



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday May 2, 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, May 2, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 p.m. by Conan Smith, Chair of the Board.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Sizemore

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 April 18, 2012 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Thomas Partridge, resident of Washtenaw County and the City of Ann Arbor, stated that he was happy to be speaking at the start of President Barack Obama's reelection campaign. He called on the board to endorse the reelection of Barack Obama. He urged President Barack Obama to run on a platform of addressing the needs of senior citizens and disabled residents of Washtenaw County. He stated that this is the honorable course for all candidates to take in this presidential election year. He accused the board of being disrespectful of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0053 RECEIVED: April 17, 2012. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Commissioners from Sue Thelen, Permit Section, Department of Environmental Quality re: Application Report, dated April 10, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0054 RECEIVED: April 18, 2012. A letter addressed to Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Communications, from Kristen Delaney, Director of Community and Economic Development, City of South Lyon, re: Master Plan Amendment, dated April 13, 2012. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Turner stated that the township agreements between the Road Commission and the townships are coming in quickly. He reported that the townships are investing more money in roads than they have in the last several. He stated that the Animal Control Taskforce will meet May 15 but that their last meeting had been cancelled.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Comm. Conan Smith passed around the calendar for Taskforce for Animal Control Policy. He said that the Dispute Resolution Center had agreed to facilitate the discussion. He noted that it would be a slightly different approach to public policy. He mentioned that at the first meeting a scope of work for the taskforce will be established. He said that it would be good to have a discussion about what the mandate is and how the county will provide services above the mandate level. He stated that he hoped there will be a discussion on cost recovery and the legal processes involved. He said that he would like to be reviewing preliminary plans in August. He noted that would give the taskforce a month to come up with a final set of recommendations before the September 15 deadline, which was set by the board.

Comm. Peterson asked if the committee was mandated to stay within this schedule. Comm. Conan Smith stated that it may not take this long. Comm. Peterson asked if it would be possible for the report to be completed sooner. Comm. Conan Smith stated that he would be thrilled if it happened sooner. Comm. Brabec asked about how communication would take place between the two committees on Animal Control. Comm. Conan Smith stated that he would ensure that there was a strategy for cross communication between the two committees. Comm. Prater asked if these meetings are posted as public meetings. Comm. Conan Smith responded that they were posted. Comm. Prater stated that he thought the Sheriff's Office was determining pricing for different animals/services. Comm. Conan Smith stated that the policy committee was created to identify the services that the county wanted to continue to provide and that the Sheriff's Office was determining pricing. Comm. Rabhi stated that it was important for the two committees to be communicating. Comm. Conan Smith stated that he would like to use the first meeting to focus on the scope of the Policy Committee. Comm. Turner stated that he was concerned that if this process draws out too long then there will not be time to issue an RFP. Comm. Prater stated that the policy devised by the board should be the level of service provided by the county. Comm. Conan Smith stated that he wants to get the service level established in early May so that they can check the feasibility of those service levels.

Special Order of Business

12-0065 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution recognizing Hazel Bowman for her 25 years of significant and faithful service to the Foster Grandparent Program of Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn and Peterson)

Public Hearing on Urban County Annual Action Plan:

Thomas Partridge, Washtenaw County and City of Ann Arbor resident, stated that he was interested in this plan and all plans put forward by Urban County. He reported being disappointed in the commissioners for not making personal invitations to the citizens of Washtenaw County to be here at this meeting for this public hearing. He urged Urban County to seek an extension from the Federal Government because he believes the plan to have received insufficient public commentary.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means Committee, dated April 18, 2012; Working Session, dated April 19, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the following reports be received: Public Works Board, dated March 21, 2012; Road Commission, dated April 3, 2012; Weapon Licensing Board, dated March 20, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the following reports be received:

- A. Reports Prepared by the Finance Department
 1. Schedule of Fund Balances / Net Assets as of Year-End 2011
 2. Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities – Last Five Years
- B. Presentation on Washtenaw County Audit Results
 1. Communication with Those Charged with Governance Under SAS No. 114
 2. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 3. Washtenaw County Building Authority Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 4. Washtenaw County Department of Public Works Projects Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 5. Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011

6. Washtenaw County Employee Retirement System Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 7. Washtenaw County Money Purchase Pension Plan Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 8. Washtenaw County Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 9. Washtenaw County Community Support & Treatment Services Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2011
 10. Washtenaw County, Michigan Single Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 11. Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services Fund Financial Statements and Single Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
- Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Report of the Treasurer

None

Appointments

12-0066 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that Comm. Rabhi be appointed to the Food Policy Council for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2014. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn and Peterson)

Report of the County Administrator

None

Resolutions:

12-0067 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution approving the budget to the Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan (WDASOM) for appropriation year (AY) 2011 Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities (WIA/SWA) funding for the Jobs, Education, and Training (JET) program for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$61,026 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 Motion carried.

12-0068 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) agreement in the amount of \$51,383, with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 for the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED); authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant awards; amending the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 Motion carried.

12-0069 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 March 2, 2012 be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 Motion carried.

12-0070 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the resolution supporting the Clean Air Act be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Turner) ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN: 1 (Comm. Dan Smith)

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Rabhi provided a brief summary of the agenda items on the Working Session agenda tomorrow night.

Comm. Brabec stated that she had visited the Irish Hills and it had been an educational experience.

Adjournment

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Prater moved to adjourn until Wednesday, May 16th, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 5/16/12