

### WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Wednesday January 18, 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, January 18, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Conan Smith, Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Brabec, Gunn, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan

Smith, Dan Smith, and Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly

Belknap; Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Mark Breckenridge, Sheriff's Office; Derrick Jackson, Sheriff's Office; Greg Dill, Facilities; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Brett Lenart, Economic Development; Ben Toole, ITS; Jason Brooks, 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. Bergman moved that the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

# **Citizen Participation**

None

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

None

#### **Communications**

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

**R-0021** RECEIVED: January 3, 2012. A letter to Conan Smith, Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Kay Wilmoth, Regional Program Manager, Office of Head Start and Eric P. Staples, Regional Grants Management Officer, Office of Grants Management, re: Grant No. 05CH0790 – Relinquishment of Head Start Grant, dated December 28, 2011. Received and filed.

# Not included in the packet:

**R-0022** RECEIVED: January 4, 2012. A brochure from World Congress addressed to Mark Ouimet, Chairman Defined Benefit, re: On-site Employee Health Clinics, not dated. Received and filed. Not included in the packet due to size/shape.

**R-0023** RECEIVED: January 5, 2012. UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School Brochure re: Mid-sized Retirement & Healthcare Plan Management Conference, not dated. Received and filed. Not included in the packet due to size/shape.

# **Liaison Reports**

Comm. Gunn noted that Comm. Brabec will now be on the leadership team of the Eastern Leaders Group. She went on to thank Comm. Peterson for his support and praise at that meeting.

Comm. Turner reported that everything is on full schedule at the Court remodeling. He noted that the project would be completed by March 16 and that the contingencies have not been used up. He noted the project was on time and on budget. He noted that Jason Fees would be making a presentation to this board on this project in February. He encouraged the Board to go down the street and see the work that had been done.

Comm. Bergman reported that Mary O'Hare and Trish Cortes were running excellent training program in their department.

Comm. Sizemore noted that the reason that the court remodel was going so well was because of the excellent work being done by the facilities team.

Comm. Rabhi stated that the Board of Public Works has set in motion an improvement project in Whitmore Lake. He reported that WATS has been renting a space in the Zeeb road facility. He added that they are looking for a new place to rent and that they have begun to look at other options other than the ones offered by the County. He encouraged the Board to do what they could to continue the relationship with WATS.

Comm. Bergman stated that the WCHO would be moving to the Zeeb road facility, but only the administration component and the service component would continue to be housed in its current location so that it would remain geographically close to the people it serves.

# Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Comm. Ping noted that Chief Bunten was being thanked by the Board for his 47 years of service. Comm. Gunn noted that Chief served on the Ann Arbor Police before moving to Saline. She added that he had done excellent work on the Emergency Communications Campaign Committee, which resulted in a millage being passed. She credited him for that work which she says has brought a tremendous amount of technology into the community allowing police, fire departments and emergency workers to communicate with each other.

Comm. Bergman noted that the Space plan would not be discussed for several months. She mentioned that she has been involved with Community Corrections for years through both CJCC and CCAB. She reported that Paul Bunten was always at those meetings serving alongside of her. She added that it had always been a pleasure to work with Chief Bunten. She finished by saying that Chief Bunten would be missed by the corrections community.

Comm. Prater stated that he had an opportunity to work with Chif Bunten when Bunten was a rookie on the police department and he was a rookie on the Fire Department. He noted that he had been a lot of fun to work with.

Verna McDaniel noted that Chief Bunten had done an excellent job on the 800 mhz project.

**12-0011** Comm. Ping seconded by Turner moved that the Board of Commissioners recognize Chief Paul Bunten for his 47 years of service most recently to the Saline Police Department. This motion was passed by voice vote of the Board.

## **Special Order of Business**

A Public Hearing on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the Arbor Hills Crossing Redevelopment Project in the City of Ann Arbor was held at this Board meeting.

Anne Jamieson, AKT Peerless Environmental Consultants, stated that the speakers before the Board were members of the Development Team for Arbor Hills Crossing. She introduced to the Board Arthur Siegal, Attorney, and William Carpenter of reFORM studios. The team noted that they had appeared before the Ann Arbor City Council and the Brownfield Committee before coming in front of this board. They mentioned that the property in question was both vacant and blighted. They reported that their plan addressed the environmental concerns regarding the wet land on the property. They also presented a rendering of the building design. William Carpenter noted that the project took advantage of the topography of the land to create an attractive space.

# **Reports of the Standing Committees**

None

## **Reports of Special Committees**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received: Road Commission, dated December 20, 2011. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

## **Other Reports**

None

## Report of the Treasurer

None

# **Appointments**

**12-0012** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board approve the resolution appointing commissioners to various boards, committees, commissions and agencies for various terms. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**12-0018** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board approve the resolution appointing Kris Olsson to the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

## **Report of the County Administrator**

Verna McDaniel reported that Pat Horne McGee retired effective December 31, 2011. She stated that the County will be relinquishing the program July 31, 2012. She added that the Regional Office of Head Start has been notified and has sent a letter back to the County accepting the relinquishment. She reported that she had recently had a very positive meeting with the Policy Council. She noted that the County has made a commitment to provide the Policy Council with communication and she requested Chair Conan Smith's presence at a meeting of the Policy Council to provide the Council with an update. She noted that the Federal Government was looking for a program sponsor from Washtenaw County. She stated that WISD had made it clear that they are interested in that role. She added that the Policy Council had expressed interest in having the Executive Director of WISD come before them to speak. She noted that at the meeting between the Policy Council and the Executive Director of WISD, the Executive Director had been asked what he would do if he was awarded the role of grantee. She mentioned that his response was to state an interest in ensuring continuity during the transition between grantees.

Comm. Brabec asked if everything was lined up so that the relinquishment process would be seamless. Verna McDaniel responded that the County had made a commitment to support the Regional office by providing all of the required information. She noted that Kelly Belknap and the finance staff had accounted for the inventory and mentioned that Cassandra Sheriff, Interim Director of Head Start, has been working with the Regional Office to provide all of the information in terms of inventory. Comm. Brabec asked where the County stood in regards to the debt and the building. Verna McDaniel stated that if the award was given to the WISD there would need to be a discussion around the building.

Comm. Rabhi asked if the letters of support would be coming from individuals or the County. Verna McDaniel responded that it was her understanding that if the County chose to submit letters of support then that would be acceptable.

# **Resolutions:**

**12-0013** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application and agreement for the Safe Communities grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. Authorizing the County 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: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**12-0014** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution approving the City of Ann Arbor and County of Washtenaw agreement for police dispatch services; and to create a metro dispatch manager position, add an additional dispatch operations coordinator position, and create thirteen communications operator positions within the Office of the Sheriff be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**12-0015** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution ratifying the submission of the grant application and accepting award of the \$3,000,000 Community Challenge Planning grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**12-0016** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution to adopt the Brownfield Plan for the Arbor Hills Crossing Redevelopment Project in the City of Ann Arbor be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**12-0017** Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution to authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 6, 2012 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

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

Comm. Turner asked if he could be excused from the Working Session the next night.

Comm. Peterson noted that he was late due to a flat coming out of Lansing. He noted that he was going to be out of town during the retreat. He added that he had indicated this to staff during the time when dates were being chosen for the retreat. He mentioned that he would not be there but that it was his desire to be in attendance at the retreat. He noted that his positions would remain consistent in regards to having as much citizen input and participation as possible. He reported that the structure of the County had been set up by leaders who came before his time and he encouraged the board to solicit citizen input before the board made changes to the structure of the county.

Comm. Conan Smith apologized for misinterpreting a conversation the two of them had had about Comm. Peterson's availability.

Comm. Rabhi noted that the Working Session tomorrow would act as a preparation for the retreat. He apologized for the confusion caused by changes to the agenda.

Comm. Conan Smith stated that he has received questions from the board about how the retreat would be structured. He noted that tomorrow would be a chance to review the agenda of the retreat. He noted that the regional transportation authority was planned to be discussed that day but had been delayed by State government.

Comm. Conan Smith noted that during the Appointments Caucus there had been discussion about changes to some of the Board: there are plans to make the Sheriff's position on the 800 mhz Board permanent, Board participation on the Literacy Coalition is being evaluated, Comm. Bergman was appointed to the Planning Committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee temporarily and the Board will be working with Bob Tetens to find a long term citizen appointment for that position, there is discussion about moving the Police Services Steering Committee under the Office of the Sheriff and reducing the number of commissioner seats from 4 to 2, it was noted that the Public Safety and Justice Oversight Committee, which was created for jail construction work, has fulfilled its purpose and can be eliminated.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Prater moved to adjourn until Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.		
	Conan Smith, Chair	
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk		

Board Approved: 2/1/12