



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

### 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, January 21, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, and Sizemore.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Jennifer Watson, James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Tony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ben Toole, ITS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, 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. Schwartz moved that the minutes of the January 7, 2009, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

#### Citizen Participation

Tamara Reel stated that the Arts Alliance was delighted to be a part of making the art presented happen. She stated that the arts makes us understand what makes this area unique. Reel stated that arts are also an important business in the community.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

#### Communications

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

**R-0021** RECEIVED: January 7, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Alan Israel, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township, re: Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed.

**R-0022** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Rosalie A. King, Chair, Iron County Board of Commissioners, re: Enlisting support to serve as person-at-large on the Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors, dated January 6, 2009. Received and filed.

**R-0023** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to Chairman, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Steve H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, re: List of shelters for people experiencing homelessness, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed, copied to County Administration.

**R-0024** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Brian E. Walsh, Property Analyst, Real Estate Division, re: Interest in purchasing excess property, dated December 30, 2008. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner, County Administration, and Corporation Counsel.

**R-0025** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to Chairperson, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from John Evans, Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, State of Michigan Department of Human Services, re: Amended 2007-08 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed.

**Liaison Reports**

None

**Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners**

Comm. Sizemore stated that he has set a date of March 21 for a Commissioner retreat with Administration. He reported that he would like Commissioners to work with P&R on a county wide recreation plan.

**Special Order of Business:**

**Presentation of "Ecology of Place" artwork to the Board of Commissioners by the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair**  
Presentation took place at January 21, 2008 Ways and Means meeting.

**Reports of the Standing Committees**

None

**Reports of Special Committees**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated December 16, 2008 and December 2, 2008; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated November 13, 2008; Planning Advisory Board, dated November 24, 2008; Public Works Board, dated November 19, 2008 and November 10, 2008; Statutory Drainage Board, dated December 19, 2008 and November 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:**

**09-0010** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution appointing Commissioners to various Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Agencies be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

**09-0011** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution appointing one member representing consumer (DHS) to the Washtenaw County Community Action Board for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

**Report of the County Administrator:**

**Update on Shared Services**

David Behen presented the Update on Shared Services (memo on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Judge stated that she thanks David Behen for work being done with Pittsfield Township. She asked if creation of these partnerships would lead to creation of staff. Behen stated that he would like to present policies and procedures to the County.

Comm. Prater asked about combining dispatch centers. Guenzel stated that five of the seven are hesitant but two will start the project. He added that he feels buy in will happen once it is up and running. Comm. Prater stated that he feels it is a wise move to bring a policy back to the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Ouimet stated that it is challenging at times to work with other governmental units. He added that he feels that the County has done a good job of doing a good job to partner and help out other governmental units.

Comm. Schwartz asked about the extent that the County opens itself up to risk and if the County gets and indemnification agreement.

Comm. Irwin stated that there are many governmental units in the County doing the same thing. He stated that he wanted to keep in mind that there are going to be touchy issues and a one size fits all policy will not work.

Comm. Ping asked how taking on more from sharing can be combined with cutting staff. Behen stated that prioritizing will take place internally and externally. He reported that he hopes this draft policy addresses some of this question.

Comm. Prater stated that there is a valid question on liability. He stated that he feels Corporation Counsel can provide some insight on this issue. Comm. Prater stated that a template can be developed that can be flexible.

Comm. Judge asked if there is anyone from the staff that will actively go to other dispatch units to work on collaboration. Behen reported that a combination of staff and Commissioner input would take place.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he feels that this is an excellent idea. He stated that he would like to look at what cities/townships can offer the County and asked that comparison of counties around the state is conducted.

**Resolutions:**

**Approval of Claims**

**09-0012** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of December 31, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	\$ -	\$ 73,899.69	\$ -	\$ 73,899.69
1291	URBAN COUNTY CDBG	\$ -	\$ 151.83	\$ -	\$ 151.83
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	\$ -	\$ 511.29	\$ -	\$ 511.29
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	0	\$ 392.70	\$ -	\$ 392.70
1850	RRNWWDD:STORM WATER GENERAL PE	0	\$ 45.55	\$ -	\$ 45.55
1882	HIDTA	0	\$ 26,416.21	\$ -	\$ 26,416.21
1905	911 MAINTENANCE FUND	0	\$ 1,766.97	\$ -	\$ 1,766.97
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	0	\$ 37,680.75	\$ -	\$ 37,680.75
2090	PARKS & REC NATURAL AREA MILLAGE	0	\$ 606.00	\$ -	\$ 606.00
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$ -	\$ 843.17	\$ -	\$ 843.17
2340	TITLE II-C YOUTH	0	\$ 685.89	\$ -	\$ 685.89
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	\$ -	\$ 11,891.46	\$ -	\$ 11,891.46
2510	CSA HEADSTART	\$ -	\$ 655.36	\$ -	\$ 655.36
2630	CSA SR NUTRITION	0	\$ 66.54	\$ -	\$ 66.54
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORROW	0	\$ 73.71	\$ -	\$ 73.71
2920	WCHO	\$ -	\$ 4,298.12	\$ -	\$ 4,298.12
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	0	\$ 16,861.94	\$ -	\$ 16,861.94
2960	HEALTH	0	\$ 3,365.51	\$ -	\$ 3,365.51
2962	PUBLIC HEALTH LOCAL GRANTS	0	\$ 194.67	\$ -	\$ 194.67
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	0	\$ 1,837.76	\$ -	\$ 1,837.76
4010	CAPITAL PROJECTS	0	\$ 617.00	\$ -	\$ 617.00
4013	PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE	0	\$ 295.72	\$ -	\$ 295.72
4050	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 3,088.85	\$ -	\$ 3,088.85
5507	2006 PROPERTY FORECLOSURE	0	\$ 8.41	\$ -	\$ 8.41
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	0	\$ 184,552.43	\$ -	\$ 184,552.43
6320	FACILITIES MGMT - TRANSP	0	\$ 341.81	\$ -	\$ 341.81
6440	SELF INSURANCE	0	\$ 193.73	\$ -	\$ 193.73
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	0	\$ 54,293.50	\$ -	\$ 54,293.50

7412	LAWNET - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	0	\$ 1,221.78	\$ -	\$ 1,221.78
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	\$ -	\$ 1,584.92	\$ -	\$ 1,584.92
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	0	\$ 363.08	\$ -	\$ 363.08
	<b>TOTALS</b>	0	\$ 430,133.02	\$ -	\$ 428,806.35

**New Business**

**09-0013** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw Planning Advisory Board on the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments and direct the County Clerk to send comments to Pittsfield Township and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Judge stated that she wanted to bring up resolutions surrounding Pittsfield Township resolution 06-0123. She stated that she wanted this resolution reviewed. Comm. Sizemore stated that all committees will also be looked at. He stated that he would also like these policies added to the review process.

Comm. Schwartz asked if Comm. Sizemore could provide more details on the retreat. Comm. Sizemore stated that he will be getting with each Commissioner to discuss topics.

**Citizen Participation**

None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to adjourn until Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore Jr., Chair

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

Board Approved: