



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday May 7, 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, May 7, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Jeff Irwin, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrators Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Ellen Clement, Public Health; Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 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 April 16, 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. Bergman moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

R-0086 RECEIVED: March 31, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated March 28, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0087 RECEIVED: April 7, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated April 4, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0088 RECEIVED: April 10, 2008. A letter to Mr. Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County Administrator, from Steven E. Chester, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, re: Funding – Banks of Saline Project, dated March 28, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Planning and Environment – Brownfields Division.

R-0089 RECEIVED: April 11, 2008. A letter to Mr. Terry R. Brinkman, Principal Planner, Washtenaw County, from Steve H. Murdock, Director, United States Census Bureau, re: Deadline for Address List and Map Update, dated April 4, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Equalization.

R-0090 RECEIVED: April 11, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated April 14, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0091 RECEIVED: April 16, 2008. An e-mail to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Jim Kovalak (booie1232000@yahoo.com), re: Washtenaw County On-Site Septic Regulation, dated April 16, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0092 RECEIVED: April 16, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Washtenaw to Take the Pledge: Five Steps to Healthier Climate, dated April 16, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0093 RECEIVED: April 16, 2008. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Teri L. Aiuto, Clerk, Sharon Township, re: Notification of preparation to update existing use plan, dated April 10, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Planning.

R-0094 RECEIVED: April 16, 2008. A notice of hearing to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Feliziana Meyer, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township, re: Consideration of the establishment of an Industrial Development District. Received and filed.

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R-0096 RECEIVED: April 17, 2008. A resolution to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, re: Support of House Bill No. 5892. Received and filed.

R-0097 RECEIVED: April 18, 2008. A letter to Roger Fraser, Administrator, City of Ann Arbor from Robert E. Guenzel, Administrator, Washtenaw County, re: 15th District Court – extension of current term of occupancy in the County Courthouse, dated April 17, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Planning.

R-0098 RECEIVED: April 18, 2008. A letter to Mr. Robert Guenzel, Administrator, Washtenaw County from Terry Reuss Fell, Chief, Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, FEMA,, re: Open House on Flood Risk Information, dated April 10, 2008. Received and filed, copied to Planning.

R-0099 RECEIVED: April 18, 2008. A card to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, re: Invitation to celebrate "Hospitality Month." Received and filed.

R-0100 RECEIVED: April 18, 2008. An e-mail to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Elwin Wier (el.wier@sbcglobal.net), re: Report on Washtenaw County Road Commission local meeting, dated April 18, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0101 RECEIVED: April 22, 2008. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Donna Dettling, Village Manager, Dexter Village, re: Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate: K-Space Associates, Inc., dated April 16, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0102 RECEIVED: April 18, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated April 22, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0103 RECEIVED: April 24, 2008. A flyer to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Historical Design Group, Inc., re: Advertisement. Received and filed.

R-0104 RECEIVED: April 25, 2008. A report to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Karen Biddle, Nicole Fernandes, Briana Kleidon, Michael Snavelly, and Margaret Weston, Ford School of Public Policy, re: Consolidated Law Enforcement Dispatch Budgetary Analysis: City of Ann Arbor & Washtenaw County, dated April 23, 2008. Received and filed, forwarded to Board of Commissioners by Administration.

R-0105 RECEIVED: April 29, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Reality Check Urges Parents to Take a Stand Against Underage Drinking, dated April 28, 2008. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Bergman gave an update on the Human Services Collaborative, and discussed a document put out by the Michigan League of Human Services. She reported that this document is available at mlhs.org and provides a list of tax dollars coming into counties for selected programs.

Comm. Ouimet discussed the Road Commission. He stated that there was a lengthy discussion about roundabouts and handicapped access. He reported that there is no state law regarding handicapped access to roundabouts and that the Road Commission is trying to work through the issue.

Comm. Ouimet discussed the MPPP and WCERS boards. He reported that the Human Resources department is currently discussing a transition plan as well as informative educational sessions.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Special Order of Business:

08-0070 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution commending all law enforcement officers, past and present, for the service and honoring law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received and approved: Administrative Briefing, dated April 9, 2008; Ways & Means, dated April 16, 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: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated March 13, 2008; Building Code Construction Board of Appeals, dated January 15, 2008; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated April 14, 2008 and March 18, 2008; Historic District Commission, dated March 13, 2008; Library Board of Trustees, dated December 11, 2007; Parks and Recreation Commission, dated March 11, 2008 and February 12, 2008; Planning Advisory Board, dated March 31, 2008; Police Services Steering Committee, dated March 5, 2008; Public Works Board, dated March 19, 2008; Social Services Board, dated March 25, 2008; Statutory Drainage Board, dated March 21, 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:

08-0071 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing one member to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0072 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing members to the Law Enforcement Citizens Review Board be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0073 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing one member to the Local Emergency Planning Committee be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0074 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing members to the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0075 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution appointing two members to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization Board be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator:

Bob Guenzel gave a briefing on the Aerotropolis. He reported that the next step includes making decisions on governance. He stated that he will be sending out invitations to meetings in Van Buren Township, and added that there will be a special presentation on the Aerotropolis at the May 22, 2008 Working Session meeting.

Resolutions:

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08-0076 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing the electronic submission of the application on the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Jobs, Education, and Training (JET) General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) expansion funding in the amount of \$121,489 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) department; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approving the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0077 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2007 No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) Wagner-Peyser Employment Services (ES) Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$78,096 for the ETCS department; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approving the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0078 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the plan agreement for fiscal year (FY) 2008 Weatherization Assistance Program Local Service Plan to the United States Department of Energy/Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$293,364 for the program period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approving the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0079 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the plan agreement for fiscal year (FY) 2008 Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Plan to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$75,250 for the program period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approving the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0080 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Washtenaw Urban County's Consolidated Strategy for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013 and the Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approve the budgets in the total amount of \$1,931,870; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0081 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing the creation of one administrative coordinator position within the Washtenaw County Treasurer's Office to support revenue generating operations be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

08-0082 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to implement the recommended budget amendments including position eliminations to provide savings for the 2009 budget and to continue work with the organization to identify additional long-term structural solutions that will balance the 2009 budget to be brought to the Ways & Means Committee no later than August 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

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08-0083 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation for the Digital Inclusion Task Force in the amount of \$56,765 for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant awards; approving the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

08-0084 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 April 25, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

| FUND | DESCRIPTION | SYSTEM CHECKS | UTILITIES CREDIT CARD | EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS | TOTAL |
|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1010 | GENERAL FUND | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 29.12 | \$ 29.12 |
| | TOTALS | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 29.12 | \$ 29.12 |

New Business

08-0085 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment staff on the Sylvan Township Comprehensive Plan Update and to direct the County Clerk to send comments to Sylvan Township and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that the County Commission needs to address the need for a County wide transportation system. He stated that a special commission is needed to investigate the murder that recently occurred at Eastern Michigan University.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Sizemore stated that a Working Session was held on public transportation.

Comm. Bergman stated that the meeting content from the Aerotropolis meeting scheduled to take place in Van Buren Township will be available at the May 22, 2008 Working Session.

Executive Session – Labor Negotiations

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Labor Negotiations. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Peterson and Lovejoy Roe). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to adjourn until Wednesday, May 21st, 2008, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: