



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday September 19, 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, September 5, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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; Curt Hedger, Corporate Counsel; Greg Dill, Facilities; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Ben Toole, ITS; Elaine Holleran, County Administration; Lisa Moutinho, 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. Gunn moved that the minutes of the September 5, 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 there to call to the attention of the board the importance of the November general election. He said he was dissatisfied with the fact that none of the Clerk's Offices were making any special effort to register voters. He called on every resident of Washtenaw County to register themselves and to register others. He asked that the re-election of President Barack Obama be supported by the board.

Jessica Anderson thanked the board for their support of the humane society. She said that she appreciates the hard work done by several members of the board. She stated that the humane society has received awards for having such a high save rate. She said that as a teacher in the Ann Arbor Public Schools she can see the benefit the community receives from the HSHV. She said that in cases of domestic violence the HSHV will shelter pets while the family is in transition. She added that the problem before the board is not deciding on animals over children.

John Kinsinger stated that he has spent 25 years working with veterans in Washtenaw County. He said that it is veterans who allow citizens to assemble as they are this evening. He reported that the people who are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan currently who will be returning soon and will have needs that need to be addressed. He said that the resolution before the board that night was incredibly important. He said that he was there for those people who were going to need help.

Bob Kozinski, Retired United States Air Force, stated that he was there in support of the Veterans Relief Fund. He reported that there are many thousands of widows of deceased veterans who benefit from the relief fund. He noted that right now there are over 1,400 guardsmen from Michigan working abroad.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Peterson asked if the veterans issue could be voted on before a break was taken. It was confirmed that a vote would be taken before the board took a break.

Communications

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

R-0084 RECEIVED: August 29, 2012. A letter addressed to Conan Smith, Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from Mary Mehren, Federal Compliance Division, State of Michigan Department of Human Services re: 2011-12 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures, dated August 17, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0085 RECEIVED: September 10, 2012. A letter addressed to Conan Smith, Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Kyle W. Ten Broeke, State Tax Commission, Michigan Department of Treasury, re: Equalization Directors, dated September 4, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0086 RECEIVED: September 12, 2012. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Lorraine Little, Enbridge Energy Company, re: 35 mile long pipeline, dated September 4, 2012. Received and filed.

Not included in the packet:

R-0087 RECEIVED: September 7, 2012. An issue of Women of China magazine addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Received and filed. Not included in packet due to size.

Liaison Reports

None

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Special Order of Business

Public Hearing on the adoption of the Indigent Veterans Relief Millage of 1/35th of a mill to be levied in December, 2012

Thomas Partridge stated that historically there has not been adequate support for veterans. He said that the practice of a veterans relief millage should be shared with local governments across Michigan. He called on the United States Congress and the Board of Commissioners to create a combined public health system for veterans.

A Vietnam Veteran urged the board to pass this resolution so that indigent veterans could be cared for. He noted that at one point he was almost an indigent veteran.

Peter Bellaire encouraged the board to pass the millage. He said that he thinks about the men he served with who are no longer here. He said that all of the veterans here know someone who is in desperate need of help. He said that he has been blessed. He noted that he was able to secure a job when he got back and to hang onto it. He reported that it hurts him to see young men come back. He noted that there is a young man in Saline, formerly a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy who was severely injured by an IED and can no longer serve as a Deputy. He asked that the millage be supported.

Bryan Rivers, He said that as he travels the country he is amazed by the displays of patriotism that he witnesses. He noted that these layers of patriotism are often handed down through generations of families. He said that the people who were there that night were asking on behalf of those who were coming home now. He added that the people who come back now feel disconnected and alone. He said the people who are coming back are patriots.

Public Hearing on the adoption of a proposed Tax Millage of 0.050 of mil pursuant to Public Act 88 of 1913 (MCLA 46.161) to promote the Agricultural, Industrial and Tourist Advantages of Washtenaw County

Thomas Partridge, Democrat, stated that on the August ballot he had been on the ballot as a candidate for the 53rd House District. He endorsed the millage on the agenda that evening. He said that it appeared to be insufficient to meet the need. He said that the prestigious indoor and outdoor theater of Pine Knob needed to be funded. He said that there needs to be a true convention center to draw people to Washtenaw County. He reported that Washtenaw County could become a leader in conventions.

Jamie Bush stated that she was there in support of Public Act 88. She said she was the business development specialist at FSEP. She reported that \$220,000 had been leveraged from the revenue of this act.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearings a vote was held on the resolution approving an Indigent Veterans Relief Millage. After the vote Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the board adjourn for a ten minute break. The board began their break at 8:02 pm and the meeting resumed at 8:12 pm.

12-0134 Comm. Turner seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the resolution approving an Indigent Veterans Relief Millage of 1/35 of a mill to be levied in December, 2012, for use in calendar year 2013 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried. This item was separated out for an early vote and the vote was conducted at the conclusion of the Public Hearings.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means Committee, dated September 5, 2012; Working Session, dated September 6, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the following reports be received: Food Policy Council, dated August 21, 2012; Social Services Board, dated July 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

Resolutions:

12-0125 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution honoring the exceptional public service career of Rodney A. Stokes, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Conan Smith introduced Rodney Stokes. He credited the collaboration between Bob Tetens and Rodney Stokes in turning the County parks into real gems. Rodney Stokes said that there have been over a 100 projects representing over \$30 million dollars. Comm. Conan Smith read a resolution honoring the exceptional public service of Rodney Stokes.

Bob Marans presented Rodney Stokes a resolution from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation.

Jason Morgan, a representative of Congressman John Dingle, read a brief letter of thanks from the Congressman.

12-0126 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution recognizing the Ann Arbor Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. of significant and faithful service to the Foster Grandparent Program of Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Conan Smith stated that the Ann Arbor chapter of Delta Sigma Theta would be celebrating its 50th anniversary shortly. He read aloud a resolution recognizing their community service.

12-0127 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving the sale of County-Owned Land, which abuts Washtenaw Avenue, to the Michigan Department of Transportation together with a sidewalk easement, which will permit improvements to the Washtenaw Avenue/Hogback Road intersection be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

12-0128 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving the Community Support and Treatment Services Department Budget for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year and approving Position Modifications be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

12-0129 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the program year 2012 Michigan Works! Service Center Operations plan to the Workforce Development Agency State of Michigan in the amount of \$71,962 for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

12-0130 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving redemption of part of the Callable Outstanding Washtenaw County – Multi Lakes Sanitary Sewer System Phase II bonds, series 2002 prior to maturity be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

12-0131 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution amending the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program Ordinance no. 128 (section 8) to allow annual millage revenues to be used for stewardship of lands purchased under this ordinance, so as to ensure the sustainability of the nature preserves established through the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried. The resolution passed by the board included the changes proposed by Comm. Conan Smith's amendment. The amendment and ensuing discussion is provided below.

Comm. Conan Smith seconded by Comm. Sizemore proposed an amendment to resolution number 12-0131 removing the requirement that 75% of Natural Areas Acquisition Funds be used for stewardship and 25% go to development. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 2 (Comms. Prater, Rabhi) ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he would be opposing this as a member of ALPAC. He did not think it was a productive amendment. Comm. Dan Smith stated that he supports this amendment. He said that he believed further rules could be developed to help guide allocations. Comm. Gunn said that she supported the amendment because she has full faith in the Parks and Recreation Department. Comm. Prater said that it was not this board that was problematic, it was the boards to come. He said that there should be an allocation of some kind. Comm. Gunn said that the Parks and Recreation has always presented a five year. She added that this department has always been excellent at long term planning and adhering to those plans. Comm. Bergman asked if Bob Tetens would speak on the item. Bob Tetens said that a lot of planning is done with ALPAC and NATAC. He noted that it would give flexibility but for the next ten years he expected that the 75/25 split would be adhered. Comm. Prater said that no one at the table could make any prediction about the future. He said it was a good thing to have some direction laid out no matter who sat at the board. Comm. Gunn said that the Parks and Recs commission has been doing this work for 30 plus years and they are good at it. She urged the board to let Parks do their work. Comm. Rabhi said that the split had been operated under for many years and he did not know why it needed to be changed. Comm. Dan Smith said that direction should not come from this ordinance. He said he would be happy to come up with additional direction working with either Comms. Rabhi or Prater. Comm. Sizemore said that sometimes you have to let people make their own decisions. He said there have been no concerns with Mr. Tetens work. He said staff needs to have autonomy to do what they do best. Comm. Prater said that the statute that creates the Park Commission needs to be examined. He said that the final fiduciary responsibility for what happens there rests with the board. Comm. Conan Smith said that Parks and Recreations passes a budget annually that comes back to the board. He said the ordinance is probably the wrong place to put direction. He said that situations may arise where it is beneficial to have a little bit of flexibility. Comm. Prater said that if you have been following the trend of farm land it is not losing value across the United States because crops are doing well. He noted that the value of farmland has increased approximately 40% in the last 5 years.

12-0132 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing the County Administrator's signature on the Public Health Department Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contracting (CPBC) agreement for the period October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013; authorizing the electronic submission by the County Health Officer; approving the Public Health Department's 2012/2013 budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts; approving fees; and approving position reclassification be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

12-0133 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution accepting offers for Insurance Coverage for the County for the period October 1, 2012 – October 1, 2013 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution approving a millage of 0.050 of a mill pursuant to Public Act 88 of 1913 (MCLA 46.161) to promote the agricultural, industrial and tourist advantages of Washtenaw County to be levied in December, 2012, for use in calendar year 2013 be approved. This item was tabled until October 3. The discussion and proposed amendments to this agenda item are provided below.

Comm. Conan Smith seconded by Comm. Gunn proposed that the resolution approving an Act 88 millage of 0.050 be amended so that the millage rate is increased from 0.050 to 0.060. The following is discussion on Comm. Conan Smith's proposed amendment.

Comm. Peterson stated that it was misleading the public to have a public hearing on a millage rate of 0.05 and then increasing it to 0.06 after the public has left. He said that he hoped the board would refrain from this practice in the future. He stated that the action was a stretch if you believe in the openness of government. He said that he would be voting no on this. He said that his no-vote was not a reflection of his support for economic development. He questioned whether or not it should be voted on that night. Curtis Hedger said that it was legal. He said the board had

the ability to raise it up to ½ of a mill. He said that a public hearing was not necessary legally required for public act 88. Comm. Conan Smith said he understood the concern. He noted that the county goes above and beyond on this act by having a public hearing which is not required. He said that he had brought up this issue at the last meeting which was recorded as part of the record. He said that his memo on the issue had been published in the Ann Arbor Chronicle. Comm. Gunn said that it had been an open process. She noted that when people had spoken that evening no one had mentioned cost only the good done by the programs this millage funds. She said that Barrier Busters is one of the most important county programs and the more money put into that the more people that are helped. Comm. Prater said that the issue of increasing the millage is one of integrity. Comm. Dan Smith said that it represents a 20% increase of the amount that is currently levied so he will be opposing the amendment. Comm. Ping stated that she agreed with Comm. Peterson and she will be opposing the increase. Comm. Bergman said that she will support this resolution. Comm. Brabec said she would be supporting the amendment because it was a strong economic development proposal. She asked if another public hearing could be had. She asked about general options. Curt Hedger said that it could be amended at .06 it could be amended and then tabled for another public hearing. Comm. Rabhi said that he would be supporting this resolution because the programs funded by act 88 are incredibly important. Comm. Conan Smith said that the absolute last day would be November 7.

Comm. Dan Smith seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the original resolution approving a millage of 0.050 of a mill pursuant to Public Act 88 of 1913 (mcla 46.161) along with Comm. Conan Smith's amendment to that resolution be tabled until October 3, 2012 when a public hearing on the proposed increase would be held. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 3 (Comm. Gunn, Sizemore, Conan Smith) ABSENT: 0 Motion carried. It was determined that the original resolution and proposed amendment could be tabled until time certain but that the scheduling of a public hearing would require its own proposal and vote.

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that public hearing on the proposed increase of the Act 88 millage from 0.050 of mill to 0.060 of mill be scheduled for October 3, 2012. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 4 (Comm. Gunn, Conan Smith, Dan Smith and Turner) ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Comm. Peterson asked that both proposals be included in the publication. Comm. Conan Smith said that the public could come in and comment on anything related to Act 88.

12-0135 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of August 31, 2012 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Bergman asked Elaine Holleran to pass out the two resolutions that she was bringing before the board.

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the board accept the recommendations of the Washtenaw County Animal Control Policy Task Force and adopt the policies as a basis of a provision of services agreement. Comm. Rabhi asked what the recommendation of the animal control taskforce policy was. Comm. Conan Smith said that the recommendation still had to be published. Comm. Conan Smith suggested a brief recess so that the proposals could be read. After a brief recess Comm. Bergman withdrew the first motion accepting the recommendation of the taskforce. This motion to withdraw her proposal was accepted by Comm. Prater.

12-0136 Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the board approve the following resolution issuing a RFP for animal control services:

WHEREAS, upon acceptance of the Task Force on Animal Control's recommendations by a vote of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate with ~~Huron Valley Humane Society (HVHS)~~ Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) to provide the services stated in the policy; and

WHEREAS, if the opinion of the Washtenaw County Administrator is that negotiations with ~~HVHS~~ HSHV are not moving toward the successful cost containment of up to the allocated amount specified within the 2013 County Budget by October 30, 2012, the Washtenaw County Administrator is instructed to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Animal Control Services within Washtenaw County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, if in the opinion of the Administrator by October 30, 2012, negotiations with ~~HVHS~~ HSHV are not moving toward the successful cost containment up to the allocated amount specified within the 2013 County Budget, excluding the cost of the Sheriff Deputies dedicated to animal control, the County Administrator is instructed to put forth a RFP to seek the services as approved by resolution of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to accept the recommendations of the Taskforce on Animal Control.

Comm. Gunn noted that it was the Humane Society of Huron Valley. This proposed change was accepted by both Comm. Bergman and Comm. Rabhi. Comm. Ping says she feels left out because she was unable to attend Taskforce meetings. She said she was unclear on how anyone could vote in the affirmative on this because a taskforce recommendation had not been received. Comm. Conan Smith said that Comm. Bergman's resolution establishes a process. He said that if recommendations of the taskforce are approved then the administrator would begin negotiations. He reported that if negotiations are not successful by October 30 then a RFP will be issued. Comm. Bergman said that Verna McDaniel had to be given the opportunity to negotiate. Comm. Ping said that the recommendations are not in front of the board. She said there was no recommendation to give to Verna McDaniel. She said that she did not know how the vote could take place without the recommendation. Comm. Sizemore asked if Comm. Bergman was suggesting that the original 2012 budget number of \$250,000 be used. He said he did not know why Verna McDaniel would be sent out with that number to negotiate with. He said that the board already knows how that ends. Comm. Prater said he did not know how an informed decision could be made with the information that was before them. He said that the position today seemed identical to their one at this time last year. He added that it was his opinion that an RFP should be issued for the mandated level of service. Comm. Dan Smith said it was his belief that the resolution kept the process moving forward while providing some direction to the administrator. He said that it doesn't put any final budget numbers in place. He added that the budget discussion would happen when the administrator brought back information from her negotiations with the HSHV. He said if no information was forthcoming there was a provision for the issuance of an RFP. Comm. Peterson asked if there would be any figures in the Animal Control Taskforce recommendation. Comm. Conan Smith said that the only figures would be those provided by the Sheriff's Office on the costs of housing animals. Comm. Peterson asked what would be happening in the next couple of weeks. Comm. Conan Smith said that he would provide a draft set of recommendations which the commissioners would comment on. He said that the recommendation would be up for approval at the next meeting. Comm. Peterson asked what would happen without Comm. Bergman's proposal. Comm. Conan Smith said Comm. Bergman's resolution provides leeway for negotiation with the Humane Society. He added that it acknowledges the need for a firm deadline for the issuance of an RFP. Comm. Conan Smith said that without Comm. Bergman's amendment the board would have to abide by the first resolution on this matter requiring the issuance of an RFP. Comm. Peterson asked if the in depth report had been made to the board. He asked if the resolution put forward by Comm. Bergman asked for a limit. Comm. Peterson stated that if Comm. Bergman's resolution went forward if there would be no constraints on the figure. Curt Hedger said that the administrator would not be able to go beyond \$250,000 without coming back to the board. Comm. Peterson said that if that constraint was removed it would be a good thing. Comm. Bergman said she was not ready to give any agency carte blanche at this point. She said that she has set what was approved in the 2013 budget as the target. Comm. Brabec said that a great deal of work has been done this year. She said that what she likes about Comm. Bergman's resolution is that it sets a process. She said that she wouldn't be comfortable with it until the limitation was removed. Comm. Conan Smith said it was his interpretation that it set a target rather than a set limit. He said that to Curt's point if it exceeded \$250,000 then the budget would need to be revised. Comm. Gunn said that although she did not attend any of the meetings she carefully read through the minutes. She said that this starts a process which needs to be begun. She said that she trusts Verna McDaniel to negotiate in a way that protects the budget. Comm. Turner said that there has been a lot of work that went in to the policy and the cost structure. He said that he would like to give Verna the leeway of negotiations. He said that the amount set in this resolution did not give Verna McDaniel the leeway she needs. Comm. Dan Smith said that this resolution sets several things that have to happen before an RFP is issued. He noted that there was no instruction to stop negotiations after the RFP was issued. He noted that this resolution only sets out the circumstances under which an RFP is to be issued. Comm. Sizemore stated that he knows the HSHV will not take \$250,000. He said that the county needs to see the numbers that the other three communities with animal control ordinances will provide to a contract with HSHV. Comm. Rabhi said that Comm. Bergman's resolution was a beautiful compromise which should appease everyone. He said that the board has to stay within the budget because it is what was allocated. He noted that the timeline could be extended also.

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn called the question on Comm. Bergman's resolution issuing a RFP for animal control services. A voice vote of the board revealed that there was not unanimous support on the motion and so a roll call vote was taken. Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 4 (Comms. Peterson, Ping, Prater and Turner) ABSENT: 0 Motion overturned.

Comm. Ping said that this resolution did a disservice to the relationship with HSHV. She said that this process would cause the whole world to know what the HSHV had bid for the contract. She said the whole process was flawed. Comm. Turner said that the taskforce had asked for the cost per animal, average number of days of a stay, and the cost of animal cruelty. He noted that the price structure provided by the Sheriff's Office placed those services at costing roughly \$500,000. He said that unless local governments can offset that cost that cost would stay at \$500,000 and the RFP process should be begun now. Comm. Prater said the board still did not know what the recommendation was from the Animal Control Taskforce. He said that 17% of the county does not have health care but the board is discussing excessive care for stray animals. He said it was his concern that the board was binding itself to the recommendations from the Animal Control Taskforce. Comm. Brabec said that it appeared to her that the options are go to RFP or pass the resolution and begin negotiations with the HSHV. She said that HSHV is absolutely her choice provider and the board needs to start the process of finding additional funding. Comm. Gunn thanked Comm. Brabec

for her words and added that the process has to start now. Comm. Bergman said that Tonya Hilgendorf said that strays would be held according to the minimum required by law. She said that the process has to be started. Comm. Sizemore said that in this county there is only 33% compliance with the ordinances. He said that compliance needs to be increased. He added that some of the other cost saving recommendations from the Taskforce need to be enacted. He said that the process has to start. Comm. Peterson asked at what point the resolution would kick in. He thanked those Commissioners who had spent significant time on this issue. Comm. Conan Smith said that his reading of the resolution was that it was a series of triggers launching a process into action. Comm. Peterson stated that he wanted to be sure that the administrator was not restrained in her negotiations with the Humane Society. He said that to have it center around the budget figure was challenging. He said he would accept a compromise to this resolution. Comm. Conan Smith said his interpretation is that Comm. Bergman's resolution sets a target of the budget number which has already been passed but it does not set a limitation. He said that there was no restriction on her negotiating. Comm. Peterson said that it does not specify that she can go beyond the set budgetary amount. Comm. Conan Smith said it was possible that the administrator could exceed the budgetary figure. He said that if she did go above that figure she would have to go back to the board.

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn called the question on Comm. Bergman's resolution issuing a RFP for animal control services. A voice vote of the board revealed unanimous support. The results of the roll call vote on Comm. Bergman's resolution are as follows: Roll Call Vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Ping) ABSENT: 0 Motion overturned.

Comm. Prater asked about the AATA's articles of incorporation. Verna McDaniel said she would provide a comprehensive list of the papers the plan had been published in. Comm. Prater asked when it would be filed with the Clerk. Comm. Conan Smith said the plan will be published September 29, 2012. He noted it would be published in Ann Arbor Chronicle, Ann Arbor.com, and the Heritage papers. Comm. Prater asked about the process of filling the recently vacated seat in the Veterans Affairs Commission. Curt Hedger said that that specific board needs veterans from several different boards.

Report of the County Administrator

None

Adjournment

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Brabec moved to adjourn until Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 10/03/12