



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 6, 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, May 6, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Mark Ouimet, Vice Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Peterson and Sizemore

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Janis Bobrin, Water Resources Commissioner; Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Dick Fleece, Public Health; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Department; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ken Schrader, ITS; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; 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. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the minutes of the April 15, 2009, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that the application submitted to HUD for low-income housing is insufficient based on need.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0069 RECEIVED: April 16, 2009. A resolution to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk, Oceana County Board of Commissioners, re: Resolution requesting Legislature to Implement a Plan to Improve Michigan Roads and Highways, dated April 9, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0070 RECEIVED: April 20, 2009. A resolution to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Roxann Holloway, Lenawee County Clerk, re: Resolution in opposition to Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR-H), dated April 8, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0071 RECEIVED: April 21, 2009. A resolution to Robert E. Guenzel, County Administrator, Washtenaw County, from Jacqueline Beaudry, Ann Arbor City Clerk, re: Resolution in opposition to Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR-H), dated April 10, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0072 RECEIVED: April 23, 2009. A newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties, re: MAC Legislative Update, dated April 10, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0073 RECEIVED: April 27, 2009. A resolution to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Kathy S. Mahar, Clerk/Register, Luce County, re: Resolution urging the State of Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises and fully and unconditionally restore State Revenue Sharing for all of Michigan's 83 Counties, dated April 9, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0074 RECEIVED: April 27, 2009. A letter to Mr. Peter Corr, Warner-Lambert Company, from Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary, State Tax Commission, re: Revocation of the real and personal property component(s) of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate number 2002-014, issued to Warner-Lambert Company, dated April 20, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0075 RECEIVED: April 27, 2009. A letter to Mr. Peter Corr, Warner-Lambert Company, from Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary, State Tax Commission, re: Revocation of the real and personal property component(s) of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate number 2002-015, issued to Warner-Lambert Company, dated April 20, 2009. Received and filed.

R-0076 RECEIVED: April 27, 2009. A letter to Mr. Peter Corr, Warner-Lambert Company, from Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary, State Tax Commission, re: Revocation of the real and personal property component(s) of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate number 2002-016, issued to Warner-Lambert Company, dated April 20, 2009. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Ouimet presented a 2008 document review for WCERS (on file in County Clerk's office). He added that he would like to highlight the fact that the plan is doing substantially better than peer groups and better than market.

Comm. Judge reported on a meeting in Lansing she attended as a member of the Community Action Board. She reported that this meeting was with Washtenaw County State Representatives and Senators. She stated that it was wonderful to see the responsiveness of the elected officials.

Comm. Judge thanked Jeff Krmarik and Dick Fleece on the Waste Not program.

Comm. Judge added that she attended the Foster Grandparent Luncheon. She added that these members are an asset in the community.

Comm. Bergman reported on the AAA 1-B. She stated that caseworkers working with veterans would do so outside of the VA system. She stated that the first rush includes between 25 and 40 veterans.

Comm. Gunn stated that Washtenaw County Head Start won an award for their program and stated that it was inspiring to see the work these kids are doing.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

09-0070 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution proclaiming the Week of May 10, 2009 through May 16, 2009 as Police and Corrections Officers Week, and May 15, 2009 as Peace Officers memorial Day in Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

09-0071 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution congratulating Menlo LLC on being named to the Worldblu List of most democratic workplaces be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

09-0072 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Special Order of Business:

Public Hearing to hear comments on the Amended 2008-2013 Washtenaw Urban County Consolidated Plan and the 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Tom Partridge stated that he finds the Consolidated Plan neglectful.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received and approved: Administrative Briefing, dated April 8, 2009; Ways & Means, dated April 15, 2009; Working Session, dated April 16, 2009. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received: Board of Commissioners Retreat, dated April 11, 2009; Board of Road Commissioners, dated March 17, 2009; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated March 12, 2009; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated March 17, 2009; Planning Advisory Board, dated March 23, 2009; Police Services Steering Committee, dated March 4, 2009; Statutory Drainage Board, dated March 19, 2009 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:

09-0073 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution of appointing a Washtenaw County Representative to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Local Public Health for the remainder of a two year term expiring December 31, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator Executive Session – Labor Relations

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved to place the Executive Session after the final Commissioner Follow-Up for Citizen Participation on the agenda. Motion carried.

Bob Guenzel reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for SPARK East would take place at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

Resolutions:

Ways & Means – April 15, 2009

09-0074 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic application submission 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 \$286,968 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September, 2011; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget; creating a .50 FTE Mental Health Nurse position contingent upon receipt of the grant award; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

09-0075 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of an application to Michigan State University Extension for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program-Nutrition Education Grant in the amount of \$38,948 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 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: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

New Business:

09-0076 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution approving the undertaking to provide continuing disclosure by the County of Washtenaw for the Michigan Avenue East Central Area Drain Drainage District (the "District") of its Michigan Avenue East Central Area Drain Drainage District Bonds, Series 2009 in the total principal amount of not to exceed \$1,720,000 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

09-0077 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution to oppose SJR H be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

09-0078 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution supporting adequate state funding to hold counties harmless from the Department of Human Services lawsuit settlement agreement be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

09-0079 Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of April 24, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

| FUND | DESCRIPTION | SYSTEM CHECKS | UTILITIES CREDIT CARD | EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS | TOTAL |
|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1010 | GENERAL FUND | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 82.11 | \$ 82.11 |
| | TOTALS | 0 | \$ - | \$ 82.11 | \$ 82.11 |

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Smith asked that Andy Brush discuss the communications strategy for Support Services. Andy Brush stated that media sources are moving online and many conversations are happening on blogs. He added that these blogs may be an opportunity to focus on facts and share opinions on issues. Comm. Smith stated that staff could be used as a resource to inject facts into an online conversation.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge reported that there is a senior housing event planned by the University of Michigan taking place from May 8 through May 15 highlighting the need for greater senior citizen resources.

Roberta Asplund stated that school nurses are important. She added that nurses had offices in the schools at a time and suggested having a contract with the schools. She stated that a doctor and a hygienist could also come into schools to treat students.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Report of the County Administrator
Executive Session – Labor Relations

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

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Ping moved to adjourn until Wednesday, May 20th, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Mark Ouimet, Vice Chair

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

Board Approved: