



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday March 19, 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 19, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Grewal

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrator Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Gordon Burger, Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veterans Services; Jeff Krcmarik, Planning and Environment; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Audrey Tisdale, CSTS; 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. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the minutes of the March 5, 2008, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he would like to call on the Board to pass a resolution to urge legislators to allow another residential primary to occur. Partridge stated that he would also like to see more governmental cooperation.

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-0059 RECEIVED: February 29, 2008. A flyer to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, re: Mass Transit Summit. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner through Administration office.

R-0060 RECEIVED: February 29, 2008. A letter to Mr. Jeff Irwin, Commissioner, Chair, District 11, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Mrs. Kay Shabazz, Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Founder and President, re: Request for Proclamation, dated February 26, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0061 RECEIVED: March 5, 2008. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Tyrone Bridges, Program Director, Behavior Workshops, re: Stop the Violence Conference Donations, dated March 4, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0062 RECEIVED: March 5, 2008. A letter to the Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County, from Kirk Profit, Director, Governmental Consultant Services Inc., re: Five percent reduction in fees, dated February 21, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0063 RECEIVED: March 5, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated February 29, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0064 RECEIVED: March 5, 2008. A letter to Mr. Jeff Irwin, Chairman, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Dwight P. Dean, Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau, re: Official Open House Ceremony for the Detroit Regional Census Center, dated February 28, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Equalization.

R-0065 RECEIVED: March 11, 2008. A report to the Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, re: Medical Examiners and Coroners' Offices, 2004. Received and filed.

R-0066 RECEIVED: March 11, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Community Leaders Meeting to Preview and Discuss PBS Documentary that Links Health Status to Social Conditions, dated March 4, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0067 RECEIVED: March 11, 2008. An e-mail to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Donald Schnettler (schnett@ewashtenaw.org), re: Thanking Commissioners for support of the Building Department, dated March 11, 2008. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Bergman stated that a segment on Natural Causes relating to Michigan will be airing on the local PBS station on March 30, at 7 p.m.

Comm. Ouimet gave an update on the Road Commission. He stated that taking on Human Resources for the Road Commission is a big step forward. He stated that he commends the Road Commission for seeing this vision, and County Human Resources for taking on the responsibility.

Comm. Smith stated that the millage renewal for parks will be before the Parks and Recreation Commission in April and the Board of Commissioners in May.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Comm. Irwin presented a resolution on potential budget modifications to the Board of Commissioners (on file on County Clerk's office). He stated that he would like to bring the resolution to the Board in two weeks.

Comm. Peterson asked about when discussion will take place on proposed Board of Commissioners budget modifications. He added that he does not mind taking a reduction, but he feels that there should be some restraint on the amount given back. He stated that he is very concerned with the cutting of contractual agreements. Comm. Peterson stated that the Board has the power of budget issues and policy making, and added that he would like to see this go through a working process.

Comm. Gunn stated that these items have been discussed at meetings, and stated that there will be another two weeks before this item comes up for action.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that one of her biggest concerns is that it takes a lot of money to run for office, and stated that too many cuts may discourage participation of some residents. She stated that she is concerned about limiting the ability of some to serve. Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that all benefits need to be looked at for reduction.

Comm. Irwin stated that comments about taking more time are fine, and added that if anything is changed relative to Board compensation, it will not take effect until January of 2009. He stated that back in February he stated that he would like to look at a 5%-10% cut.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he recommends putting this item on the agenda for a Working Session meeting in the near future.

Comm. Smith stated that he feels this issue should be taken up sooner rather than later because of the May filing deadline.

Special Order of Business:

08-0045 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution of appreciation to Mary Elizabeth Udoji for nearly twenty-five years of service to the Washtenaw County Library be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received and approved: Board of Commissioners Administrative Briefing, dated February 27, 2008; Ways & Means, dated March 5, 2008; Working Session, dated March 6, 2008. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated February 5, 2008; Planning Advisory Board, dated January 28, 2008; Board of Public Works, dated January 16, 2008; Board of Public Works Retreat, dated January 31, 2008; Social Services Board, dated January 22, 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:

08-0046 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator:

None

Resolutions:

Ways and Means – March 5, 2008

08-0047 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the grant contract with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Pharmaceutical Take Back Grant for the Department of Planning and Environment for the amount of \$31,083 for the period of April 22, 2008 through April 22, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0048 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) agreement in the amount of \$15,512 with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) 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. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0049 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving the recommendations set forth as a result of negotiations and other related matters for non-union employees be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0050 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving the agreement with AFSCME Local 2733 and Washtenaw County for the three year period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Ways and Means – March 5, 2008

08-0051 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence against women for the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the period of October 1, 2008 through October 1, 2011 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

08-0052 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of March 7, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$ 16.40	\$ 54,241.20	\$ 61.22	\$ 54,318.82
1293	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ 382.20	\$ -	\$ 382.20
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	\$ -	\$ 34.97	\$ -	\$ 34.97
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 173.15	\$ -	\$ 173.15
1882	HIDTA	\$ -	\$ 14,221.40	\$ -	\$ 14,221.40
1900	3 - 911 FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,668.58	\$ -	\$ 1,668.58
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	\$ -	\$ 41,848.85	\$ -	\$ 41,848.85
2110	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$ -	\$ 906.25	\$ -	\$ 906.25
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$ -	\$ 109.52	\$ -	\$ 109.52
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	\$ -	\$ 5,155.08	\$ -	\$ 5,155.08
2510	CSA HEADSTART	\$ -	\$ 1,304.77	\$ -	\$ 1,304.77
2812	JUVENILE DRUG COURT PLAN GRANT	\$ -	\$ 89.04	\$ -	\$ 89.04
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORROW	\$ -	\$ 24.99	\$ -	\$ 24.99
2920	WCHO	\$ -	\$ 3,398.83	\$ -	\$ 3,398.83
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 11,900.05	\$ -	\$ 11,900.05
2940	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$ -	\$ 22.20	\$ -	\$ 22.20
2960	HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 1,461.94	\$ -	\$ 1,461.94
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	\$ -	\$ 3,189.94	\$ -	\$ 3,189.94
5506	2005 PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROC.	\$ -	\$ 9.57	\$ -	\$ 9.57
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	\$ -	\$ 188,598.85	\$ -	\$ 188,598.85
6320	FACILITIES MGMT - TRANSP	\$ -	\$ 3,282.27	\$ -	\$ 3,282.27
6440	SELF INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 346.17	\$ -	\$ 346.17
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	\$ -	\$ 65,169.15	\$ -	\$ 65,169.15
7412	LAWNET - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,947.57	\$ -	\$ 1,947.57
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	\$ -	\$ 2,950.54	\$ -	\$ 2,950.54
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	\$ -	\$ 241.06	\$ -	\$ 241.06
7990	CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 1,516.49	\$ -	\$ 1,516.49
	TOTALS	\$ 16.40	\$ 404,194.63	\$ 61.22	\$ 404,272.25

New Business

08-0053 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution amending Bond Resolution #06-0252 which authorized bond funding for the Washtenaw County Jail Expansion Project, to add a General Board of Commissioners member to the Public Safety and Justice Committee which was authorized to oversee expenditures of the bond funds issued under that resolution be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Smith stated that on Monday night, the Ann Arbor City Council resolution on shared services between their Court and our Court failed. He stated that he would like to see the Board have a discussion on whether having a single justice campus makes sense.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she raised the issue of a policy change on giving more points to local businesses. Hedger reported that he has not finished the research, and added that one thing he reviewed is that there is a statute stating that if all factors are equal, the project goes to the local entity. He stated that he has seen some Supreme Court decisions going against this local preference.

Comm. Bergman stated that there are other possibilities with Court use, such as leasing rather than building.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he would like Democrats on the Board to be can-do Democrats, and stated that he urges participation on all levels. He stated that he would like progressive agendas adopted. Partridge also stated that handicapped and senior residents need a more comprehensive public transportation plan.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn until Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: