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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

MINUTES

March 26, 2008

The meeting began at 5:08 p.m. in the Administration Building, 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Gunn, Irwin, Ouimet, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz and Sizemore

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; David Behen, Verna McDaniel, Deputy County Administrators; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office

The agendas for the Ways & Means Committee, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, and Working Session meetings scheduled for April 2, 2008 and April 3, 2008 were discussed.

The 2009 Recommended Budget Amendment was also discussed at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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

APPROVED:



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

April 2, 2008

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, Irwin, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Gunn

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrator Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Gordon Burger, James McFarlane, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Peter Collinson, Roberta Allen, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veterans Services; Tony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Lori Wasson, Head Start; Ken Schrader, ITS; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Partridge stated that he is calling for unification of Washtenaw County and its services. He added that he would like to see more support for public transportation.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None

New Business:

Land Use & Environment Community of Interest:

Employment Training and Community Services:

Annual Summer Food Program for Children

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the application to the Michigan Department of Education for the period of June 16, 2008 through August 29, 2008 in the amount of \$170,000; Amending the budget, and Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Children's Well-Being Community of Interest:

Head Start:

Annual Head Start Program

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the signature of the Chair of the Board on the application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009 in the amount of \$4,998,900; Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award, Amending the budget, and Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator

2009 Budget Solution – for discussion only, no action

Bob Guenzel discussed the budget modifications described in the April 2, 2008 Ways and Means packet.

Discussion took place on proposed budget modifications. Items discussed included: County take home vehicles, money coming back to the Saline Court in 2010, management structure in the County, termination of deputies on paid leave, the tech fund and reductions in financial information systems, non-profit absorption of some services, systemic changes, service delivery to local governments, the impact of the defined benefit program on 2009 retirees, recruitment/retention strategies, services to the aging population, proposed cuts to Head Start, budget setting priorities of Commissioners, employee cross training, space saving and shared services, the County reserves policy, continued investment in infrastructure, and public meetings on budget discussions.

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

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked if information for the Commissioner budget discussion will be available for tomorrow. Guenzel stated that this will be looked into at the during the break.

Comm. Peterson asked about the salaries of the Board and size of the Board over the last ten years. He stated that he advocates Commissioner education. Comm. Peterson stated that the cost to the public should also be reviewed.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she does not support cutting anything from the Commissioners. She added that she feels it its important to show that the wages are minimal. She stated that the entire package should be looked at when discussing cuts. Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she does not want to make a gesture to employees but wants to take a leadership role.

Comm. Smith stated that any amount of money should be investigated. He stated that the wage is fair for the job done. Comm. Smith stated that every cut made contributes to the overall cuts.

Citizen Participation

Partridge stated that issues such as public transportation need to be brought up in the budget discussion.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Pending

None

Adjournment

Comm. Lovejoy Roe seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the meeting be adjourned until April 16th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

March 20, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Irwin, Ouimet, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, and Sizemore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Gunn, Peterson, and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:: David Behen, Deputy County Administrator; Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Ken Schrader, ITS; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Space Plan Update

Jim Zwolensky gave the Space Plan Update (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to see this business going to local contractors. She asked about the fence on both projects. Zwolensky stated that fences at both locations have been removed from the plan. Comm. Ping stated that she heard from Judge Tabbey that fences are state mandated in some locations. Zwolensky reported that he heard that fences are recommendations, but not mandated. Zwolensky stated that he expects a final decision at the next PS&J meeting.

Comm. Schwartz asked about resolving an issue of reciprocal easements with the adjacent owner. Zwolensky stated that he is in the process of resolving this issue.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that Hedger is close to reaching an opinion on the contracting policy. She stated that an analysis has to be complete in case this is challenged.

Comm. Irwin reported that he feels that a procurement policy is in place to direct work, to an extent, to local businesses. He added that he feels the current policy does an appropriate job.

Comm. Ouimet asked about the overrun at the Saline Court. He asked where the budget can be brought back into balance. Zwolensky stated that some items in the bid are being listed as line items to allow choice in inclusions of the project. Comm. Ouimet asked if mile markers will be present and points in which the design can be changed to balance the budget. Zwolensky stated that this will be done to bring the budget back into budget.

Discussion Items:

Success by Six Update – Sian Owen-Cruise

Sian Owen-Cruise gave the Success by Six Presentation (On file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Ping asked about the child care provider workshops and how communities are being provided with information on courses. Owen-Cruise stated that publications and mailings are used. She also stated that churches and physicians are also being used.

Comm. Schwartz asked about the MI Child insurance program. Owen-Cruise stated that this program is intended for families that do not qualify for Medicaid but are still under 250% of poverty. She stated that these families are often very strong and independent. Comm. Schwartz asked about funding. Owen-Cruise stated that money flows in from the federal government and added that remaining funds are sent back to Washington.

Comm. Ouimet stated that without the leadership to bring funding sources together, the program could not be where it currently is. He stated that this program really looks at where the gaps are and has great measurement tools in place. He added that prenatal care and ages 0-6 are crucial. Comm. Ouimet stated that getting the state grant puts the organization to validate the procedure being used and measure success of children in the County. He also thanked Owen-Cruise.

Comm. Schwartz asked if the MI Child phone number could be put out to the public. Owen-Cruise stated that the County Public Health department and washtenawsuccessby6.org have more information.

County Administrator's Report

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Sizemore stated that he would like to see how more information can get out to people not using computers. He also recommended looking into office etiquette and answering phones.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she feels that more information needs to get out. She stated that the Community Work Plan was used in Ypsilanti Township. She added that information may also be provided at employer locations.

Comm. Ping stated that the number is to Washtenaw County Public Health is 734-544-6700, and added that the 24/7 number is 734-891-4327.

Pending

None

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn until Thursday, April 17th, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Rolland Sizemore, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: