



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday May 2, 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, May 2, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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; Janis Bobrin, Drain Commissioner; Peter Ballios, Finance; Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Information Technology; Anthony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Nancy Thelen, MSU Extension; Mary Udoji, Margaret Wolfe, Library; Jennifer Watson, Budget; Kerry Sheldon, Joanna Bidlack 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. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the minutes of the April 18, 2007, Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0095 RECEIVED: April 10, 2007. A publication to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, re: Pipeline Magazine. Received and filed, copied to Drain.

R-0096 RECEIVED: April 13, 2007. A post card to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Anderson, Tackman and Company, PLC, re: The Microsoft Solution for City & County Government. Received and filed.

R-0097 RECEIVED: April 16, 2007. A letter to the James Hawkins, Ph.D., Superintendent, Ypsilanti Public Schools, from Daniel J. Minzey, Sheriff, Washtenaw County, re: Removal of Deputy from school position, dated April 12, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0098 RECEIVED: April 16, 2007. A letter to County Administrators and County Controllers, from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: Dates, Locations, and Times of informational seminars, dated April 11, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0099 RECEIVED: April 16, 2007. A letter to County Administrators and County Controllers, and Coordinators, from Kami Smith, Director of Membership Services, Michigan Association of Counties, re: Guide to Michigan's 94th Legislature, dated April 11, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0100 RECEIVED: April 23, 2007. A press release from Washtenaw County Public Health, re: Michigan celebrates National Public Health Week, dated April 16, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0101 RECEIVED: January 24, 2007. A flyer from The Washtenaw Community Health Organization, re: Network News, Issue 1, Volume 1, Received and filed.

R-0102 RECEIVED: April 23, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment, re: Washtenaw County to Participate in National County Government Week Activities, dated April 16, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0103 RECEIVED: April 23, 2007. A letter to the Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, P.O. Box 90013, Lansing, MI 48909, from Mary Kerr, President, Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, re: Ending the moratorium on state grants to arts and cultural organizations in Michigan, dated April 20, 2007. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner.

R-0104 RECEIVED: April 24, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated April 20, 2007. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Grewal stated that Kerry Sheldon made a presentation on the Communications Planning Process. She stated that there will be someone contacting members for a survey on this process moving forward.

Comm. Ouimet stated that regarding the Road Commission, there is some concern about where they are on their budget. He stated that they are coming forward with a plan, and that proactive measures are being taken. He added that this situation allows for thoughts on how the Road Commission can be helped on their budgeting process.

Comm. Smith stated that at SEMCOG, there was an amendment to bylaws and voting which allows for more of a consensus approach. There will be a one government, one vote approach, and a weighted vote, in which a majority of population must also approve a given measure.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners:

Special Order of Business:

07-0093 Comm. Lovejoy Roe seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution congratulating the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled on their receipt of the first annual Network Sub-regional Library of the Year award from the Library of Congress be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

07-0094 Comm. Lovejoy Roe seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the resolution commemorating the Washtenaw County Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and proclaiming support for the Police Memorial Service to be held on May 15, 2007. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

Public Hearing on proposed Regulation on Privately Owned Community Sewage Systems

Kathleen Fojtik Stroud, 2271 Placid Way, Ann Arbor, stated that as Chair of the County Board of Health, she has reviewed the ordinance on privately owned community sewage systems. She stated that she considers herself and the Board the citizen representative, and that she is not an advocate for sewage systems. She added that the Board has been fair, and would like to see comments considered, and that she feels the right thing is being done on this matter.

Paula Globerson, 195 Rockwood Court, Scio Township, stated that passing this regulation is very important. She added that Townships have had their hands full with this issue. She stated that a sewage system is being proposed that will discharge into Honey Creek. Globerson stated that there is currently one in Lima Township that is not working properly. She stated that the phosphorus levels required are not being met. She added that she would like to. She added that the type of regulations and backups are not in place to ensure that these systems are maintained. She added that this ordinance is for the protection of all citizens. Globerson stated that she feels that this is a State of Michigan problem and is happy to see the proposal.

Maryann Noah thanked the County Planning Department on creating this ordinance. She stated that being a Township Supervisor, she appreciates the County accepting feedback from local units of government. Noah stated that she supports the adoption of this resolution.

Jim Walter, Pittsfield Township Supervisor, 4049 Spring Lake Boulevard, congratulated the Planning and Environment Department, and added that this is a good example of intergovernmental cooperation. He stated that he did not want local governments being stuck with the problem if these systems fail. He commented that one way he would like to see improvement in the ordinance is to add to escrow accounts. He added that he hopes this ordinance is passed. Walter added that one current concern is that over 3000 new units are being proposed for Saline Township.

Christina Lirones, Pittsfield Treasurer, 151 E. Textile Rd., Ann Arbor, stated that there are many requests for these types of systems, and that this is a concern to Townships in this area. She stated that this ordinance compliments the Pittsfield ordinance well, and that she supports the adoption of this resolution. She stated that the option being looked at by Pittsfield is to develop an ordinance requiring private systems to be up to municipal standards. She thanked the County for their support.

Marcia VanFossen, 7280 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor stated that she is here to support the ordinance. She added that this document stresses the importance of the County and local government to work together on these types of issues. VanFossen stated that considerable time and effort has been spent on the writing of this document. She stated that she is asking the Board to adopt this ordinance.

Jan Novak stated that on behalf of Lodi Township, she thanked the Board for supporting Lodi Township in getting the MDEQ to deny the recent permit for one of these privately owned sewage systems. She stated that she is also present to support the ordinance. She added that this is a well thought out ordinance and urged approval.

Paul Lubienski, 3610 Daleview Drive, Ann Arbor, stated that he has lived in Scio for about 30 years. He stated that the County government should not be expanding at this time. He added that this would create another regulatory piece for developers to go through. Lubienski stated that the outcome is going to be a crazy regulatory scheme. He presented a handout to the Board listing 6 reasons why the proposed County wastewater ordinances should not be adopted (on file in County Clerk's Office). He added that he was involved in the Lake Isabella case, and that because the County is writing the ordinance, the County is given veto power. He added that business cannot be done under many sets of rules, and that he would like to see one uniform set of rules.

Ted Lauden stated that he is here on behalf of the Michigan Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, and that his address is 4109 S. Pinedale Drive, Lansing, MI, 48911. He stated that he is neither here in support or against the ordinance. He stated that as the future is looked at, the County should be looking into wastewater systems that provide variety. Lauden stated that this ordinance has a strong bias toward the centralized system. He added that individual systems need to be very well managed, and that an ordinance needs to be provided for the upkeep of these systems. He stated that soils have a phenomenal ability to treat wastewater. He added that he has some specific comments on the ordinance.

Shawn Murray, 179 Little Lake Drive, Ann Arbor, distributed a letter (On file in Clerk's Office). He stated that this is not a blanket for or against these systems. He read comments that were presented to him (on file in County Clerk's Office). He stated that these systems are legal and going forward, and that the impact of this ordinance needs to be considered. He stated that this type of regulation would be counterproductive. He added that the main concern was adding a third layer of regulation. He stated that the only thing this is going to do is add cost to the price of the home.

Janis Bobrin, 3465 Vintage Valley, Ann Arbor, stated that she has had the opportunity to work with Dan Myers and Dick Fleece to develop this regulation, and that the coordination with Townships was outstanding. She stated that these systems fail, causing problems to drains in her jurisdiction. She stated that DEQ is facing budget shortfalls. Bobrin stated that Washtenaw has stepped up to take care of their own environment. Bobrin stated that requests for financial surety are around 5 years, but there is no backup after 10 years for example. She stated that it is owed to residents that these systems will be maintained for the long term.

Feliziana Meyer, 6767 Robison Lane, Saline, stated that she hopes that the Board will pass this resolution. She stated that the cost to homeowners is astronomical when these systems fail. She added that she would like to see residents kept safe.

Evan Pratt, 1626 Harbal Drive, thanked the Board for the opportunity to comment. He stated that he is a practicing engineer working with these systems. He added that OHM is in favor of regulating these types of systems. He stated that when these systems are addressed properly they do well, but if these systems are not maintained large problems arise. He added that homeowners pay the cost, and that these systems only last about 7 years. Pratt added that he prepared a summary and independent verification. He stated that he believes that this ordinance is an important step in providing utility systems that minimizes the total lifecycle of the cost. He stated that it is recognized that this may result in a greater initial cost, but that in the long term, the cost is made up. Pratt stated that the taxpayers are the ones footing the bills, and that OHM believes they should get the best value.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the following reports be received and approved: BOC Agenda, dated April 11, 2007, Ways & Means, dated April 18, 2007, and Working Session, dated April 19, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated April 3, 2007; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated March 21, 2007; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated April 16, 2007, and March 20, 2007; Historic District Commission, dated February 1, 2007; Law Enforcement Citizens Review Board, dated February 8, 2007; Parks and Recreation Commission, dated April 10, 2007, February 22, 2007, February 13, 2007, and January 9, 2007; Planning Advisory Board, dated March 26, 2007, and February 26, 2007; Police Services Steering Committee, dated March 7, 2007; Public Works Board, dated March 21, 2007; Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, dated March 21, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

None

Report of the County Administrator

Guenzel gave a report on the Washtenaw Housing Alliance membership - CSTS.

Hedger stated that parties have been ordered into facilitative mediation. He stated that parties have 14 days from the date of the hearing to jointly select a facilitator. He stated that if parties cannot agree by May 9, the judge will assign someone. He added that dates of facilitative mediation must be reported back to the judge by May 24. He stated that the judge also ordered that this will be conducted concurrently with current litigation. He stated that parties will equally share the cost of the facilitator. He stated that if there is any proposed settlement it would have to go to the BOC and local Boards for approval. Guenzel stated that reporting back will occur May 16.

Comm. Smith stated that it is important to gather with attorneys to discuss facilitative mediation being on all claims. Hedger stated that these are two separate procedures, and that the judge was presented with the option to mediate all claims, and the judge denied it. He added that he does not think the Board is within its rights. Comm. Smith asked how it is in the best interest of the County, why the other claims would not be discussed. He added that the Board ought to have the discussion on what this opportunity presents.

Comm. Gunn stated that facilitative mediation was offered to all of the Townships. She stated that the judges ruling should be followed, and that the rest should be done in court.

Comm. Bergman stated that she agreed with Comm. Gunn and that the appeals have not yet been filed.

Comm. Schwartz stated that it is his understanding that the judge put forth mediation, and that the Board could take action to add to this mediation.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe she stated that she does not feel that anything has changed since the Board adopted its policy. She stated that the Townships are not going to throw away dollars when the crux of the matter is in the dismissed claims. She stated that a meeting with Augusta took place, but that nothing else has been determined as far as mediation. She stated that there are more than a couple of people that should have input in the process. She stated that because this is non-binding, and that if the conclusion is not liked, it does not have to be adopted. She stated that if a system was in place. She stated that she would like to have this settled and moved on.

Comm. Gunn stated that Augusta Township responded, and two meetings were held. She stated that what Hood stated in court is irrelevant, and that there is no choice other than following the judge's order.

Comm. Ouimet stated that it might be helpful to discuss who is going to meetings on this issue. He added that whatever has been said, it still is necessary to move forward. He stated that if closure can be brought to the issue and that there might not be a lot of value in delving into the history of this issue. He added that this needs to be approached calmly to make sure that facts and not emotion are being discussed. Comm. Ouimet stated that he appreciated being asked for his opinion. Comm. Ouimet stated that he feels comfortable with Comm. Irwin representing the wishes of the Board. He stated that he is happy to add value to the process with the goal of getting this thing resolved.

Comm. Bergman stated that the County is winning. She stated that she is not in a giving mood. Comm. Bergman stated that she supports the appointment of Comm. Ouimet. Comm. Bergman stated that part of the problem with a labor shortage is people on administrative leave.

Comm. Ping Mills stated that there is a lot of animosity, that everything needs to be put aside, and that everything needs to be resolved. She added that everyone needs to step back and get this issue solved.

Comm. Irwin stated that his first preference is to work out a solution with local government. He stated that he is still hopeful on solving the issue with the three townships. He stated that offers to try to solve this have been met with rejection. Comm. Irwin stated that his door is open to working through these things. He stated that one reason he asked Comm. Ouimet to join him was that there was a better chance of success in reaching an agreement. Comm. Irwin stated that Comm. Ouimet also has a different viewpoint on this issue. He stated that it is important to have two different viewpoints reporting to the Board. He commented that this will give the Board the opportunity to interface with two Commissioners. Comm. Irwin stated that Comm. Bergman is right and that the law seems to be clear and added that the County is heading toward a win, and that the counterclaim has a very good chance. He stated that he hoped the townships would like to find a solution in this matter.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that it is important that the idea of who is going to win needs to be taken off the table or no one wins. She also asked if a motion is in order to expand the judges order to expand the

Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to expand the non-binding court ordered mediation to include all claims. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to expand the facilitation and mediation to include all claims raised by all parties in the pleadings and present a proposed order to the Township attorneys for approval or rejection.

Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to table the motion until the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for May 16, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

Land Use and Environment Community of Interest Presentation: Anthony VanDerworp, Janis Bobrin, Nancy Thelen, and Bob Tetens presented the Land Use and Environment Community of Interest (On file in County Clerk's Office).

Comm. Ping Mills asked about the mandatory restaurant certification. Myers stated that Macomb County passed this certification.

Comm. Ouimet stated that it is important for the commission to know that Thelen provides very valuable service through 4-H. He stated that this program is extremely impressive. Comm. Ouimet added that without MSU Extension, those opportunities would not exist. He stated that it is imperative to show how important the parks system is to the community. He stated that County representation is important at local government meetings. He stated that the outreach is great even though some may not be supportive of a specific program. Comm. Ouimet thanked all for their time.

Comm. Smith stated that Planning and Environment does an outstanding job. He asked about the risk based food service inspection program, and if the good actors will be looked at in the system. It was reported that facilities with many good inspections may have less frequent inspections. Comm. Smith asked how the program is designed and implemented. She stated that there are models through the food inspection program. Comm. Smith asked about staff requirements. She stated that this has not been looked at yet.

Comm. Smith asked about revisions to the state energy code, and a County incentive program to achieve this. VanDerworp stated that the Waste Not program provides a good model. He stated that these are two ideas that come to mind. He stated that necessity for code changes is seen all over the Country. Bobrin stated that Senator Brater's office had a conversation about a program such as this and achieving broader support. Comm. Gunn stated that MSU Extension has very good financial management and homebuyer education programs. She added that the Solar Cities initiative encourages companies to install solar panels on the roof of farmer's markets, producing enough energy to run the market.

Comm. Grewal thanked the presenters. She mentioned the communications process and added that the communications representative in the Drain office does a great job. She asked about the enabling act. VanDerworp stated that options are being looked at in terms of land planning. He added that there is a range of activities including awareness of urban vs. rural. He stated that these things are reflected in 08-09 proposals. He stated that resources need to be focused, and that all fronts need to be worked on. Comm. Grewal asked about farm cooperatives formed in parks, and whether that was part of the County. Tetens stated that this is an independent organization. Thelen stated that MSU Extension provides the education for this.

Comm. Bergman thanked the presenters. She added that she has taken photographs of beautiful swamp in Washtenaw County, and added that she is thrilled that the County is preserving this and other great pieces of land.

Comm. Schwartz asked VanDerworp for an update on the East-West Rail project. VanDerworp directed the question to Comm. Irwin for further information. Comm. Schwartz asked if additional full-time employees will be needed to meet goals laid out in the presentation. Bobrin stated that an additional staff person and a loan from the County for a large piece of equipment will be requested. She stated that more work is done with an in house staff person. She added that this position would be funded over 80%. Thelen stated that she is trying to increase volunteerism.

Comm. Smith asked about the citizen planner program through MSU Extension, and whether funds were being used for an educator. Thelen stated that funds were to bring the program down, and added that when the program comes here, she coordinates it. Comm. Smith stated that a western Michigan Senator made a challenge that 100% of her constituencies would have a citizens' planner. Thelen stated that this would be a great project, but that time may be stretched in order to get this done. She added that this could be looked into. Comm. Smith asked about the online citizen planner course, and whether VanDerworp could investigate cost sharing with local governments on this issue.

Comm. Irwin stated that many of the things being done by Planning and Environment are innovative and wonderful. He added that he wants to commend the team, and stated that there is a commitment here to natural areas conservation.

Comm. Irwin asked Tetens about the boarder-to-boarder trail, and where that project stands, along with where Huron River Drive stands. Tetens stated that the Boarder-to-Boarder trail is to run from Dexter Township to Ypsilanti Township. He stated that working with municipalities has been successful this far. He stated that his opinion on Huron River Drive is to take the trail along the road or off road. He stated that his position is to accommodate a trail in existing roadway.

Comm. Irwin stated that two ideas have been talked about regarding the East-West Rail system. He stated that there is a tremendous opportunity for rider-ship. He stated that SEMCOG was working on a study, and that they felt that the proposal they developed would not go far nationally. Comm. Irwin reported that he felt that the Congressional delegation could carry the day considering the current position of Detroit nationally. He added that negotiations have taken place with Amtrak and freight companies, and that estimates of starting the project have been pushed back from this fall. Comm. Irwin added that the North-South Rail seems to be moving more quickly. He stated that an inter-local agreement could take place between Washtenaw County and Livingston County. He added that the North-South Rail may be put in place with a relatively small investment.

Update on 1st quarter budget was presented by Jennifer Watson (On file in County Clerk's Office).

Comm. Schwartz asked if the \$86,000 was built into the expenditure for wind power even though it had not yet been approved. Watson stated that it was.

Comm. Smith asked about the source of the jail reserves. Watson stated that this was based on Board policy, and that the amount has been increased in the last couple of years. She stated that it was known that jail overcrowding was going to happen, so money was put in to compensate. Comm. Smith asked about the impact of overtime in the Sheriff's Department. Watson stated that at this time, police service is projected to be on target. She added that the Sheriff's office is met with monthly on their budget.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the projected percentage of the budget imbalance is not what he would consider a big deal. He stated that he is concerned about highlights of the problem. He stated that there is a strong level of comfort in knowing what to keep an eye on. Comm. Ouimet added that the County is poised to be able to adjust because of this analysis. He stated that there is nothing in the report to be overly concerned about.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked if updates come on police services contracts that are not being fulfilled. Watson stated that this is managed by the Sheriff's Department. She added that she is waiting for more specific information from the Sheriff's Department. Watson stated that the number of hours being given in overtime changes month to month.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked why the legal risk management side has changed. Watson stated that the types of lawsuits are not appropriate for risk management to be dealt with. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about the building services fund, and if the report is based on trends from last year. Watson stated that this is based on actual revenue collections in the first quarter, and projections from the remaining months of last year. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked when there are problems in the general fund, if there is a request of other departments to bear the burden. Watson stated that appropriations are monitored on a regular basis. She added that this would be negotiated within the individual department. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about internal departments to the general fund. Watson stated that there are quarterly operational meetings with every department, and monthly general fund projections for each department, and added that discussions take place with each department to bring them back into scope.

Resolutions

07-0095 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Washtenaw Urban County's Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approve the budgets in the total amount of \$2,009,318; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

07-0096 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution amending the Community Support and Treatment Services (CSTS) department budget for implementation of integrated health services, for fiscal year 2006-2007; creating positions to expand services; adopting new job descriptions; and authorizing the Administrator to approve amendments to the CSTS-WCHO contract for fiscal year 2006-07 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

07-0097 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of April 20, 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	\$ 720.67	\$ -	\$ 9.25	\$ 729.92
1572	INMATE CONCESSIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136.43	\$ 136.43
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$ 522.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.79
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	\$ 232.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.50
7310	T&A SHERIFF	\$ 3,468.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,468.00
	TOTALS	\$ 4,943.96	\$ -	\$ 145.68	\$ 5,089.64

New Business

07-0098 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment staff on the Augusta Charter Township master plan revisions and direct the County Clerk to send comments to Augusta Charter Township and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

07-0099 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution to accept comments from the Planning Advisory Board on the State Long Range Transportation Plan and to direct the County Clerk to send comments to the Michigan Department of Transportation be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

07-0100 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution to accept comments from the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment staff on the City of Chelsea master plan update and direct the County Clerk to send comments to the City of Chelsea and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

07-0101 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution to set a public hearing on June 20, 2007 to receive comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Plan for the Village of Dexter "Baker Road" Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for a single business tax credit be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Sizemore). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Smith stated that he had a conversation with Kirk Profit, and as more decision-making is done, talks of putting together a policy committee to make the best use of Profit's time, as well as incorporate staff ideas.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe announced that the City of Ypsilanti adopted a resolution calling for a day of prayer in Ypsilanti on May 3 from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in Downtown Ypsilanti, near the Ypsilanti District Library on Michigan Avenue.

Comm. Ping Mills asked about the status of Agenda Meetings and stated that there are considerations on the table on whether these meetings should be cancelled. Comm. Irwin stated that due to short meetings and flagging attendance, continuation of these meetings will be discussed at the next Agenda Meeting.

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to adjourn until Wednesday May 16th, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

Board Approved: