tolerate private business to control and manage the spending of their taxpayer dollars. I think if the public really knew what is at stake, we wouldn't even be talking about this right now.

I think what Vice-Chair Beard had to say is very, very important and we shouldn't skip over it, why this really is happening? I think that's the most important question that we need to ask ourselves right now. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BANKES: "Well as limited as it is, I'm going to offer bi-partisan support to all of the remarks that have been made so far. I'm pleased with the Chairman's remarks. I just want one small correction that the Blanchard deficit was far greater than the Engler deficit.

I'm grateful for a plan. And I think that if we do go to Lansing, we do have to have a plan. Do we want to amend the legislation? Do we want to kill the legislation? I think we have to have an idea of why we're going to Lansing. I support the idea of going to Lansing and lobbying. I support the idea of learning as much about it. We already contacted our Legislator's offices, and there is no bill to read. It has not been printed yet. So, consequently I don't know how we should go forward with this.

I also would ask that we include our Republican members. You only mentioned the Democrat leadership. I would like to ask that Republican leadership from our County also be included in whatever strategy you develop. I'm not sure that Monday is an effective date because no one is in Lansing on Monday. So, it's either today or Tuesday that we would be most effective.

And I think that we should present this the same way that my colleagues have presented this. We should present it as a representation issue, and I think that's our best key to either amending or killing this legislation.

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I'm also questioning the 'RESOLVED' in the resolution. Should it say, "Resolved, by the Wayne County Commission this day February, 2002 that it stands squarely opposed to this, rather than land and power grab, we should put in legislation which will soon bear no accountability."

CHAIRMAN SOLOMON: "I want to say to Commissioner Bankes I appreciate your comments. I also want to share with you that the Senate has adjourned today and will return on Tuesday. I have talked to Senator Cherry and he's prepared to meet with us on Tuesday. I've also talked to Minority Leader Buzz Thomas and I think that he will be prepared to meet with us on Tuesday as well.

The reason that it is important, in my view, for us to deal with this issue today and table the Agenda, because tomorrow I have invited both our Lobbyists Kelly-Cawthorne as well as Karoub & Associates to come now and give us an overview of what has taken place as relates to this legislation, how they see it, and what their recommendations are. Then we will be in a better position as we craft our strategies.

Also, today is a day where all of us need to spend a great deal of time on the phone. I need to spend a considerable amount of time on the phone, and we need to have a lot of discussion. We certainly will always take up the business of the taxpayer, and that is why tomorrow, since our lobbyists couldn't come today, we're going to call a special meeting tomorrow. I wanted to share that with you."

COMMISSIONER VARGA: "Thank you Mr. Chair. I owe you an apology for yesterday because when you told me that a deal had been cut, I said I didn't believe it. I had so much faith in the process and the system of having equal branches of government, I could not understand that that could even be done at this time. So I apologize to you. Not until I heard a couple of my colleagues that it began to sink into me that, we've been had. It really, really bothers me because of my faith in the system.

Having been in Lansing serving 12 years, and going through the system there and being able to work with Republican colleagues, only one of my bills had been opposed by the Republican membership. Then to come down here and work our hearts out everyday to make sure that we have oversight, and I was the one that was always stressing we have to work together, and it just slapped me in the face yesterday to know that all of the goodness that I have tried to spread over the years down here at the Commission, to think that some of you were right. So, I stand ready to go to Lansing and do whatever I have to do. And four of us can go on the House floor. There are four commissioners who were legislators, and we're always welcomed on the House floor. I think all four of us will be prepared to do that, Mr. Chair. Thank you."

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COMMISSIONER P. CAVANAGH: "Thank you Mr. Chair. I just like to echo the statements of my colleagues. As a new Commissioner, I am troubled the way this all went down. We've been asked to work with the County Executive over the last few months to try to avoid a takeover of the Airport, and this caught us all by surprise yesterday. The investigation of the Airport went on for two and a half, three years. There have been numerous reports that we as a body, a Commission, have made corrective efforts. Mr. McNamara was quoted as saying "the Procurement Ordinance passed by the Board has tied his hands in his Airport and economic development efforts". I don't feel we tied his hands. We just began to question some of the things that were happening. I think we as a body are not at fault for this.

But why the fast track. Why is it that the Bill hasn't even been produced and there was talk of passing it through today, when at 10:00 a.m. there wasn't even a copy to be seen of the Bill. I only see one reason for the fast track, and that's so two lame-duck executives can appoint their members and those members can control the Airport and their political machines long after they left office. There are certain issues that have to be addressed. In the original 690 they had dissolved the Airport Police and given that power back to the Sheriff. I'd be very interested in whether the County General Fund is going to pick up that \$8.7 million dollars a year. There are other issues. This process needs to be slowed down. It needs to be questioned. There is no reason why this process can't go through committees and have hearings. We as legislators can voice our opinion. Thank you Mr. Chair."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you Mr. Chair. Yesterday it felt like I was shot with a 44. To have my constituents' rights taken away from them is not fair. I would like to thank all of my colleagues. What you all have said is true. If we have to go to Lansing or whatever, I'm willing to do it. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER PALAMARA: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I concur with my colleagues that it is extremely important to have elected accountability as an oversight authority over something as important as Detroit Metropolitan Airport. While it is extremely important to listen to what you all think here this morning, it's more important to me to find out what my constituents think. I intend to do that over the weekend and in the next week just to find out exactly how they feel about this. So, over the course of today and over the weekend, I intend to find out exactly how my constituents feel about this issue. Thank you."

VICE-CHAIR PRO TEMPORE WARE: "Thank you. This is just a prime example of business as usual. I received several calls from my constituents, and they're quite upset. I'm really involved in a lot of women groups. They already feel that they have been disregarded by the McNamara team when it comes to contracts. The minority groups have been disregarded. This is just another step to break down the power of our DBE base and our women-owned businesses and for our minority groups.

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But most importantly, Mr. McNamara has shown us that for the last years that he has been elected, that he's just a joke to us, business as usual. He does not care about the people we represent because it's quite sure he doesn't represent them. He's trying to take the elected power with him as he retires. And what I would like to say to my colleagues today and to legal counsel is that I would like a resolution drawn up to rename the Midfield Terminal."

CHAIRMAN SOLOMON: "I would like to make just two observations so that we are real clear on a couple of things. First of all, as I said earlier the Senate has adjourned and they will return on Tuesday. Second of all, as we go on record that we do not support this initiative, we need to make sure that there is not a 2/3 majority vote. Because if a 2/3 majority will vote for this then it will take immediate affect. If a simple majority voted on this initiative it will be 90 days after the legislative session, which will take place April 1<sup>st</sup>.

One of the issues that is very important to us is to ensure our fiduciary responsibility and to maintain the integrity on behalf of the taxpayers. And two, we should never want to allow individuals who are no longer holding office to have control of an Airport or any other entity beyond their elected term. These terms, from what I understand, stagger between six and eight years. That essentially would mean that two individuals would appoint people before they leave and no public scrutiny would be required because the Commission would be out of the mix. We have to remember that this is not something that is new coming from Lansing. What is shocking is that it is coming from Lansing with cooperation from our elected County Executive. So, sometimes you have to draw the line in the sand. This is one time we have drawn the line in the sand and we have to be prepared to do what is required."

Following remarks, **Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, supported by Vice-Chair Beard, moved approval of the resolution opposing the legislation (Senate Bill 690 or any substitute Bill) pertaining to the Authority which will soon bear no accountability to the citizens of Wayne County and the State of Michigan.**

Following discussion, **Chairman Solomon requested a vote on adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefor by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Bankes, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Hall, Hubbard,  
Palamara, Parker, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair  
Beard, Chairman Solomon -- 11  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- Commissioner Cushingberry -- 1  
Excused -- Commissioners Blackwell, Boike, Sullivan -- 3

[Resolution No. 2002-113]

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Following discussion, **Vice-Chair Beard, supported by Commissioner Hubbard, moved to defer the entire Agenda until Friday, February 22, 2002 meeting.**

Following discussion, **Chairman Solomon requested a vote on adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefor by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cushingberry, Hall,  
Hubbard, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware,  
Vice-Chair Beard, Chairman Solomon -- 11  
Nay -- Commissioner Bankes -- 1  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- Commissioners Blackwell, Boike, Sullivan -- 3

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the County Commission's Rules of Procedure, Chairman Solomon invited comments from the public. Steve Hicks of Teamsters 283 and Gary Burtka, Allen Park City Councilman gave remarks.

At this point in the proceedings, Vice-Chair Beard assumed the Chair, the time being 11:20 a.m.

**Commissioner Hubbard, supported by Commissioner Cushingberry, moved to immediately remove up to \$100,000 from Mr. McNamara's budget to hire a lobbyist as well as an attorney to assist us on this issue.**

During discussion, Chairman Solomon resumed the Chair, the time being 11:34 a.m.

Following discussion, **Vice-Chair Beard requested a vote on adoption of the resolution, which failed, a majority of Commissioners serving not having voted therefor by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cushingberry, Hubbard,  
Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Beard,  
Chairman Solomon -- 7  
Nay -- Commissioners Bankes, Parker -- 2  
Abstain -- Commissioners Hall, Palamara, Varga -- 3  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- Commissioners Blackwell, Boike, Sullivan -- 3

# PROPOSED

As no other business was presented, **Chairman Solomon thereupon requested a Quorum Call, and the Clerk of the Commission reported that the following Commissioners were in attendance:**

**PRESENT: Commissioners Bankes, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cushingberry, Hall, Hubbard, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Beard, Chairman Solomon -- 12**

**EXCUSED: Commissioners Blackwell, Boike, Sullivan -- 3**

**A quorum being present, Commissioner Parker, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, moved adjournment. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:42 a.m., and Chairman Solomon declared the Commission adjourned until Friday, February 22, 2002.**

JOYCE D. WILLIAMS  
Clerk of the Commission

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