



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday April 18, 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, April 18, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 9:51 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Sizemore

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrators David Behen and Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk; Peter Ballios, Finance; Ken Schrader, Information Technology; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Derrick Jackson, 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. Bergman moved that the minutes of the April 4, 2007, Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion carried.

#### Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he is calling on the Board of Commissioners to recognize western Washtenaw County. He stated that he lives in Scio Township's only affordable apartment development. Partridge added that there is not adequate lighting and law enforcement in the area of the development. He reported that living in Scio Township is a lesson on how government works badly.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

#### Communications

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

**R-0090** RECEIVED: April 2, 2007. A letter from Shirley M. Winston, Child Care Fund Specialist, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, State of Michigan, to Linda Edwards-Brown, Juvenile Division Administrator, Washtenaw Trial Court, Juvenile Division, re: Report resulting from the November 13, 2006 on-site fiscal and program review of the Child Care Fund, dated November 30, 2006. Received and filed, copied to Juvenile Court and Trial Court.

**R-0091** RECEIVED: April 5, 2007. A letter from Mrs. Kay Shabazz, President, Reaching Out Against Road Rage (R.O.A.R.R.), to Mr. Wesley Prater, Commissioner, Chair, District 4, re: Request for support of the R.O.A.R.R., dated March 29, 2007. Received and filed.

**R-0092** RECEIVED: April 9, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated March 30, 2007. Received and filed.

**R-0093** RECEIVED: April 9, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update—Happy Easter!!!, dated April 6, 2007. Received and filed.

**R-0094** RECEIVED: March 19, 2007. A press release from the Center for the Education of Women, The University of Michigan, re: Identity Theft and Your Credit, dated April 6, 2007. Received and filed.

### **Liaison Reports**

Comm. Bergman stated that one of the things that the WCHO has been wanting to add is treatment at the first sign of mental illness. She stated that this early treatment greatly reduces the chance of mental illness. Comm. Bergman added that the recipe offered by the WCHO is correct. She stated that the Robertwood Johnson grant will allow for very early intervention in cases of mental illness. She stated that her heart goes out to Virginia Tech University and families of the victims. Comm. Bergman reported that this grant will go a long way to protect young people in this community. She thanked staff at the WCHO and CSTS and added that some will be going to Robertwood Johnson for training in the next 10 days.

Comm. Ping Mills reported on recent activities of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS). She reported that there was a partnership between WATS and Megabus.com to book trips for ten or more people to Chicago. She also reported that the long-term goal for the train is to go from Ann Arbor to Traverse City.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the Road Commission has been invited to present on the night of the public hearing on expanding the Road Commission from three to five members. He added that he and Comm. Schwartz have been working with WCERS, and are beginning to evaluate RFP responses. He stated that it is critical to take a fresh look at what is being done, and added that he feels a better job will be done for employees in the long term.

Comm. Bergman stated that the Human Emergency Resource Committee is having an exercise on May 16. She stated it will involve 16 "patients", and that the exercise is being conducted to find and address glitches in this field.

### **Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners:**

#### **Special Order of Business:**

**07-0083** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution commending Prue and Ami Rosenthal on receiving the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County's 7<sup>th</sup> biennial Humanitarian Award be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**07-0084** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution thanking Reigen Folks for his 33 years of service to Washtenaw County and wishing him well in all his future endeavors be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**07-0085** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution declaring April 22-28<sup>th</sup> to be "Protecting the Environment" Week in Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

Kirk Profit gave the State Budget Presentation at the Ways and Means Committee meeting of April 18, 2007.

### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the following reports be received and approved: BOC Agenda, dated March 28, 2007, and Ways & Means, dated April 4, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

### **Reports of Special Committees**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated March 20, 2007, and March 5, 2007; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated February 21, 2007; Community Action Board, dated November 27, 2006; Jury Board, dated March 22, 2007, March 8, 2007, January 25, 2007, December 19, 2006, November 21, 2006, and October 26, 2006; Police Services Steering Committee, dated February 7, 2007; Public Works Board, dated March 5, 2007, and February 28, 2007; Social Services Board, dated February 28, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

### **Other Reports**

None

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Cash position of Washtenaw County as of January 2007.

## Report of the County Administrator

None

### Appointments

**07-0086** 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 three year term expiring December 31, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

### Resolutions

**07-0087** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the Plan Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Weatherization Assistance Program Local Service Plan to the United States Department of Energy/Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$270,962 for the program period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 for the Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**07-0088** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution ratifying the Administrator's signature on the application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a School Chemical Cleanout Campaign program for the period of August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant awards; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**07-0089** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution approving the 2007 Washtenaw County Equalization Report be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**07-0090** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2006 real property taxes be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

### Approval of Claims

**07-0091** 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 April 6, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$2,187.70	\$ 66,348.44	\$ -	\$ 68,536.14
1290	HOME CONSORTIUM	\$ -	\$ 199.48	\$ -	\$ 199.48
1293	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ 119.49	\$ -	\$ 119.49
1390	LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$ -	\$ 9,371.19	\$ -	\$ 9,371.19
1620	PROS ATTNY-CR	\$ -	\$ 253.91	\$ -	\$ 253.91
1710	BFI SOLID WASTE COORD.	\$ -	\$ 241.94	\$ -	\$ 241.94
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	\$ -	\$ 992.60	\$ -	\$ 992.60
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 1,381.35	\$ -	\$ 1,381.35
1882	HIDTA	\$ -	\$ 1,304.92	\$ -	\$ 1,304.92
1900	3 - 911 FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,227.87	\$ -	\$ 1,227.87
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	\$ -	\$ 30,997.24	\$ -	\$ 30,997.24
2090	PARKS - NATURAL AREAS MILEAGE	\$ -	\$ 372.70	\$ -	\$ 372.70
2110	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,174.88	\$ -	\$ 1,174.88
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$ -	\$ 451.31	\$ -	\$ 451.31
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	\$ -	\$ 5,238.43	\$ -	\$ 5,238.43
2510	CSA HEADSTART	\$ -	\$ 434.01	\$ -	\$ 434.01
2630	CSA SR NUTRITION	\$ -	\$ 1,166.46	\$ -	\$ 1,166.46

2804	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	\$ -	\$ 109.82	\$ -	\$ 109.82
2812	JUVENILE DRUG COURT PLAN GRANT	\$ -	\$ 129.65	\$ -	\$ 129.65
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORROW	\$ -	\$ 354.70	\$ -	\$ 354.70
2920	WCHO	\$ -	\$ 2,292.31	\$ -	\$ 2,292.31
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 26,679.18	\$ -	\$ 26,679.18
2940	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$ -	\$ 32.36	\$ -	\$ 32.36
2960	HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 3,955.59	\$ -	\$ 3,955.59
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	\$ -	\$ 3,150.29	\$ -	\$ 3,150.29
4010	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ 543.48	\$ -	\$ 543.48
4015	750 TOWNER	\$ -	\$ 5,500.37	\$ -	\$ 5,500.37
4050	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 6,829.28	\$ -	\$ 6,829.28
5505	2004 PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROC.	\$ -	\$ 10.01	\$ -	\$ 10.01
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	\$ -	\$230,435.56	\$ -	\$230,435.56
6320	FACILITIES MGMT - TRANSP	\$ -	\$ 8,382.74	\$ -	\$ 8,382.74
6440	SELF INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 475.57	\$ -	\$ 475.57
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	\$ -	\$ 35,465.37	\$ -	\$ 35,465.37
7310	T&A SHERIFF	\$2,998.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,998.00
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,705.18	\$ -	\$ 1,705.18
7550	MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	\$ -	\$ 243.44	\$ -	\$ 243.44
7990	CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 2,289.42	\$ -	\$ 2,289.42
8005	PORTAGE-BASELINE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 14.87	\$ -	\$ 14.87
8007	WHITMORE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 212.12	\$ -	\$ 212.12
8008	FOUR MILE LAKE LEVEL	\$ -	\$ 87.47	\$ -	\$ 87.47
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$5,185.70	\$450,210.00	\$ -	\$455,395.70

**New Business**

**07-0092** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution endorsing the concept of pursuing 500 federal vouchers that will be used to provide affordable housing within McKinley properties throughout Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Lovejoy Roe reported that the Police Services Steering Committee is meeting with the West Willow neighborhood on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Willow neighborhood association meeting. She added that the Local UAW 898 is having a community day of prayer on April 21, at 9:30-12:30 to discuss employment. She stated that she appreciates information on the website posted by Comm. Irwin. Comm. Lovejoy Roe added that she offers to be a bridge in police services litigation. She stated that communities are looking for breathing space, and a way to get reduced contract costs.

Comm. Peterson stated that the state consultant presentation was very appropriate. He added that many institutions rely on what the state is going to do with this budget. He stated that the County is proud of health services, and added that the impact will be felt if a billion dollars is cut out of the state budget this year. He added that this budget is adopted by putting pieces together. He added that he appreciates early reports requested by Administration, and added that it will be important for local entities and organizations to work together in the future. He stated that it is a sad day in Michigan when this much talk of making deep cuts takes place.

Comm. Schwartz also gave his condolences to Virginia Tech University, and stated that he has a lot of confidence in the younger generation in this Country.

**Citizen Participation**

Tom Partridge asked the Board to become more positive and proactive in finding revenues through tax reform. He stated that protections need to be provided for senior citizens, handicapped, disabled, and low income residents. He communicated that work needs to be done in the area of affordable housing. Partridge stated that he is calling on the County Sheriff's Office to stop discriminating against residents. He stated that this is costing the County money. He called for a combined municipal complex between the City and County. Partridge stated that other cities and Counties have done this. He asked how apartment complexes can be sold to out of state vendors.

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Grewal moved to adjourn until Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

Board Approved: