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**OF**  
**STANDING COMMITTEES**

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# WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### MINUTES

**May 27, 2009**

The meeting began at 4:31 p.m. in the Administration Building, 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Ping (Phon-in), Prater, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Guenzel, County Administrator, Verna McDaniel, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation:** None

**Agendas:** The agendas for the Ways & Means Committee, and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for June 3, 2009 were discussed along with the agenda for the Working Session meeting scheduled for June 4, 2009.

**Other Discussion:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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

APPROVED:



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 3, 2009

Chair Smith 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, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Janis Bobrin, Water Resources Commissioner; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Jennifer Watson, Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Andy Brush, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; John Reiser, Prosecuting Attorney's office; Peter Ballios, Roberta Allen, Finance; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Patricia Horne-McGee, Head Start; Dick Fleece, Public Health; Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Health; Tony VanDerworp, Strategic Planning; Derrick Jackson, Greg Dill, Sheriff's Department; Diane Heidt, Barb Finch, Human Resources; Trena Rusher, ETCS; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Lloyd Powell, Public Defender; Ken Schrader, ITS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

##### **Citizen Participation**

Ken Harrison, 303 Middle Dr., Ypsilanti, stated that he is here to report on the Good Samaritan Food Program at Brown Chapel. He stated that his program needs money and help at this time.

Paquetta Palmer, Washtenaw Health Plan, stated that she has been stressed out over the last few months. She stated that she is disappointed of the way that Commissioners are handling the budget situation. Palmer added that she expects to share in cuts and added that she would like the Commissioners to focus on human needs.

##### **Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation**

Comm. Judge stated that the Board does feel the same stress that employees are feeling. She stated that she would like to encourage people to continue the dialogue. Comm. Judge stated that everything that the County does is critical to the lives of people.

##### **New Business:**

None

##### **Public Safety and Justice Community of Interest:**

##### **Sheriff:**

##### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the submission of the electronic grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$160,723 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

##### **Children's Well-Being Community of Interest:**

##### **Head Start:**

##### **2009-10 Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Competitive Grant**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Administrator on the grant application to the Michigan Department of Education for Washtenaw County Head Start in the amount of \$68,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Head Start Expansion Grant**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the application to the Department of Health and Human Services for the expansion of the Washtenaw County Head Start program for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 in the amount of \$414,750; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the 2009/2010 Head Start budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Early Head Start Expansion Grant**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the application to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Early Head Start program for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 in the amount of \$233,750; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the 2009/2010 Head Start budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Economic Development Community of Interest:**

**ETCS:**

**Summer Food Program**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS application to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for the 2009 Summer Food Service Program for children in the amount of \$175,000 for the period of June 15, 2009 through August 28, 2009; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts; approving the budget be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Board of Commissioners:**

**2010-11 Budget Reduction**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution reducing the Board of Commissioners budget in 2010-11 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn, and Irwin) ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Office of the Administrator:**

**2010/11 Administrator's Recommended Budget Phase 1**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution adopting the recommended budget solutions as the first phase of modifications to create a balanced budget for the 2010/11 fiscal years and authorizing the County Administrator to continue to work with the organization and unions to identify additional, long-term structural solutions that will balance the 2010/11 biennial budget to be brought to the Ways & Means Committee no later than September 16, 2009 as phase 2 of the 2010/11 recommended budget be adopted.

Comm. Judge moved to pull out the recommendation on the Public Defender's budget which included the placement of 2.0 Legal Clerks on Hold Vacant with agreed continuation of 4.0 on Hold Vacant.

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

Roll call vote on Administrator recommendations on Public Defender's office: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Judge) ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Non-Union Compensation & Benefits Adjustments**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the recommendations set forth to modify compensation & benefits for Non-Union (Group 32) employees for 2009, 2010, and 2011 be adopted.

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

**Reduction in Outside Agency Commitments**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution allocating Children’s Well-Being and Human Service funding, and authorizing the Office of Community Development to Administer the distribution of these funds be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Report of the Administrator:**

**2009 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Presentation**

Jennifer Watson gave the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Presentation (on file in County Clerk’s office).

**Report of the Chair of the Board**

Comm. Sizemore reported that there would be a five minute break before the start of the Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

None

**Citizen Participation**

None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Pending**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Ping moved that the meeting be adjourned until July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Conan Smith, Chair

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

APPROVED:



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WORKING SESSION

June 4, 2009

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comms. Bergman (excused), Judge, Ping, and Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT::** Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Verna McDaniel, Deputy County Administrator; Trenda Rusher, Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Tony VanDerworp, Strategic Planning; Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Greg Dill, Sheriff's office; Ken Schrader, ITS; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Citizen Participation**

None

#### **Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation**

None

#### **Construction Update**

Jim Zwolensky presented the Construction Update (on file in County Clerk's office).

#### **Discussion Items:**

##### **Update on the ETCS Youth Summer Program – Trenda Rusher**

Trenda Rusher and Jenny Bivens presented the update on the ETCS Youth Summer Program (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Irwin stated that he is glad to see federal dollars being put to work and thanked ETCS. He asked who matches youth with job placements. Rusher reported that the team at ETCS does this work based on assessment of skills and available work.

Comm. Ouimet asked about the structure of positions. Rusher reported that applicants are asked to learn the work. She reported that the youth will make minimum wage except for older youth and those in supervisory positions.

Comm. Schwartz asked if there will be opportunities in agriculture and food processing. Bivens reported that there will be opportunities and added that meetings have taken place with Food Gatherers, Growing Hope, and a local farm group.

##### **Presentation on Region Success – Anthony VanDerworp**

Tony VanDerworp gave the Presentation on Region Success (on file in County Clerk's office). Rick Sheraton and Mike Finney were also present.

Comm. Peterson asked how the issue of image and reputation of public school systems can be addressed and whether it is possible to charge this community with the responsibility. Sheraton stated that no school district in the County is an island. He added that Success by 6 has been important in getting children a positive early start.

Sheraton stated that he feels it will be important for the business community to be a part of the discussion. Comm. Peterson stated that this is going to be long term and must be rolled in with economic development. He added that he would like to see corporate leadership lent for this cause. Sheraton thanked the Board and Ann Arbor SPARK for support. He added that he feels that Michigan is leading the way in dealing with globalization.

Comm. Gunn thanked the presenters and added that she feels that the young professionals network is one of the most important aspects to keeping children in school.

Comm. Sizemore asked if the group gets into the business aspects of schools. VanDerworp reported that those issues would be in the work plan if the model currently being used could be applied. Comm. Sizemore stated that he would like to work together to discuss Willow Run Schools.

Comm. Irwin thanked all involved and stated that it is important to step back regularly and look at the project as a whole. He stated that there is not an action plan around school district consolidation. Comm. Irwin stated that transportation infrastructure is also very important and will provide economic development.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the lack of money will force a lot of this discussion. He added that a positive thing that will come out of these groups is that everyone is focused on making things better. He added that he also likes the fact that the groups circle back and revisit issues.

Comm. Schwartz thanked the presenters and added that he feels that Washtenaw has been a successful County for many years. He stated that he would like to see nutrition, health, and physical education for children. Comm. Schwartz stated that resources for children in math would also be positive.

#### **County Administrator's Report**

None

#### **Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Sizemore stated that he is proud of ETCS and added that Lake Shore Family Festival will be held at a location that used to be Lake in the Woods Apartments. He stated that this location is slated to become a golf course and that more youth are now moving in. Comm. Sizemore stated that Governor Granholm was talking about a rail system and stated that he would like to see about the possibility of building rail cars at facilities that may soon become available.

Comm. Prater stated that the Road Commission has developed their core plan on preservation maintenance and added that he would like to schedule the Road Commission to present. Comm. Schwartz stated that Comm. Ping could be consulted.

#### **Pending**

None

#### **Citizen Participation**

None

#### **Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to adjourn until Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Ken Schwartz, Vice Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

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