



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday March 21, 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 8:15 p.m. by Conan Smith, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman and Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly Belknap; Interim Corporation Counsel Stefani Carter; Greg Dill, Facilities; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Ben Toole, 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. Ping moved that the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Thomas Partridge stated that he was there to speak to all those who are unable to attend these meetings including the disabled, elderly and economically challenged. He noted that the State of Michigan was struck by both literal and figurative tornados in the last week. He reported that the Snyder administration was attacking cities and school districts. He added that budget cut backs by Washtenaw County put the community in a vulnerable position during any type of emergency event. He called on the board to dedicate revenues to emergency funds. He asked the board to adopt the four-party agreement for transportation.

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-0042 RECEIVED: March 14, 2012. A resolution addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, re: Opposition to the early release of violent offenders, dated March 13, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0043 RECEIVED: March 21, 2012. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, re: Local Approvals for Licensing Application Process, dated February 28, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0044 RECEIVED: March 21, 2012. A letter to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Becky A. Farmer, Landman, PAXTON, re: Finkbeiner Well, Saline Township, Washtenaw County, dated March 13, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0045 RECEIVED: March 26, 2012. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Dianne S. Hill, Saline City Clerk, re: Notice of Receipt of Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Received and filed.

Not included in the packet:

R-0046 RECEIVED: March 27, 2012. A Women of China Magazine addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Received and filed. Not included in packet due to format.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Brabec reported that on April 16th the Eastern Leaders Group would be having their spring summit at EMU. She stated that she attended the Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting. She noted that Renee Wilson would be speaking before the board during a working session in April. She added that the Coordinated Funding Oversight committee. She stated that an organization had come forward to pay for a professional evaluation of coordinated funding up to \$75,000. She reported that private partners would decide whether they would continue funding in October. She said that baseline data was available for the first six months of coordinated funding.

Comm. Prater stated that the Road Commission was approached by Paxton which attempted to rent land from the road commission. He added that a meeting had been held. He noted that the Road Commissioners had unanimously turned down a proposal to rent land to Paxton. He said that Paxton was the type of company that could go bankrupt and leave behind a mess. He advised the board to draft a resolution and send it to the Governor. He said the county should also ask EQ to do inspections. He said that the laws were such that local government could not make enforcements. He noted that a drilling well could occupy four to six acres and put out pollution. Comm. Prater mentioned that he had spoken to Dan Urdich and asked that a working session meeting be held on this issue.

Comm. Rabhi thanked Comm. Prater for his work on this issue. He noted that he had worked with Comm. Ping on this problem. He added that Comm. Prater was right about drafting a resolution. He stated that it would be important for the county to put together some sort of information packet for its citizens providing all of the facts. He mentioned that USGS has a presentation that outlines some of the issues. Comm. Rabhi stated that an education effort could be made for not very much money. He added that this conversation should be had at a working session and he asked Comm. Ping and Comm. Prater to work with him on developing that meeting.

Comm. Prater stated that the folks from B&R would be good to speak to at a meeting. He noted that on Willow rd in Saline township drilling was being done. He noted that lateral wells were set up which are the infrastructure needed for fracking. He added that DEQ is allowing them to drill for water wells. He stated that these companies were exploiting loopholes that existed for the exploration process for energy.

Comm. Turner noted that Jim Harmon of the road commission said that the EOC worked and he thanked Marc Breckenridge. He reported that Paxton had been set to start drilling on some land that they had acquired but that a portion of that land belonged to the road commission so drilling has been delayed. He added that tanker trucks will be used to transport the oil. He noted that the Road Commission had unanimously voted this down. Comm. Turner stated that there is no connection of the bike lanes in Pittsfield township. He said that there was a discussion being had to widen the roads to allow for bike lanes on both side.

Comm. Sizemore stated that the day before there had been a meeting of the Youth Summit and that four students from motor line high school and four students from Ypsi high school. He noted that there would be discussions about coordinating the service providers who work with youth. He reported that IT professionals from EMU were working with county IT staff and he thanked EMU for their cooperation.

Comm. Conan Smith stated that the Community Action board would be meeting at 6:00 pm March 28, 2012 at United Way and that state legislators would be there to discuss human services.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Special Order of Business

None

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means Committee, dated March 7, 2012; Working Session, dated March 8, 2012. Motion carried.

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the following reports be received: Road Commission, dated February 7, 2012 and February 21, 2012; Social Services Board, dated January 24, 2012. Motion carried.

(Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

None

Appointments

None

Report of the County Administrator

None

Resolutions:

12-0041 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution authorizing the hiring for the position of Senior Environmental Planner in the Office of Water Resources Commissioner at a salary above midpoint be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0042 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2011 real property taxes be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0043 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution authorizing an allocation of up to \$500,000 from capital reserves for the purpose of providing continued assistance to residents impacted by the recent tornado in the Dexter area be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0044 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution approving the revised Public Health service fee schedule be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0045 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution to form the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0046 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) contract with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the 2012 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund Energy Assistance Program (MPSC/MCAAA 2012 Energy Assistance Program), in the amount of \$60,109 for the period of January 3, 2012 through September 30, 2012; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

12-0047 Comm. Brabec 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 march 2, 2012 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Peterson) Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Brabec asked the County Administrator to describe the internal audit process. Kelly Belknap stated that surveys had been conducted online to over 100 staff people. She noted that key staff are being interviewed by the contractor. She reported that the information from those interviews was being compiled to create a risk factor report.

Comm. Turner apologized for the disruption and noted that a trailer of handicap bicycles was stolen. He noted that this was an important item to be aware of. He asked anyone with any information to come forward. Comm. Gunn stated that there was some video of the event.

Adjournment

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to adjourn until Wednesday, April 4th, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

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

Board Approved: 4/4/12