

1 Washtenaw Meeting

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Hosted by

Pittsfield Township Supervisor, James Walter
Pittsfield Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Ave, Ann Arbor

Agenda

● Welcome -

- ◆ Welcome by Jim Walter
- ◆ Intergovernmental Collaborations
 - **Mandy Grewal**, Washtenaw County Commissioner for District 7
 - **David Behen**, Washtenaw County Deputy Administrator

Commissioner Grewal has a commitment to continue developing partnerships with the local units of governments— regionalism/collaboration. David is committed to continuing the core 1Washtenaw partnership programs to the local units of governments with the current fee structure—local units have not been charged for those services. He also invited the local officials to engage in a conversation around ways to expand partnerships. Below are the questions and comments/ideas from the conversation:

- **Where do we see the most opportunity?**
- First, an analysis should be done on the current partnership agreement to determine if there are really cost savings and if so, how much
 - partnership agreement for local unit of government websites
- Look for opportunities for the local units to piggyback on County resources/contracts
 - Software/hardware at a reduced rate
 - Life/health insurance
 - Human Resources

- Take a look at trails/sidewalks throughout the county
 - We need more “walkable” communities
 - **How can we work together to expand our partnerships?**
 - Communication—the County needs to understand the business of the local units
 - Keep communication two-way
 - The timing of involvement from the local units is very important!
 - Make sure local units are a part of discussions at the very beginning
 - Attend the CEO/MTA meetings
 - Develop trust
 - Receive direct feedback
 - Show commitment
 - Take a look at partnerships with other County departments that are working well
 - Clerk/Register of Deeds
 - Treasurer
 - Equalization
 - Address issues with County Road Commission
 - Offer a class for Google Analytics
- ◆ Preventing Tax and Mortgage Foreclosure: Sources of Help in Washtenaw County
- **Catherine McClary**, CPFO, Washtenaw County Treasurer
 - [County Treasurer's Office](#)—222-6600

Catherine updated the group on the current economic state of Washtenaw County and the programs available through the Treasurer's Office to assist residents who are facing foreclosure of their homes. There are a number of brochures available with information about resources in the county. Local units are welcome to get a supply of the brochures from the Treasurer's office for their residents coming to them for help.

- ◆ Changes on Websites - **Andy Brush**
- [eWashtenaw](#) Redesign

Andy shared with the group the redesign of the eWashtenaw website. Demonstrated the new features and where to find information.

- ◆ Google Analytics Accounts—**Brenda Kerr**

Google Analytics is now prepared for local unit officials interested in seeing web traffic to the websites. The data can be used to analyze specifics dates and pages for the website. Please contact [Brenda Kerr](#) for information about how to set up your account at 222-6817

◆ Wireless Washtenaw Update—**James McFarlane**

The County is still committed to the Wireless Washtenaw project. There will be a meeting in Lodi Township on Tuesday, December 18th, at 9:00am to discuss the next steps for Wireless Washtenaw. 20/20 will be present to answer any questions

◆ Professional Development Update

New GIS courses have been added. Please see the Professional Development website for additional updates

◆ Next Time

- Thursday January 31, 2008
- If you are interesting in hosting the next meeting, please contact [Nina Johnson](#) at 222-3796

Happy Holidays!