



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday March 5, 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, March 5, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrator Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Gordon Burger, Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Jeff Krcmarik, Planning and Environment; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; 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. Lovejoy Roe seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he would like a national public transportation policy. He also discussed universal health care and stated that there is a crisis in housing.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0054 RECEIVED: February 8, 2008. An e-mail to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Chris and Emily Burak (emilyburak@sbcglobal.net), re: Planned Parenthood funding, dated February 8, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0055 RECEIVED: February 20, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Washtenaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation Celebrates Fifth Anniversary, dated February 14, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0056 RECEIVED: February 20, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated February 15, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0057 RECEIVED: February 22, 2008. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Bret Veldhoff, Sales Manager, Signs Plus, re: Washtenaw County Jail Expansion & 14-A District Court, dated February 1, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Purchasing.

R-0058 RECEIVED: February 25, 2008. A resolution to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Rosalie A. King, Chair, Iron County Board of Commissioners, and John Faccin, Chair, Iron County Parks and Recreation Commission, re: Resolution for to require users of the surface waters to financially participate in economical application fees, prompt governmental review and issuance of permits, and management efforts to control aquatic nuisance species, dated February 20, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Planning and Environment.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Grewal stated that she would like to recognize Head Start for their recent award, utilizing community partnerships, and efficient use of funds.

Comm. Ouimet stated that systemic changes are being made in investments, and added that he expects better returns. He reported that this is due to quality input into the system. Comm. Ouimet stated that he feels WCERS is moving toward being in a good position. He added that he would like to see this Board review the new metrics that will need to be established.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Special Order of Business:

None

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the following reports be received and approved: Board of Commissioners Administrative Briefing, dated February 13, 2008; Ways & Means, dated February 20, 2008. 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: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated December 10, 2007; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated January 14, 2008; Historic District Commission, dated January 10, 2008; Statutory Drainage Board, dated January 18, 2008 be adopted. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

None

Appointments:

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to amend the resolution appointing an additional representative from the Board of Commissioners to the Public Safety & Justice Oversight committee by adding "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby expands the Public Safety and Justice Oversight Committee to add a representative from the Board of Commissioners" and "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioner hereby appoints Commissioner Ken Schwartz to the Public Safety & Justice Oversight Committee."

08-0041 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution expanding the Public Safety and Justice Oversight committee and appointing an additional representative from the Board of Commissioners to the Public Safety & Justice Oversight committee be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Bergman). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator:

None

Resolutions:

Ways and Means – February 20, 2008

08-0042 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Food Assistance Employment and Training Program Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) in the amount of \$76,781 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for ETCS be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Bergman). Motion carried.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she would like to suggest putting together a committee and Equalization reports done quarterly, and in depth financial budget reports quarterly, and stated that she felt statutory responsibility has been passed to staff. She discussed the formulation of new fiscal policy.

Comm. Ping asked about actuarial studies and whether the second party can be held responsible for the mistakes. Guenzel stated that MERS through the State handled this, and added that he believes no damages can be found at this time.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he felt the actuarial was off when it was first looked at. He added that he felt damage was not done to the County because it was caught early. Comm. Ouimet stated that a task force may be an answer to budget issues of the County. He stated that he feels the BOC should set priorities and that staff should build on the priorities.

Comm. Irwin stated that these issues have been discussed, and stated that there is a reserves policy. Comm. Irwin stated that as more information comes forward he would be open to entertain those ideas. Comm. Gunn added that the bond rating has been increased twice in the last few years.

08-0043 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to implement the recommended budget amendments to bring the 2008 budget back into balance and to continue work with the organization to identify long-term structural solutions to be brought to the Ways and Means Committee no later than April 2, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Bergman). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

08-0044 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 February 22, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Bergman). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$.	\$ -	\$ 97.64	\$ 97.64
1572	INMATE CONCESSIONS	\$.	\$ -	\$ 12.63	\$ 12.63
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$.	\$ -	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00
	TOTALS	\$.	\$ -	\$ 397.27	\$ 397.27

New Business

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he is a potential candidate for the Board of Commissioners. He stated that he is calling on the Board to find ways to make up for the \$10 million deficit and to come up with ways to double the County budget.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn until Wednesday, March 19th, 2008, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

Board Approved: