

A RESOLUTION CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURTS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 1999

Whereas, the Court, the Sheriff and the public requested a comprehensive and systemic study of the future needs, placement and nature of the physical facilities for the public safety and judicial system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners agreed with the need to consider such a study and recognized the elected and independent nature of the petitioners; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive and system wide long-term plan, hereafter the Washtenaw County Court Study, could facilitate coordinated decision-making for the immediate and future configurations of the court facilities and the jail; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners should appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to determine the viability, scope, likely cost and processes for such a study, including oversight of any consultant's work; and

WHEREAS, the membership of this Ad-Hoc Committee should include a wide representation of the principal institutional stakeholders and decision-makers; and

WHEREAS, the process will provide the opportunity for public participation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Public Safety and Courts Ad Hoc Committee, composed of 14 members, as follows:

5 County Commissioners
3 Judges
Sheriff
Public Defender
Washtenaw Bar Association President
Prosecutor
County Administrator
City of Ann Arbor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the following staff to provide administrative support to the Ad-Hoc Committee:

Deputy County Administrator Frank Cambria
Court Administrator Kent Batty
Family Court Administrator Linda Edwards-Brown

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to explore funding sources for this study and report back to the Board with recommended funding sources by July, 1999 prior to the beginning of any consultant services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc Committee shall have the following charge:

This Ad-Hoc Committee will make final decisions by the affirmative majority vote of its appointed and serving members. A County Commissioner shall preside over the business of the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Ad-Hoc Committee will establish its work plan and own procedures for the completion of its charge. The recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners before its implementations.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will determine the feasibility of the Washtenaw County Court Study, decide whether to hire consultants, the scope of the study, its final cost, the timeline and process for its completion. If the Ad-Hoc Committee proceeds with the study, these tasks will be completed by the end of July 1999 and reported to the Board by that time for budget approval.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will complete the RFP and hire the consultants, oversee the completion of the study, if performed, and use its outcome to formulate the recommendations.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will formulate recommendations regarding the Washtenaw County Capital Improvement Plan for the Court, jail and related law enforcement functions. The recommendations shall indicate what elements should be included in the Capital Improvement Plan, Phase III. The recommendations shall indicate how to finance the plan. The financing plan shall indicate how much to pay with existing resources and may include one or more ballot proposals for the November 2000 general election or thereafter.

At the beginning of its work, during its work, and before its final recommendations, the Ad-Hoc Committee will provide for and facilitate public participation. In addition, the Ad-Hoc Committee may create and appoint sub-committees providing further opportunity for public participation.

The Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to provide the Board with periodic progress reports.

The Board of Commissioners directs the Ad-Hoc Committee to plan completion of its work and submission of the recommendations by March, 2000. If necessary, the Ad-Hoc Committee will provide partial reports to the Board of Commissioners seeking advice and guidance.

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