WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday October 18, 2006

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

An adjourned session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 18, 2006.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 p.m. by Wesley Prater, Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Ouimet, Peterson, Prater, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Sizemore, Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy County Administrator; Curt Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peter Ballios, Finance; Verna McDaniel, Diane Heidt, Monica Boote, Human Relations; David Behen, Dale Vanderford, Charley Wolfe, Mike Brogan, Information Technology; Patricia Denig, Jessica Eisenman, Planning and Environment; Mike Scholl Human Services Community Collaborative; Mary Udoji, Library; Mary O'Hare, Organizational Development; Donna Sabourin, Audrey Tisdale; Community Support and Treatment Services; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Stephen Kirschner, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the minutes of the October 4, 2006, Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation
Lee Tooson stated that he knows he is in the right place, because this is the organization that controls the money. He asked the board to grant him both five minute speaking periods at the beginning of the meeting.

The board expressed their consent for this.

Mr. Tooson stated that he would like the board to use energy to build good relationships between the board, the sheriff and the black community. He asked if Sheriff Minzey has asked the board for sensitivity training and diversity training, and if so, has the board responded. He stated that if the board has not given the sheriff the tools he needs, such as sensitivity and diversity training, then they are as guilty as the police that killed Mr. Lee.

Stephanie Davis she thanked the board for listening to her concerns, and stated that she feels relieved by the boards reaction to her input.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
Comm. Gunn stated that the she had asked the sheriff to make a request for sensitivity training, but he turned it down. She stated that the power to do more lies with the voters of Washtenaw County.

Communications
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

R-0245 RECEIVED: September 21, 2006. . A letter from Theodore A. Pych, Director MAC Service Corporation to County Official, re: series of informational seminars scheduled for October, dated September 19, 2006. Received and filed, copies to each Commissioner, Treasurer, Budget and Finance.

R-0246 RECEIVED: September 21, 2006. A letter from Patricia Willibey to Wesley Prater, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, re: Concerns about the Recovery Access Center, dated September 21, 2006. Received and filed.

R-0247 RECEIVED: September 25, 2006. A letter from Charles Nielsen, Supervisor of Scio Township to Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, re: Scio Township opposition to the annexation proposed by Dexter Village, September 15, 2006. Received and filed, copies to Planning and Environment, Corporation Counsel, Clerk and Administration.

R-0248 RECEIVED: September 6, 2006. . A letter from Paul Tait, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, re: Interactive discussion regarding the future of Southeast Michigan following the SEMCOG General Assembly on October 26, 2006. Received and filed.

R-0249 RECEIVED: September 28, 2006. A resolution from Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, re: Support for the passage of certain House Bills, dated September 25, 2006. Received and filed.

R-0250 RECEIVED: September 28, 2006. A invitation from Area Agency on Aging 1-B re: Reception to celebrate the retirements of Sandra K. Reminga, Kathleen Kirschnenheiter and Judith J. Wahlberg on November 8th from 3:00 to 6:00. Received and filed.

R-0251 RECEIVED: October 2, 2006. A resolution from Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners, re: Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners goes on records in strong opposition to HB 6391, dated September 26, 2006. Received and filed, copy to Clerk.

R-0252 RECEIVED: October 4, 2006. A press release from Washtenaw County Public Health, re: Washtenaw County Schools Celebrate Walk to School Day on October 4, 2006, dated October 2, 2006. Received and filed.

R-0253 RECEIVED: October 4, 2006. A newsletter from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, re: SEMCOG Regional Update, dated October 2, 2006. Received and filed.

R-0254 RECEIVED: October 11, 2006. A press release from Washtenaw County Public Health, re: First Human West Nile Case for Washtenaw County in 2006, dated October 6, 2006. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports
None.

Reports of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners
06-0202 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution of appreciation to Damon's for outstanding employer service to the citizens of Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0203 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution of appreciation to McDonald's Corporation for their contribution to an inclusive employment in Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0204 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution of appreciation to Zingerman's for contributing to inclusiveness in employment for all citizens of Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0205 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution of appreciation to County Market for their contribution to an inclusive employment environment in Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0206 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution of congratulations to the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled on their receipt of the 2006 Statewide Librarian Excellence Award from the Library of Michigan foundation be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

Special Order of Business

Public Hearing to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County for the City of Ypsilanti's Water Street Area Brownfield Redevelopment Project
Comm. Prater declared the public hearing open at 9:18 pm.

Karen Heart, Planning and Development director for Ypsilanti City, stated that this plan is a good one. She asked for their approval of the plan.

Comm. Prater declared the public hearing closed at 9:21 pm.

Reports of Standing Committees
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the following reports be received: Ways and Means Committee dated October 4, 2006 and Working Session dated October 5, 2006. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners dated September 19, 2006, BOC Leadership dated September 20, 2006, Community Action Board dated May 2, 2006, Concealed Weapon Licensing Board dated August 15, 2006, Police Services Steering Committee dated August 2, 2006 and Public Works dated July 26, 2006, August 23, 2006 and August 23, 2006. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports
None.

Report of the Treasurer
None.

Report from the County Administrator
Robert Guenzel responded to Mayor Farmer's concern about statutory overcrowding laws. He stated that the sheriff refuses to exercise his authority to reduce sentencing and commented that it is his position that the jail is not properly locked out.

Comm. Bergman asked what recourse the board has in this situation. Mr. Guenzel stated they would report back.

Comm. Kern stated that he is refusing to execute his statutory obligation, and she would hope any report would be characterized as such.

Resolutions
Comm. Prater commented that the resolution setting a public hearing, under new business, has been removed from the agenda, and replaced with a resolution confirming the Planning Advisory Board's representation to the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission.

Appointments:
None.

Ways and Means Committee – October 4, 2006
06-0207 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution ratifying the county administrator's signature on the grant application to the March of Dimes Michigan Chapter for the Department of Public Health Never Quit Quitting project in the amount of $12,023 for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0208 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution ratifying the signature of the chair of the board on the grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for the continuation of the Sheriff's Department Secondary Road Patrol Program, in the amount of $303,048 for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign the delegate contracts be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

Approval of Claims
06-0209 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of September 22, 2006 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM CHECKS	UTILITIES CREDIT CARD	EXCEPTION & PRE-CLAIMS	TOTAL
1010	GENERAL FUND	$ 1,656.50	$ 69,471.75	$ 240.50	$ 71,368.75
1291	URBAN COUNTY CDBG	$ -	$ 300.75	$ -	$ 300.75
1293	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	$ -	$ 1,230.17	$ -	$ 1,230.17
1710	BFI SOLID WASTE COORD.	$ -	$ 233.75	$ -	$ 233.75
1750	BUILDING INSPECTION & SOIL EROSION	$ -	$ 955.99	$ -	$ 955.99
1760	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	$ -	$ 2,057.14	$ -	$ 2,057.14
1810	VETERANS TRUST FUND ADMIN.	$ -	$ 85.52	$ -	$ 85.52
1877	ALLEN CREEK RAIN GARDENS GRANT	$ -	$ 56.58	$ -	$ 56.58
1900	3 - 911 FUND	$ -	$ 1,414.38	$ -	$ 1,414.38
2080	PARKS & RECREATION	$ -	$ 20,939.23	$ -	$ 20,939.23
2110	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	$ 129.97	$ 1,006.26	$ -	$ 1,136.23
2150	FRIEND OF THE COURT	$ -	$ 420.65	$ -	$ 420.65
2370	JTPA ADMINISTRATION	$	$ 5,507.66	$ -	$ 5,507.66
2510	CSA HEADSTART	$ -	$ 2,458.58	$ -	$ 2,458.58
2680	EMERGENCY FUND	$ -	$ 2,042.25	$ -	$ 2,042.25
2804	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	$ -	$ 559.80	$ -	$ 559.80
2812	JUVENILE DRUG COURT PLAN GRANT	$	$ 150.01	$ -	$ 150.01
2822	WASHTENAW AREA TEENS FOR TOMORR	$	$ 10.28	$ -	$ 10.28
2920	WCHO	$	$ 3,897.74	$ -	$ 3,897.74
2930	MENTAL HEALTH	$	$ 15,470.40	$ -	$ 15,470.40
2960	HEALTH	$	$ 5,509.31	$ -	$ 5,509.31
2990	CHILD CARE/PROBATE CT.	$	$ 5,354.72	$ -	$ 5,354.72
4050	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	$	$ 6,726.86	$ -	$ 6,726.86
6310	FACILITIES MGMT - O & M	$	$ 134,430.14	$ -	$ 134,430.14
6320	FACILITIES MGMT - TRANSP	$	$ 4,339.45	$ -	$ 4,339.45
6900	CENTREX ASSOCIATION	$	$ 32,030.71	$ -	$ 32,030.71
7413	LAWNET NON-FORFEITURE FUND	$	$ 1,710.93	$ -	$ 1,710.93
7520	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND	$	$ 1,163.66	$ -	$ 1,163.66
7550	MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN	$	$ 66.00	$ -	$ 66.00
7570	VEBA HEALTH TRUST	$	$ 805.27	$ -	$ 805.27
7950	HAZ MATL RESPONSE TEAM	$	$ 121.72	$ -	$ 121.72
7990	CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE	$	$ 6,466.02	$ -	$ 6,466.02
8005	PORTAGE-BASELINE LAKE LEVEL	$	$ 20.17	$ -	$ 20.17
8007	WHITMORE LAKE LEVEL	$	$ 11.67	$ -	$ 11.67
8008	FOUR MILE LAKE LEVEL	$	$ 50.97	$ -	$ 50.97
	TOTALS	$ 1,786.47	$ 327,076.49	$ 240.50	$ 329,103.46

New Business

06-0210 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the resolution amending the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0211 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the Resolution adopting the bylaws for the Washtenaw County Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

Comm. Kern addressed the ALPAC bylaws, expressing concern regarding a potential for overrepresentation of the Planning Advisory Board.

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to amend the bylaws by deleting the phrase " serving on the Planning Advisory Board" from the last membership description under article II of the bylaws.

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to accept this as a friendly amendment.

06-0212 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the Resolution approving the position modifications and confirming the appointments of Verna J. McDaniel and David Behen as co-deputy county administrators effective January 1, 2007 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

06-0213 Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the Resolution authorizing the county administrator's signature o the leadership services agreement and payment of dues required for Washtenaw County to become a founding steward of the Community Collaborative of Washtenaw County be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
Comm. Prater commented that the Sheriff's Department would be an item of discussion at a future meeting.

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None.

Executive Session: Labor Relations and Consideration of Purchase of Property
Commissioner Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to adjourn to Executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comm. Sizemore, Smith] Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:30 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 10:16 pm.

Adjournment
Comm. Solowczuk seconded by Comm. Kern moved to adjourn until Wednesday November 1st , 2006, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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Comm. Wesley Prater, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Stephen D. Kirschner, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: