WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday February 6, 2008

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 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrator Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Peter Ballios, Finance; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Patricia Denig, Julie Chaffee, Trial Court; Trenda Rusher, ETCS; Gordon Burger, Ken Schrader, ITS; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the minutes of the January 23, 2008, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation
None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None

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

R-0029 RECEIVED: January 17, 2008. A flyer to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Jack Cooper, General Preservation Corporation, re: Building restoration. Received and filed.

R-0030 RECEIVED: January 23, 2008. A letter to Mr. Jeffery Irwin, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Nelson R. Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, re: FY 2008 programs and funding for Washtenaw County, dated January 17, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Community Development.

R-0031 RECEIVED: January 24, 2008. A notice of receipt of application for industrial facilities exemption certificate to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Dianne S. Hill, Saline City Clerk, re: DiggyPOD, Inc. Received and filed.

R-0032 RECEIVED: January 24, 2008. A notice of hearing to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Dianne S. Hill, Saline City Clerk, re: DiggyPOD, Inc. application for industrial facilities exemption certificate. Received and filed.

R-0033 RECEIVED: January 24, 2008. An essay in *Michigan Assocation of Planning*, titled "Partnerships for Creating Inclusive and Successful Communities" by Mandy Grewal, Ph.D. Received and filed.

R-0034 RECEIVED: January 24, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated January 18, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0035 RECEIVED: January 28, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated January 25, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0036 RECEIVED: January 28, 2008. A resolution from the City of Ypsilanti, re: Resolution supporting the SPARK East Incubator project, dated January 23, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0032 RECEIVED: January 28, 2008. A notice of hearing to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Feliziana Meyer, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township re: Hearing on the Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Molecular Imaging Research, Inc. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports
Comm. Gunn reported that Mr. Little, Director of Human Resources for the Road Commission has resigned.

Comm. Ouimet stated that there were concerns about procedures at accident scenes, and how the call goes out for salt/sand. He added that he feels that these procedures need to be reviewed.

Comm. Schwartz stated that he agrees with Comm. Ouimet on the Road Commission policy on accident scenes. He asked if the County has any regulation authority. Hedger stated that he would take a look at this question.

Comm. Bergman stated that she attended the Washtenaw Success program and stated that she found this to be a thrilling, forward thinking program. She added that factors were discussed stating why this is such a great place to live. She thanked Comm. Grewal and Comm. Ouimet for their work. Comm. Bergman added that Dr. Reedy is leaving the County and stated that she will miss him.

Comm. Sizemore reported that tomorrow's Working Session Meeting (2/7/08) has been cancelled.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners
None

Special Order of Business:
08-0020 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution of recognition for the success of Washtenaw County ETCS' Access Point Program be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0021 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw County Planning and Environment staff on the Pittsfield Township Master Plan Amendments and direct the County Clerk to send comments to Pittsfield Township and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

Reports of the Standing Committees
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the following reports be received and approved: Board of Commissioners Administrative Briefing, dated January 16, 2008; Ways & Means, dated January 23, 2008; and Working Session, dated January 24, 2008. 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 Commissioners Appointments Meeting, dated January 16, 2008; Board of Road Commissioners, dated January 3, 2008, and December 18, 2007; Building Code Construction Board of Appeals, dated April 25, 2007; Police Services Steering Committee, dated December 5, 2007; Public Works Board, dated December 19, 2007; Social Services Board, dated November 27, 2007; Statutory Drainage Board, dated December 21, 2007 be adopted. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports
None

Report of the Treasurer
None

Resolutions:

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08-0022 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution to amend the Washtenaw County final enhanced 911 service plan to allow for the establishment of a standardized local 911 surcharge be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0023 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution to adopt a standardized monthly 911 surcharge within Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0024 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2008 Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) weatherization assistance and client education program application to the MCAAA in the amount of $51,815 for the period of November 21, 2007 through August 31, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0025 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS contract with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the 2008 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Energy Assistance Program (MPSC/MCAAA 2008 Energy assistance program) in the amount of $130,897 for the period of October 17, 2007 through July 31, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0026 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Community Services Block Grant Discretionary (CSBG-T) grant to the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) in the amount of $13,000 for the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

08-0027 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2007 No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of $51,415 for the ETCS Department be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

Resolutions:

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Comm. Peterson asked if Community Corrections has any relationship with the Michigan prison release program. Julie Chaffee stated that right now this is a friendly relationship, but stated that no funding is shared. She stated that they are worked with as far as resources/referrals. Comm. Peterson stated that there needs to be more cooperation and collaboration. He stated that there may be more of a burden placed on the community. He added that he would like to see more collaborative programs. Chaffee stated that there is no mandate, but added that there is an Act Chaffee stated that her concern is that jail beds are being used to the best of their ability.

Comm. Peterson asked if there is collaboration with other entities or if there is tracking. Chaffee stated that data is collected, but that there is no collection of data of prison population returning to the community. He added that he would like to see as much collaboration as possible to get the most out of taxpayer dollars. Comm. Peterson added that he would like to discuss this topic in the future.

Comm. Gunn discussed the MPRI Advisory Council and Advocacy Council. She stated that citizens act as advocates in this program. Comm. Gunn gave an example of someone that was positively affected by the program.

Comm. Bergman reported that state funds must be used in a prescribed manner, and added that funds cannot be co-mingled. She reported on the MPRI board, and stated that there is an exchange of ideas/resources at these meetings. She added that Mary King is to be commended. Chaffee reported that a key component to MPRI is a compass assessment with no funding. She stated that a risk/needs assessment is provided before entering the prison system. She stated that the offender is followed through the state system.

Comm. Peterson stated that he asked the questions to lead into other discussion. He stated that he would like to put the budget in perspective. He stated that it is important that there is adequate service for people returning to the population from prison. He added that it is important to ensure that the maximum services are provided.

08-0028 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator on the grant agreement with the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections for the FY 2007 Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections comprehensive plan in the amount of $916,755 for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

08-0029 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 January 25, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	$ 102.00	$ -	$ 31.94	$ 133.94
1572	INMATE CONCESSIONS	$ 92.00	$ -	$ 43.63	$ 135.63
	TOTALS	$ 194.00	$ -	$ 75.57	$ 269.57

New Business

08-0030 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the resolution appointing one member to the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Lovejoy Roe and Smith). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:26 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that Michigan violated national Republican and Democratic party rules. He asked the Board to pass a resolution asking the State of Michigan to hold a valid primary or caucus. He stated that party platforms should start with the most vulnerable residents. Partridge urged the use of public transportation and stated that he calls on the Board to establish the County Board of Transportation.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to adjourn until Wednesday, February 20th, 2008, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

Board Approved: