



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday September 5, 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, September 5, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy County Administrators David Behen and Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Peter Ballios, Finance; Adrian Whitfield, Dale Vanderford, Information Technology; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Gordon Burger, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Kerry Sheldon, Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, 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 August 1, 2007, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge expressed his support of John Edwards for President due to his support of universal health care. Partridge urged the expansion of public transportation. He discussed County wide Para-transit services.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0184 RECEIVED: July 30, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Free Back-To-School Hearing and Vision Screening Offered, dated July 26, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0185 RECEIVED: August 1, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated July 27, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0186 RECEIVED: August 1, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Washtenaw County Health Department Begins Offering HPV Vaccine to Underinsured Women, dated July 30, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0187 RECEIVED: August 2, 2007. A memorandum to Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown, State 9-1-1 Administrator, re: 2007 Funding Workshops, dated July 31, 2007. Received and filed, copied to the Sheriff's Department and each Commissioner.

R-0188 RECEIVED: August 2, 2007. Letters to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from retired members of the Washtenaw County Road Commission, re: Benefit changes at the Road Commission. Received and filed, copies handed out at previous meeting/placed in Commissioner mailboxes.

R-0189 RECEIVED: August 8, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated August 3, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0190 RECEIVED: August 10, 2007. A letter to Jeff Irwin, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Dwight P. Dean, Regional Director, United States Department of Commerce, re: Invitation to attend a training regarding the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program for the 2010 Decennial Census, dated August 8, 2007. Received and filed, copied to Equalization.

R-0191 RECEIVED: August 13, 2007. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, c/o Chairman Jeff Irwin, from Pam Byrnes, State Representative, District 52, re: Congratulations on being recognized as one of the top ten digital counties in the United States, dated August 8, 2007. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner.

R-0192 RECEIVED: August 14, 2007. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from John H. Fisher, Manager, National External Audit Review Center, re: Findings and recommendations of initial audit review. Received and filed, copied to Public Health.

R-0193 RECEIVED: August 16, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated August 10, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0194 RECEIVED: August 16, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan, dated August 13, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0195 RECEIVED: August 17, 2007: A resolution from the Antrim County Board of Commissioners; re: Opposition to House Bill 4852, dated August 13, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0196 RECEIVED: August 17, 2007. A memorandum to Mr. Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County Administrator, from Mark R. Lindke, Director, Veteran Services, re: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2006 Expenditures, dated August 15, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0197 RECEIVED: August 17, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Health Department Advises Residents about the Risk of Rabies, dated August 16, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0198 RECEIVED: August 21, 2007. A newsletter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from the Milan Area Chamber of Commerce, re: Business Newsworthy, dated August, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0199 RECEIVED: August 21, 2007: A resolution from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners; re: Opposition to House Bill 4780-4788, dated August 16, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0200 RECEIVED: August 22, 2007. A letter to Mr. Jeff Irwin, Chairman, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Fred Roperti, Salem Township Supervisor, re: Presentation of perspective on Road Commission issue, dated August 16, 2007. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner.

R-0201 RECEIVED: August 22, 2007. A Notice of Public Hearing to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Feliziana Meyer, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township, re: Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Adaptive Materials, Inc.. Received and filed.

R-0202 RECEIVED: August 27, 2007: A resolution from the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners; re: Opposition to House Bill 4852, dated August 14, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0203 RECEIVED: August 28, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Pick Up the Pace Saline (PUPS) Summer 2007 Walk Series, dated August 17, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0204 RECEIVED: August 28, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Health Department Immunizing Clinic House Changing, dated August 20, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0205 RECEIVED: August 28, 2007. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Health Department Investigating Elevated Number of Salmonella Cases, dated August 24, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0206 RECEIVED: August 28, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated August 17, 2007. Received and filed.

R-0207 RECEIVED: August 28, 2007. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated August 24, 2007. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Grewal reported on the Planning Advisory Board. She stated that the Board was currently reviewing ways to improve and be more effective. She stated that the main topic is improving services that are provided to the public.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he and Comm. Gunn have had a chance to digest the situation taking place at the Road Commission. He reported that establishing a body to give feedback would be helpful. He stated that he has some thoughts on how the situation can be corrected relatively quickly.

Comm. Gunn stated that she is sorry that the Road Commission cannot be expanded. She stated that she will be supportive if a committee is established.

Comm. Schwartz reported that a deficit of \$5.5 million exists with the WCERS Board in the most recent valuation. He added that a new investment advisor has been hired.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners (Presentations at Ways and Means 9/5/07)

A. Presentation on the Area Agency on Aging – *Tina Abbate Marzolf*

B. Presentation on the Road Commission – *Steve Puuri*

Special Order of Business

07-0151 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution in support of establishing a sister city affiliation between Superior Township, Michigan and Hwaseong City, Korea be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the following reports be received and approved: Ways & Means, dated August 1, 2007, and Working Session, dated August 2, 2007. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated August 7, 2007, July 17, 2007, and July 3, 2007; Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee, dated October 30, 2006; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated July 17, 2007; Historic District Commission, dated July 5, 2007; Law Enforcement Citizens Review Board, dated April 15, 2007, and June 21, 2007; Public Health Advisory Committee/Environmental Appeals Board, dated July 27, 2007, and February 23, 2007; Public Works Board, dated July 18, 2007, and June 20, 2007; Social Services Board, dated June 26, 2007; Statutory Drainage Board, dated August 17, 2007; Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, dated June 20, 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

David Behen reported on Wireless Washtenaw. He stated that there have been delays in the last couple of months. He added that it is anticipated that expansion will take place in the next 30-60 days. Behen reported that their grant application will be submitted by the end of the week. He added that they are working closely with SIEMENS on the final contract. Behen stated that he is confident about deployment on the Western side of the County. He added that Veterans Park will receive service this week. Behen reported on the SIEMENS and Nokia merger, and added that it slowed progress on the project. Behen reported that Derrick Jackson has been working to ensure that residents have the skill sets to effectively use the Internet. He added that a plan is expected by October.

Resolutions

Ways & Means – September 5, 2007

07-0152 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution revising the Washtenaw County purchase of development rights (PDR) ordinance section 2 (6) pertaining to definitions, section 4 (1) pertaining to the composition of the agricultural lands preservation advisory committee, and section 5 pertaining to criteria for deciding whether to purchase the development rights from farmland and other eligible land be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

07-0153 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution to approve the issuance of the Washtenaw County – Northfield Township Sanitary Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 in the total principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000 (the “Refunding Bonds”) be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

07-0154 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution adopting a fee for passport quality photographs in the office of the County Clerk/Register – Elections/Administration Division be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

07-0155 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of August 24, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$ 903.88	\$ 73,760.25	\$ 237.01	\$ 74,901.14
1291	URBAN COUNTY CDBG	\$ -	\$ 103.55	\$ -	\$ 103.55
1572	INMATE CONCESSIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156.24	\$ 156.24
1710	BFI SOLID WASTE COORD.	\$ -	\$ 183.95	\$ -	\$ 183.95
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	\$ -	\$ 608.79	\$ -	\$ 608.79
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 1,198.86	\$ -	\$ 1,198.86
1850	RRNWW:STORM WATER GENERAL PE	\$ -	\$ 141.84	\$ -	\$ 141.84
1882	HIDTA	\$ -	\$ 12,025.78	\$ -	\$ 12,025.78
1900	3 - 911 FUND	\$ -	\$ 976.47	\$ -	\$ 976.47
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	\$ -	\$ 52,685.46	\$ -	\$ 52,685.46
2110	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$ 192.26	\$ 1,424.41	\$ -	\$ 1,616.67
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$2,329.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,329.18
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	\$ -	\$ 4,836.01	\$ -	\$ 4,836.01
2510	CSA HEADSTART	\$ -	\$ 667.49	\$ -	\$ 667.49
2600	CSBG	\$ -	\$ 612.22	\$ -	\$ 612.22
2630	CSA SR NUTRITION	\$ -	\$ 235.85	\$ -	\$ 235.85
2812	JUVENILE DRUG COURT PLAN GRANT	\$ -	\$ 107.80	\$ -	\$ 107.80
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORROW	\$ -	\$ 272.18	\$ -	\$ 272.18
2920	WCHO	\$ -	\$ 7,967.97	\$ -	\$ 7,967.97
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 15,092.77	\$ -	\$ 15,092.77
2940	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$ -	\$ 754.00	\$ -	\$ 754.00
2960	HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 3,949.41	\$ -	\$ 3,949.41
2962	PUBLIC HEALTH LOCAL GRANTS	\$ -	\$ 85.10	\$ -	\$ 85.10
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	\$ -	\$ 4,369.29	\$ -	\$ 4,369.29
4050	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 8,323.30	\$ -	\$ 8,323.30
5506	2005 PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROC.	\$ -	\$ 20.10	\$ -	\$ 20.10
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	\$ -	\$ 66,588.51	\$ -	\$ 66,588.51
6440	SELF INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 218.86	\$ -	\$ 218.86
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	\$ -	\$ 35,443.19	\$ -	\$ 35,443.19
7310	T&A SHERIFF	\$1,904.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,904.00
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,862.36	\$ -	\$ 1,862.36

7520	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND	\$ -	\$ 542.01	\$ -	\$ 542.01
7550	MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN	\$ -	\$ 1,741.37	\$ -	\$ 1,741.37
7570	VEBA HEALTH TRUST	\$ -	\$ 606.81	\$ -	\$ 606.81
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	\$ -	\$ 123.33	\$ -	\$ 123.33
7990	CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 2,362.54	\$ -	\$ 2,362.54
	TOTALS	\$5,329.32	\$299,891.83	\$ 393.25	\$305,614.40

New Business

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution expanding the Washtenaw County Road Commission from three to five members be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 4. NAYS: 6 (Comms. Ping Mills, Ouimet, Peterson, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, and Sizemore). ABSENT: 0. Motion failed.

07-0156 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution in support of Healthcare Legislation H.R. 15 and H.R. 2034 proposed by Congressman Dingell be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

07-0157 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution to create and appoint members to two committees to discuss, study, and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners about various arrangements for dispatching police, fire, and emergency medical services in Washtenaw County – Regional Dispatch Task Force be adopted.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe offered a friendly amendment stating that Ypsilanti Township Supervisor, Ruth Ann Jamnick, or a designee be named to the Washtenaw County Regional Dispatch task Force. Accepted as a friendly amendment.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

07-0158 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution calling for evaluation and assurances of long term passenger rail preservation and enhancement in the context of formation of Michigan Central Railroad and acquisition of former Norfolk Southern Track from Kalamazoo to Ypsilanti be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Grewal asked about computers for those who cannot afford them. Behen stated that getting hardware to needy folks is a part of the project.

Comm. Peterson asked about drafting a resolution to move issues forward with the Road Commission. He stated that issues such as this affect all employees in Washtenaw County. He stated that he would hope for another person to the two liaisons in forming the committee. He stated that the support of the Board needs to be understood. He added that he hopes the Chair will do this.

Comm. Ouimet stated that if the green light is given, this can be done in an expedient way, and a report can be brought back. He also reported on WCERS and stated that every dollar that goes into WCERS takes away from other County services. Comm. Ouimet stated that he would like to have a WCERS presentation to the Board if the Chair is in agreement. Comm. Irwin stated that he agreed with Comm. Ouimet and Comm. Peterson. He opened the door for Commissioners to join in the work.

Comm. Peterson stated that he appreciates the comments, and stated that he would like to see a working template set up. He stated that someone needs to communicate to the Board on progress. He stated that he would like to hear that a discussion has taken place by the next meeting.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge discussed transportation in the County. He stated that this program not existing is unconstitutional. He added that he has received a letter terminating his transportation services.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Ping Mills moved to adjourn until Wednesday September 19th, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

Board Approved: