



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday June 4, 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, June 4, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 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: Deputy County Administrator Verna McDaniel; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Gordon Burger, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Tony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jeff Krcmarik, Planning and Environment; Nancy Thelen, MSU Extension; Diane Heidt, Monica Boote, 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. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the minutes of the May 21, 2008, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that he would like to see an expansion of public transportation.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0109 RECEIVED: May 7, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated May 2, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0110 RECEIVED: May 7, 2008. Washtenaw Success by 6 April 2008 Update re: Washtenaw Success by 6 receives Early Childhood Investment Corporation Great Start Collaborative Grant, dated April 2008. Received and filed.

R-0111 RECEIVED: May 14, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Health Department Begins Surveillance for West Nile Virus, dated May 14, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0112 RECEIVED: May 14, 2008. A letter to Mr. Robert Guenzel, County Administrator, Washtenaw County, from Susan Katz Froning, President & CEO, NEW, re: Thank you letter to Administration and Board of Commissioners for support of NEW, dated May 1, 2008. Received and filed, distributed by County Administration.

R-0113 RECEIVED: May 14, 2008. A resolution for consideration to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Will Kinney, re: Resolution in support of strong trade policy. Received and filed.

R-0114 RECEIVED: May 21, 2008. An e-mail to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Richard Cook (rich_cook@msn.com), re: Thank you letter for efforts on behalf of the rehabilitation of the Delhi Bridge, dated May 21, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0115 RECEIVED: May 21, 2008. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated May 16, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0116 RECEIVED: May 21, 2008. A press release from the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, re: Washtenaw County Breastfeeding Coalition Launches Program, dated May 16, 2008. Received and filed.

R-0117 RECEIVED: May 21, 2008. A letter to Sheriff Dan Minzey, from Jeff Irwin, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, re: Invitation to attend May 21st Ways and Means meeting, dated May 15, 2008. Received and filed, distributed to Board of Commissioners through County Administration.

Liaison Reports

None

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Update on Governmental Consultant Services – Kirk Profit

Kirk Profit reported that he projects that the State budget will resolve on time this year.

Comm. Sizemore asked about the status of the smoking ban bill. Profit reported that it passed the House and Senate in different forms.

Comm. Peterson stated that he appreciates the leadership of GCS on the Eastern Leadership project. He discussed the potential partnership between Washtenaw County and Macomb County with regards to representation in Lansing. He stated that community needs should be looked at on a bi-partisan basis.

Comm. Bergman discussed the caseload on County Community Corrections. She added that she would like to see increases in the Community Corrections budget.

Comm. Smith asked about energy bills in Lansing. Profit reported on efforts to improve efficiencies in older communities. Comm. Smith recommended that Josh discuss this with Adrian Neiman. Comm. Lovejoy Roe discussed the County energy program and its possible expansion.

08-0095 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution congratulating the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment's Historic Preservation Program for receiving the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's 2008 Government/Institution Award be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0096 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution congratulating the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment's Green Information Guide for being recognized as the Michigan Recycling Coalition's "Outstanding Community Education Program" be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Special Order of Business:

A. Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for the City of Ypsilanti's "Historic Thompson Block" Brownfield Redevelopment Plan

B. Public Hearing on setting the millage rate

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the following reports be received and approved: Administrative Briefing, dated May 14, 2008; Ways & Means, dated May 21, 2008; Working Session meeting, dated May 22, 2008. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the following reports be received: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated April 10, 2008; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated April 15, 2008; Jury Board, dated April 24, 2008; Planning Advisory Board, dated April 28, 2008; Police Services Steering Committee, dated April 2, 2008; Public Health Advisory Committee/Environmental Appeals Board, dated March 28, 2008; Statutory Drainage Board, dated April 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

Report of the County Administrator:

None

Resolutions:

Ways and Means – May 21, 2008

08-0097 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution amending the Community support and Treatment Services (CSTS) Department budget for the expansion of services to adults and children for the 2007-2008 fiscal year; creating positions to expand services; and authorizing the Administrator to approve the contract with incorporated amendments for fiscal year 2007-2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0098 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of an application to Michigan State University Extension for the Federal Food Stamp Nutrition Education grant in the amount of \$42,576 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; 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. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0099 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution approving the appropriation of \$250,000 to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance from the budget earmarked for Supportive Housing in the fiscal year 2008 budget be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0100 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution setting the 2008 Washtenaw County Millage rate at 5.6768 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Ways and Means – June 4, 2008

08-0101 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program for Community Support and Treatment Services' J-Port; Off the Beaten Path in the amount of \$284,148 for the period of September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010; 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. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0102 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic application submission to the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections for the FY 2008 Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$960,731 for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0103 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution authorizing the creation of one Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Specialist I/II/III position within Washtenaw County MSU Extension and authorizing the creation of an Intake Specialist Model (Temporary and Internship Positions) to be funded with funds from the City of Ann Arbor for budget years 2008-2009, contingent upon receiving funding from the City of Ann Arbor be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0104 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution approving the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Plan Modification to incorporate program year (PY) 2006 Dislocated Worker (DW) Program funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Department; approving the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0105 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution authorizing the County of Washtenaw to proceed to take the preliminary actions which will lead to the creation of a trust which will issue retirees health care certificates of participation be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0106 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation for the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register of Deeds office March on the Vote (MOTV) program in the total program amount of \$22,136 for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009; accepting the grant award notice for \$15,000; approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0107 Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to direct the County Administration to contract with an independent financial advisor not related to the proposed issuance of Voluntary Employee Benefits Administration (VEBA) Trust Certificates and direct the independent financial advisor to analyze the structure of the financial certificates, legality of the proposal, and any other issues raised by Commissioners while proceeding with all other actions in the original resolution (08-0105) and to bring a report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Schwartz offered the amendment to put a hard date of August 1, 2008 as the deadline for a report to be brought back to the Board of Commissioners. Amendment accepted as friendly.

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

08-0108 Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to hold a public hearing on the proposed sale of Trust Certificates for the VEBA plan to be held on July 2 at 6:45 p.m. in the Washtenaw County Administration Building, 220 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, and direct the County Clerk to give notice to the public of the Public Hearing by causing such notice to be published July 2 in a newspaper of general circulation in Washtenaw County. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

08-0109 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of May 23, 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00

New Business

08-0110 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution to set a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. on July 2, 2008 at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to receive comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Plan for the City of Chelsea "Federal Screw Works" Brownfield Redevelopment Plan be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

08-0111 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved that the resolution to set a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. on July 2, 2008 at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to receive comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Plan for the "Mack and Mack" Brownfield Redevelopment Plan located in the City of Ypsilanti be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Grewal). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge discussed his understanding of the County emergency plan.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: