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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

November 14, 2007

Chair Bergman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Ouimet

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; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Anthony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Damon Thompson, Community Development; Denise Dalrymple, Children's Services; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Jennifer Watson, Budget; Gordon Burger, Jim Zwolensky, Dale Vanderford, Support Services; Adrian Whitfield, ITS; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Chris Smail, 8857 Pleasantview Dr., Northville, stated that he is opposed to using tax dollars to fund Planned Parenthood services.

Chris Kanta, 10430 Noggles, Manchester, spoke on behalf of the Community Resource Center in Manchester. She discussed services provided by her organization. She added that she feels that the Manchester Area has not received similar services to other areas due to location. Kanta stated that her organization was denied funding by the County, and added that she did not recognize that any organization on the western side of the County has been funded.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
Comm. Ping Mills thanked Chris Kanta, and stated that she agrees, and stated that she feels that the Funders Forum needs to be made up of a more diverse cross section of the County.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe discussed Planned Parenthood funding. She reported on a website discussed at the last meeting. Comm. Lovejoy Roe commented on an improvement to the website. She stated that she was disgusted by some of the other material on the website. She stated that she stresses talking to parents about their problems. She discussed the provision of abortion by the Planned Parenthood organization. Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she would like Commissioners to seek an alternate form of funding.

Comm. Grewal stated that she has heard from residents on both sides of the Planned Parenthood issue. She added that Planned Parenthood has been funded over ten years because of their positive record in the area of pre-natal care. She stated that this service is sorely needed in the community. Comm. Grewal stated that 40 % of clients are in the minority population. She added that the County does not provide direct pre-natal services.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that with the exception of the past 3 years, infant mortality rates have risen within the pre-natal program in Planned Parenthood.

New Business:

Children's Well-Being Community of Interest:

Trial Court – Family Division Juvenile Center:

Annual Juvenile Accountability Block Grant
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the Michigan Department of Human Services, for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, in the amount of $18,626, authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Trial Court:

Annual Child Care Fund
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the electronic submission of the Child Care Fund Budget Summary to the Michigan Department of Human Services, for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, in the total estimated reimbursement amount of $4,829,803 be adopted.

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

Land Use & Environment Community of Interest:

Planning and Environment:

"Clean Michigan Initiative" Brownfield Redevelopment Grant & Loan
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, for a total program of $1,000,000, authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Brownfield's Community-wide Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of $200,000, authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Administrator's Office:

Humane Society of Huron Valley Bond Issuance:

Lease and Leaseback
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator's signature on the lease of real property to Washtenaw County, authorizing the leaseback of real property and the newly constructed facility to Humane Society of Huron Valley be adopted.

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

Continuing Disclosure
Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing continuing disclosure for the sale of bonds in relation to Humane Society of Huron Valley's land acquisition and facility construction as approved, required by the Securities and Exchange Commission be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator
None

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Irwin reported that there would be a ten minute break before the start of the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None

Citizen Participation
None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None

Pending
None

Adjournment
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved that the meeting be adjourned until December 5th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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

APPROVED: