

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 6, 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 6, 2013.

Yousef Rabhi, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Brabec, LaBarre, Martinez-Kratz, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Peterson, Ping

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Catherine McClary, Treasurer; Jerry Clayton,

Sheriff; Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner; Curt Hedger, Corporate Counsel; Greg Dill, Facilities; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Tina Gavalier, Finance; SiRui Huang, Sheriff; Mary Jo Callan, OCED; Shamar Herron, OCED; Bob Tetens, Parks &

Recreation; Ken Schrader, 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. Sizemore seconded by Comm. Martinez-Kratz moved that the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Thomas Partridge, resident of the county and City of Ann Arbor, stated that he was dedicated enough to stand at every committee meeting that he can. He said that the state legislature needs to be focused on serving labor union members. He said that everyone needs and deserves affordable transportation and housing. He said that right-wing republicans keep the sword of Damocles ever present over the United States. He said that the county commission needs to be cognizant of these issues.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Communications

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

R-0007 RECEIVED: January 11, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Becky Farmer, Paxton, re: application to drill an exploratory well in Saline Township, dated December 6, 2012. Received and filed.

R-0008 RECEIVED: January 15, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Becky Farmer, Paxton, re: application filing status for well in Saline Township, dated January 4, 2013. Received and filed.

R-0009 RECEIVED: January 23, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Tom Roach, Paxton, re: application for permit to drill well in Saline Township, dated January 10, 2013. Received and filed.

R-0010 RECEIVED: January 23, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Clerk, from Tom Roach, Paxton, re: application for permit to drill well in Saline Township, dated January 10, 2013. Received and filed.

R-0011 RECEIVED: January 25, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Chair of the Board, from Pastor Jerry Hatter, Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, re: 60th Annual Brotherhood Banquet, dated January 7, 2013. Received and filed.

R-0012 RECEIVED: January 28, 2013. A letter addressed to the Washtenaw County Chair of the Board, from Kirk Steudle, Director, State of Michigan Department of Transportation, re: Appointment Procedure for the Regional Transit Authority, dated January 18, 2013. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

Comm. Brabec stated that the Sustainable Funding for Supportive Housing Taskforce is examining an endowment campaign. She said that a consulting firm had been called on to orchestrate the campaign. She noted that the goal was \$17 million for the endowment. She said that right now there was \$2 million in the endowment.

Comm. Brabec said that the TCC group had been hired to do an evaluation on coordinated funding. She said that the report on the joint effort was good. She said that the full report will be distributed to the board.

Comm. Brabec reported that WCHO has moved into a space on Zeeb Rd.

Comm. Conan Smith noted that the retirement commission had met and he has taken on the VEBA board appointment.

Special Order of Business

None

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Dan Smith moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means, dated January 16, 2013; Working Session, dated January 17, 2013. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Dan Smith moved that the following reports be received: Food Policy Council, dated December 18, 2012, January 14, January 15, 2013; Road Commission, dated January 8, 2013; Weapons Licensing Board, dated December 18, 2012. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

Catherine McClary gave a report to the board on the Treasurer's Office and her role as a Treasurer. She also provided a review of the County's financial holdings. This report is on file at the Clerk's Office.

Comm. Conan Smith thanked Catherine McClary for the creativity she brings to her role and for her focus on the stability of the county's investments. He asked what the rates are for her portfolio. Catherine McClary responded that it was a blended portfolio and the rates of returns differed by types of securities. She noted that the best return was coming from notes of local municipalities. She noted that better returns over time came from Federal Agency notes. Comm. Dan Smith thanked Catherine for her presentation. He asked her to talk about the Wayne County Airport Bond with a return rate of 4%. Catherine McClary said that the airport bond had been purchased through a dealer. She noted that she had entered into negotiating bidding for the Washtenaw County Tax Notes.

Comm. LaBarre thanked Catherine McClary for the information she had provided. He asked if dog licenses would be going up. Catherine McClary reported that the licensure revenue had doubled since 2006. She noted that the board had agreed to help her with a three phase program. She said that the first part of the phase was making licenses expire with the flea vaccines. She said that the second step was a civil infractions ordinance. She reported that the third phase was a dog census. She added that the City of Ypsilanti has recently discontinued dog licensing. Comm. LaBarre asked for a brief explanation of secondary positive benefits of local investment. Catherine McClary said that people make decisions about purchasing locally produced food and goods. She said that when you look at local

investments with the retirement fund the board will need to examine the goal of the retirement fund and what the law will allow.

Comm. Rabhi thanked Prosecutor Brian Mackie for his attendance and acknowledged the presence of one of John Dingell's staff.

Comm. Sizemore asked a student to introduce himself. David Thomas, Skyline Highschool, 10th grade, stated that he was in attendance for a government class.

Report of the County Administrator

Resolutions:

- **13-0017** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board appoint three members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0018** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the County Administrator's signature on the Fiscal Year 2013 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Federal Grant Application to the Corporation for National and Community Service for the period of January 1, 2013 December 31, 2013, in the amount of \$404,029; approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0019** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Assistance (LCA): Deliverable Fuels Agreement with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), for the period of September 15, 2012, through August 31, 2013; in the amount of \$46,900; approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0020** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) application to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Emergency Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$94,901, for the period of December 4, 2012, through July 31, 2013; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0021** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board authorize the County Administrator to sign an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office (SEMRO) Community Alliance. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.

Comm. Conan Smith introduced Sam Offen who has been directing the work on the Interlocal Agreement. He asked if this would need to go back to Governor's Office for signature. Sam Offen said that once it was, done it would be submitted to the Governor's Office. He said that the changes being adopted that night were requested by the Attorney General's Office.

- **13-0022** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the 2012 electronic application submission of the Ann Arbor Community Foundation, United Way, Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development, Coordinated Funding grant for the period of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, in the amount of \$20,000. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0023** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Food Assistance Employment and Training program plan in the amount of \$84,783, for the period of October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0024** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) plan to the Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan (WDASOM) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) [Formerly the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Program] plan for the period of October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$1,160,203. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.
- **13-0025** Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board approve additional funding for the Appropriation Year (AY) 2011 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker (DW) Program, in the amount of \$111,750, increasing the budget from \$801,669 to \$913,419 for the period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013.

The original Resolution (Number 11-0146) approving this grant was passed by the BOC on September 21, 2011. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.

13-0026 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board approve the Budget Process Calendar and Guidelines for the Multi-Year Budget. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.

Comm. Dan Smith seconded by Comm. Conan Smith moved that the language of the Budget Guidelines policy be changed to "Department Heads are directed and Elected Officials are requested..." This change was accepted as a friendly amendment to the resolution.

13-0027 Comm. Brabec seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the board authorize payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 18, 2013. Roll call vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Brabec thanked Mary Jo Callan and her staff for the work they do on Coordinated Funding.

A motion was made to adjourn into executive session. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 2 (Comms. Peterson, Ping) Motion Carried. The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:25 pm. The board returned to the board meeting at 11:25 pm.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Comm. Conan Smith seconded by Comm. LaBarre moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.		
	Yousef Rabhi, Chair	
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk		

Board Approved: 2/20/13