



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday February 21, 2007

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

An adjourned session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Gunn, Irwin, Ping Mills, Ouimet, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrators David Behen and Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Peter Ballios, Finance; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ken Schrader, Information Technology; Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Katherine McClary, Treasurer; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the minutes of the February 7, 2007, Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

John Whitman commented that based on the earlier meeting, it appeared that the Board had decided on the offer made by Ypsilanti and Salem Townships. He added that due to several actions by the Board of Commissioners, the Townships hired attorneys. Whitman stated that the resolution offered by the Townships was in good faith. He added that there will be a bill in the end.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Smith pointed out findings of the court with regards to breach of contract. He added that there was an expired agreement, which had been renegotiated with a number of townships. He added that comments against Comm. Sizemore are out of place.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she was at contract negotiations. She added that a \$6 million tax increase is a lot to swallow. She stated that she can understand why Ann Arbor would not want to settle the lawsuit. She stated that she feels both of the pending resolutions (07-0053 and 07-0054) be tabled. Comm. Lovejoy Roe added that when 2008 arrives, there will not be 94 deputies. She stated that Townships can not afford tax increases. She added that Ypsilanti Township already has a poor housing market.

Comm. Gunn stated that she was present when the agreement was made. She stated that it was contingent on state revenue sharing. She added that \$8 million a year was lost. She added that Ypsilanti and Salem Townships put the deadline forward, and that this meeting was the only one the Board would have before the deadline. She stated that Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are looking at layoffs of police and fire, and that this is a crisis in municipal finance.

Communications

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Grewal moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

R-0051 RECEIVED: February 3, 2007. A press release from Ypsilanti Youth Empowered to Act re: Invite to Ypsilanti area youth between ages 13-21 to attend a community input and leadership forum on Thursday, February 15, dated February 1, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0052 RECEIVED: February 5, 2007. An e-mail to Tom Hickson , received through Tammy Richards, re: Correction to MAC Legislative Update, dated February 2, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0053 RECEIVED: February 5, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated February 2, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0054 RECEIVED: February 7, 2007. A press release from Washtenaw County Public Health re: 2007 – Michigan's Year of Public Health, dated February 5, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0055 RECEIVED: February 12, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated February 9, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0056 RECEIVED: January 18, 2007. A faxed letter to Commissioner Wesley Prater from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, re: An invitation to the Second Annual National Summit on Innovation for Jurisdictional Leaders: The pursuit of Solutions, dated February 7, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0057 RECEIVED: February 12, 2007. A publication to Mr. Wesley Prater, Chair, Washtenaw County Commission re: A New Vision: What is in Community Plans to End Homelessness?, dated February 2, 2007. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Sizemore communicated that economic times are only going to get worse before they get better, and that now is the time to act on cutting expenditures or raising revenues.

Comm. Ouimet stated that Comm. Gunn has been helpful in filling in on a previous meeting of the Road Commission. He stated that the Road Commission is going to look at an environmental policy that mirrors that of the County. He added that regarding 4-H, there were 6 scholarships state wide, and 2 of those came out of Washtenaw County. Comm. Ouimet stated that this reflects the high quality of youth in Washtenaw County, and the high quality of the 4-H program.

Comm. Schwartz reported that the Board of Public Works held a public hearing on the Whitmore Lake improvement project. Charley Wolfe was able to link to Whitmore Lake and allow residents to link to this site.

Comm. Smith stated that congratulations are in order for Comm. Grewal in the Fellowship program.

Comm. Grewal stated that the first Fellowship meeting was very helpful, and that there were many connections between people she met at the meeting and some of her Board colleagues.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

07-0035 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing Comm. Ouimet to the Election Expense Committee be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1 (Comm. Smith). ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Comm. Irwin stated that the Brownfield Authority is trying to get projects up to the state, and that he hopes the Board can move expeditiously on the measures.

Special Order of Business

Public Hearing to receive comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County for the City of Ann Arbor's 200 South Ashley Street Brownfield Redevelopment Project:
No comments received.

Public Hearing to receive comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County City of Saline's Village Market Place and Lofts Brownfield Redevelopment Project:
No comments received.

Public Hearing for consideration of alteration of the boundaries of the Village of Manchester:

No comments received.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received: BOC Agenda, dated January 31, 2007, Ways & Means, dated February 7, 2007, and Board Working Session, dated February 8, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received: BOC Leadership, dated January 18, 2007; Drainage Board, dated December 15, 2006; Law Enforcement Citizens Review Board, dated January 30, 2007, Police Services Steering Committee, dated November 28, 2006. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

Catherine McClary reported on the cash position of Washtenaw County. She distributed a handout to the Commission (on file in County Clerk's Office. She discussed the handout.

Comm. Smith stated that McClary is doing a great job. He added that there is \$146,000,000 in the bank. McClary stated that much of that cash is earmarked.

Comm. Ouimet stated that there is some very good data on the handout. He asked if the cash requirements were going to be higher than last year. McClary stated that she assumed that this was the case.

McClary stated that the Alcona County Clerk is facing legal measures. She discussed both external and internal measures being taken by the Treasurer's office to prevent fraud, and ensure that taxpayer money is handled with care.

Comm. Ping Mills moved to add resolutions 07-0050 and 07-0051 to the agenda. Accepted as a friendly amendment by Comm. Gunn and Comm. Smith.

Appointments

07-0036 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution confirming the appointment of Medical Examiner Investigators for 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0037 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution appointing a Commissioner representative to the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for a term expiring December 31, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0038 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution appointing two County Municipality members to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for terms expiring as indicated be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0039 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Board of Public Works for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0040 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term expiring December 31, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Resolutions

07-0041 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Community-Wide Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0042 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith. moved that the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the Workforce Investment Act Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Plan Modification in the total amount of \$426,875 and carry-in funding of \$249,764 bringing the total budget for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for ETCS to \$2,810,539; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0043 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS contract with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the 2007 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Energy Assistance Program (MPSC/MCAAA 2007 Energy Assistance Program), in the amount of \$62,985 for the period of January 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0044 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution approving the submission of the Washtenaw County Public Health Department Plan of Organization including procedures to comply with State Laws when hiring a Health Officer and Medical Director to the Michigan Department of Community Health and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Plan of Organization Approval form be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0045 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution to approve the creation of one grant status Senior Emergency Planner Position, schedule X, grade 29, in the Emergency Management Division; and modification of the budget be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0046 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the application to the Michigan Department of Community Health for the Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant in the amount of \$23,312 for the period of April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007; amending the 2006-2007 Public Health Fund budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0047 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the National Court appointed special advocate association for year two expansion of the Washtenaw County Trial Court CASA Program in the amount of \$29,624 for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

07-0048 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of February 9, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$ 141.65	\$ 45,443.09	\$ -	\$ 45,584.74
1291	URBAN COUNTY CDBG	\$ -	\$ 471.53	\$ -	\$ 471.53
1293	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ 71.37	\$ -	\$ 71.37
1572	INMATE CONCESSIONS	\$ 29.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29.30
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	\$ -	\$ 825.89	\$ -	\$ 825.89
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 1,507.71	\$ -	\$ 1,507.71
1810	VETERANS TRUST FUND ADMIN.	\$ -	\$ 85.28	\$ -	\$ 85.28
1900	3 - 911 FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,361.70	\$ -	\$ 1,361.70
1950	DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS SUPPL.	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	\$ -	\$ 11,784.48	\$ -	\$ 11,784.48
2110	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$ -	\$ 2,332.45	\$ -	\$ 2,332.45
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$ -	\$ 1,369.22	\$ -	\$ 1,369.22
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	\$ -	\$ 6,661.52	\$ -	\$ 6,661.52

2510	CSA HEADSTART	\$ -	\$ 1,935.63	\$ -	\$ 1,935.63
2630	CSA SR NUTRITION	\$ -	\$ 200.58	\$ -	\$ 200.58
2804	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	\$ -	\$ 119.03	\$ -	\$ 119.03
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORROW	\$ -	\$ 35.28	\$ -	\$ 35.28
2920	WCHO	\$ -	\$ 4,460.18	\$ -	\$ 4,460.18
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 12,914.85	\$ -	\$ 12,914.85
2960	HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 5,493.10	\$ -	\$ 5,493.10
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	\$ -	\$ 5,647.35	\$ -	\$ 5,647.35
4050	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 8,489.22	\$ -	\$ 8,489.22
5505	2004 PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROC.	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	\$ -	\$ 142,728.70	\$ -	\$ 142,728.70
6320	FACILITIES MGMT - TRANSP	\$ -	\$ 3,470.03	\$ -	\$ 3,470.03
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	\$ -	\$ 42,257.82	\$ -	\$ 42,257.82
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	\$ -	\$ 2,135.02	\$ -	\$ 2,135.02
7520	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND	\$ -	\$ 288.95	\$ -	\$ 288.95
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	\$ -	\$ 121.72	\$ -	\$ 121.72
7990	CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 1,210.34	\$ -	\$ 1,210.34
8005	PORTAGE-BASELINE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 9.17	\$ -	\$ 9.17
8007	WHITMORE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 39.77	\$ -	\$ 39.77
8008	FOUR MILE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 166.38	\$ -	\$ 166.38
	TOTALS	\$ 170.95	\$ 304,497.36	\$ -	\$ 304,668.31

New Business

07-0049 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution determining and ordering a change in the boundaries of the Village of Manchester. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Comm. Schwartz moved to add the amendment that the Board of Commissions direct the Clerk to send copies of resolutions 07-0050 and 07-0051 to the Governor's Office, MDEQ, State Senator and Representatives representing Lodi and Saline Townships. Accepted as friendly amendments. Comm. Lovejoy Roe thanked Comm. Ping Mills and the staff that worked on the resolutions.

07-0050 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution to petition the MDEQ to deny a permit for the Frederick Farms Wastewater Facility in Lodi Township be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0051 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution to petition the MDEQ to deny a permit for the Riverwood Development Wastewater Treatment Facility in Saline Township be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0052 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution authorizing the hire of E. James Zwolensky as Director of Project Management for Support Services at an annual salary of \$95,000 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1 (Comm. Lovejoy Roe). ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0053 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution accepting Augusta Township's affirmative response to undergo facilitative mediation in the police services litigation and authorizing the Administrator and County Attorney's to take all action necessary to advance this process under the terms previously specified be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to call the question on resolution 07-0054. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Schwartz). ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

07-0054 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution rejecting the proposal from Ypsilanti Township and Salem Township to settle the police services litigation be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1 (Comm. Lovejoy Roe). ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Peterson). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Kathy Jackson, Supervisor of Augusta Township thanked the Board of Commissioners for extending an olive branch, and added that she looked forward to entering mediation with the County.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn until Wednesday March 7th, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: