WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday February 15, 2012

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Conan Smith, Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Brabec, Gunn, Peterson, Prater, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith, and Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Ping

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly Belknap; Interim Corporation Counsel Stefani Carter; Greg Dill, Facilities; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Ken Schrader, ITS; Cheryl Perry, County Administration; Peter Simms, 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. Rabhi moved that the minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation
Thomas Partridge, Democrat of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, applauded the board for their motion to continue the Foster Grandparent Program. He stated that he was critical of the motion to terminate long term and experienced County managers. He urged the board to increase government revenues.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None

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

R-0027 RECEIVED: February 7, 2012. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Ed Lee, Towing Manager, Aachen Auto, re: Objection/Protest to Bid Extension & Request for Fair amd Impartial Investigation, dated January 25, 2011. Received and filed.

R-0028 RECEIVED: February 7, 2012. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Pastor Jerry Hatter, Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, re: 59th Annual Brotherhood Banquet, dated January 28, 2011. Received and filed.

R-0029 RECEIVED: January 18, 2012. A letter to the County of Washtenaw Chairperson, from State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality re: Pending New Source Review Application Report, dated January 10, 2012. Received and filed.

Not included in the packet:

R-0030 RECEIVED: February 3, 2012. Women of China Magazine, received and filed. Not included in the packet due to size/shape.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Turner reported that the Road Commission's receipts are up for the first time since 2007. He noted that the mild winter has decreased costs for the Road Commission. He added that spending is below average at this point this year because of less than average snow. He did mention that the warm weather has caused an increase in the number of pot holes in the county. He reported that the State funding in gasoline tax gives the road commission $1,500 a year for upkeep of roads which does not go very far. He reported that Ypsilanti township's approach to fixing the roads is to pass millages and bonds for road repair. He mentioned that the Road Commission is open to collaborating with townships and cities to repair roads. He stated that the Court building project has moved into phase 4, which he noted is the last phase of the project. He said everything looks good in terms of completing on time and on budget. He stated that VEBA would be procuring RFPs for actuaries and Legal Counsel. He noted that the year-end report for VEBA and the pension fund investments did not meet expectations.

Comm. Rabhi stated that the Board of Public Works met that morning and he noted that the WWRA project is moving forward. He stated that there might be savings in the final design of the building. He added that Head Start Policy Council is very interested in sending letters of support for WISD and that Administration would be working with Head Start. He reported that ALPAC's search for properties has been narrowed down to six properties and that thanks to the work of the Parks division, federal money had been secured so county money would be going farther than expected. He noted that the Urban County meeting had gone well. He mentioned that his R-PATH meeting, group advocating for regional transport, had gone well. He noted that he had gone up to Lansing to advocate for more regional transportation.

Comm. Bergman stated that if you walked around the Parks Commission you could see that the Wetlands restoration has really become beautiful. She commended the Water Resources Commissioner for her work on that project.

Comm. Turner stated that he was unable to attend the last WWRA meeting but that their year-end revenues have increased and so the project continues to be viable.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners
None

Special Order of Business
None

Reports of the Standing Committees
None

Reports of Special Committees
Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received: Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee, dated November 22, 2011, December 20, 2011; Drainage Board, dated January 19, 2012; Public Works Board, dated October 27, 2011, October 31, 2011, December 14, 2011; Road Commission, dated January 3, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports
None

Report of the Treasurer
None

Appointments
12-0022 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution to appoint two veterans, one who has served honorably on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during the World War II era and one veteran who has served honorably on active duty during the Korean War era to the Washtenaw County Veterans Affairs Committee for four-year terms expiring December 31, 2015 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0023 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution appointing a member to the Washtenaw County Building Authority for a six year term expiring December 31, 2017 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0031 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution appointing one member to the 800 MHZ Project Oversight Committee for a three year term expiring December 31, 2014 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0032 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution to appoint one member to the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board for a term expiring as indicated and to amend the representation of one current board member to better reflect their position on the board be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0033 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution to appoint one member representing consumer to the Washtenaw County Community Action Board and amend the representation status of five current board members be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

Resolutions:

12-0024 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the Board Action put forward by Comm. Dan Smith at the January 4, 2012 Board meeting and seconded by Comm. Conan Smith, which amended the Board of Commissioners 2012 Rules, Article VI., by adding #3, "Commissioners may abstain from voting on resolutions that express support or opposition and otherwise take no action." be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Prater) ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0025 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a Lake improvement project for the townships of Northfield and Green Oak be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0026 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution to return money to the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau ahead of the 2013 date of the previous ordinance be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0027 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution approving an agreement with the Humane Society of Huron Valley and authorizing an additional expenditure of $165,000 for the provision of animal control services through December 31, 2012 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0028 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution approving the agreement with the Assistant Prosecutors Association, Units I & II, and Washtenaw County for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0029 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution approving the agreement with the Public Defenders Association, Units I & II, and Washtenaw County for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

12-0030 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of February 3, 2012 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Conan Smith commended Joe Burke who has been appointed to the 15th District Court.

Adjournment

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Prater moved to adjourn until Wednesday, March7th, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Conan Smith, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 3/7/12