



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

### 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 20, 2013.

Yousef Rabhi, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. LaBarre, Martinez-Kratz, Peterson, Ping, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Brabec

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner; Curt Hedger, Corporate Counsel; Greg Dill, Facilities; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Mary Jo Callan, OCED; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Ken Schrader, ITS; 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. Dan Smith seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz moved that the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

#### Citizen Participation

Thomas Partridge, City of Ann Arbor resident and recent candidate for Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, called on the board to be aware of the social and economic peril facing the residents of Washtenaw County. He reported that many county residents had lost their jobs. He asked the board to get serious about an agenda that accomplished job creation by rebuilding the county from the ground up. He added that the board must deal with the fact that no one is planning to build affordable housing.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Sizemore asked that several Skyline Highschool students introduce themselves to the board.

#### Communications

Comm. Dan Smith seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

**R-0013** RECEIVED: February 4, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Alan Israel, Clerk, Pittsfield Township, re: Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption, dated January 31, 2013. Received and filed.

**R-0014** RECEIVED: February 12, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Frances McMullan, Clerk, Ypsilanti City, re: Ypsilanti City Council Resolution, dated February 6, 2013. Received and filed.

**R-0015** RECEIVED: February 13, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Harriet Miller-Brown, State 911 Administrator, re: County's 911 Operational Surcharge, dated January 29, 2013. Received and filed.

Not Included in the Packet

**R-0016** RECEIVED: February 8, 2013. A brochure addressed to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Michigan Association of Counties, re: 2013 Legislative Conference, not dated. Received and filed.

**Liaison Reports**

Comm. LaBarre said that he had attended the introductory meeting for the Area Agency on Aging.

Comm. Sizemore said he had attended the Road Commission meeting and seen progress.

**Special Order of Business**

None

**Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners**

**13-0028** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the resolution of appreciation to Chelsea Lanes, Inc. for its dedicated support and service to the citizens of Washtenaw County be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0029** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the resolution of appreciation to The Purple Rose Theater Company of Chelsea for its dedication to Washtenaw County be approved. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**Reports of the Standing Committees**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means, dated February 6, 2013; Working Session, dated February 7, 2013. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

**Reports of Special Committees**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the following reports be received: 800 MHz Project Oversight Committee, dated November 5, 2012; Road Commission, dated January 22, 2013; Social Services Board, dated November 27, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

**Other Reports**

None

**Report of the Treasurer**

None

**Report of the County Administrator**

Verna McDaniel thanked everyone for the kind words regarding the loss of her brother and sister.

**Resolutions:**

**13-0030** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board appoint one member to the Area Agency on Aging 1B. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

Comm. Peterson said that it was important that citizen's input be taken into consideration when appointments are made. He noted that it was not about Comm. Dan Smith but about the Board of Commissioners role on this board. He said it was important to preserve citizen voices in their government. He added that he wished there was some discussion about creating an additional seat for commissioners on the Parks and Recreation Commission. He raised a concern with appointing commissioners to public seats. He said that he would not object to it this night. He said next time there should be a discussion about creating a commissioner seat. He offered a friendly amendment that Comm. Dan Smith serve in the public spot, not a commissioner spot.

Comm. Rabhi said that Comm. Dan Smith had been very cognizant of this issue. Comm. Rabhi said that he was open to Comm. Peterson's recommendation. He said that he thought there would be bigger turnover for this commission in the next year. He said it would remain a citizen seat. He emphasized that Comm. Dan Smith shared those concerns.

Comm. Peterson said that the current way of judging qualifications may not be the best. He said that every citizen has the right to serve on a body. He said there should be more specificity about the county's requirements. He said that there should be a fair representation of citizens. He asked what would make for satisfying applicants to a government board. He asked what the criteria should be.

**13-0031** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board appoint one member to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0032** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Calendar Year 2013 Michigan Works! System Plan to the Workforce Development Agency State of Michigan for the period of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0033** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board ratify the County Administrator's signature on the OCED FY 2013 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG-D) to the Michigan Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$25,000, for the period of September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts; approving the budget. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0034** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board ratify the County Administrator's signature on the OCED FY 2013 Community Services Block Grant Tax Preparation Grant to the Michigan Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$20,000, for the period of December 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts; approving the budget. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0035** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board approve the resolution to borrow against Anticipated Delinquent 2012 Real Property Taxes. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0036** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Washtenaw, within constitutional limitations, for the payment of the bond of the Allen Creek Drainage District. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0037** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$2,250,000 Washtenaw County – Lyndon Township and Sylvan Township Sanitary Sewer System Expansion Project refunding bond. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0038** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board ratify the County Administrator's signature on the 2013 Marine Safety Grant with the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources & Environment, for the 2013 Marine Safety Grant Program, for a total program amount of \$231,271, for the period of January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0039** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board authorize the County Administrator to sign Amendment 1 to the 2011 Interagency Agreement for Collaborative Technology and Services, which defines a process for adding additional participants to the agreement. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0040** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board amend the Rules and Regulations of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

**13-0041** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board condemn the passage of "Right to Work" legislation in the State of Michigan. Roll call vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 2 (Comm. Ping, Dan Smith) ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

Comm. Dan Smith separated out this item for a separate vote.

**13-0042** Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board authorize the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of February 1, 2013. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried.

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

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the board adjourn to executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 (Comm. Brabec) Motion carried. The board adjourned to executive session at 7:13 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Dan Smith moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Yousef Rabhi, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 3/06/13