

Commissioners Minutes Continued. April 22, 2004

Moved by Crawford supported by Coleman the resolution be adopted.

Moved by Crawford supported by Coleman the Personnel Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the report was accepted.

Moved by Crawford supported by Webster the resolution be amended to coincide with the recommendation in the Personnel Committee Report.

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the amendment carried.

Discussion followed.

Vote on resolution, as amended:

AYES: Middleton, Moffitt, Moss, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Rogers, Scott, Suarez, Webster, Wilson, Zack, Bullard, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gregory, Hatchett, Jamian, Knollenberg, Kowall, Long. (23)

NAYS: McMillin. (1)

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #04108

BY: Commissioner Tom McMillin, District #11

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is interested in the health of Oakland County citizens; and

WHEREAS on January 8, 2004, 15 year old Tamiia Russell died due to complications of an abortion performed at WomanCare of Southfield an abortion facility in Lathrup Village; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Health Department has indicated that they have no jurisdiction over abortion facilities; and

WHEREAS in response to a recent Freedom of Information Act request from the Michigan Department of Community Health, it appears that the abortion facility has not been inspected by any government health agency in at least the last five years; and

WHEREAS a lack of sanitary conditions at the Woman Care of Southfield facility could have contributed to Ms. Russell's death; and

WHEREAS abortion facilities in Michigan are treated the same as a podiatrist's office, with basically no regulation; and

WHEREAS the Virginia House of Delegates recently passed legislation that would protect women's health at abortion facilities by requiring those facilities to be regulated as "ambulatory surgery centers" instead of being treated as doctor's offices; and

WHEREAS national statistics show that 10 percent of women who undergo an abortion suffer immediate complications, including infections, excessive bleeding, fevers, perforation of the uterus, hemorrhage and shock.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners urgently requests that the Michigan Legislature pass regulations requiring regular health inspections of abortion facilities in Michigan and that those facilities be regulated as "ambulatory surgery centers".

TOM MCMILLIN