



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday October 5, 2011

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, October 5, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Conan Smith, Chair of the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Judge, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith, and Turner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Gunn

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly Belknap; Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Tony VanDerworp, Economic Development and Energy; Michael Smith, Veterans Affairs; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Lisa Greco, Children's Services; Patricia Denig, ETCS; Greg Dill, Sheriff's office; Andy Brush, Information Technology; Dave Shirley, Facilities; Ben Toole, ITS; Cheryl Perry, County Administration; Jason Brooks, 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. Bergman moved that the minutes of the September 13/ 21, 2011 meetings of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Terry Cwik, President of the Salem Area Historical Society, stated that he was before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the Jarvis Stone School, which he believed to be historically significant. He reported that the School had functioned for 111 years as a school. The school now functions as the Headquarters for the Salem Area Historical Society. Cwik encouraged the Commissioners to include the Jarvis Stone School on the upcoming Study Committee so that the school may be declared a Historic District.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Judge, addressing Terry Cwik, stated that the Jarvis School was in both her and Comm. Ping's districts and that both Comms. had had a chance to tour the site and that both Comms. appreciated the site. She went on to express her desire that the project go through and finished by wishing him luck.

Comm. Conan Smith, addressing Terry Cwik, stated that he was confident that the board would support this project. He reported that he personally loved the site and was glad that the School was not going to disappear.

Communications

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

R-0092 RECEIVED: September 15, 2011. A magazine to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, re: Women of China Magazine, dated August 1, 2011. Received and filed, copies of the magazine were not printed in the packet due to size, but are available upon request to the Washtenaw County Clerk's office.

R-0093 RECEIVED: September 16, 2011. A letter to Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk, from Janis A. Bobrin, Water Resources Commissioner, Washtenaw County, re: Review of Apportionments, dated September 14, 2011. Received and filed.

R-0094 RECEIVED: September 16, 2011. An email to Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Roy Townsend, County Highway Engineer, Washtenaw County Road Commission, re: Proposed County Millage Map, dated September 16, 2011. Received and filed.

R-0095 RECEIVED: September 28, 2011. A resolution, re: Employee Right to Work Act, from Board of Commissioner, Lapeer County, dated August 11th, 2011. Received and filed.

R-0096 RECEIVED: September 28, 2011. A letter to the Washtenaw County Clerk, re: Industrial Facilities Exemption Request, from Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk, Charter Township Ypsilanti, dated September 21, 2011. Received and filed.

Liaison Reports

None

Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners

None

Special Order of Business

None

Reports of the Standing Committees

Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the following reports be received and approved: Ways & Means, dated September 13, 2011, and September 21, 2011; Working Session, dated September 15, 2011 and September 22, 2011. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Reports of Special Committees

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated September 6, 2011; Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, dated August 17, 2011; Police Services Steering Committee, dated April 27, 2011; Public Works Board, dated August 17, 2011; Statutory Drainage Board, dated September 19, 2011. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

Other Reports

None

Report of the Treasurer

None

Appointments

Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the resolution to appoint one member to the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee upon the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission for the remainder of a two-year term expiring December 31, 2012 Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Gunn). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

None

Resolutions:

Ways and Means – September 21, 2011

11-0163 Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution to ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of the Highway Safety Planning, for the continuation of the Sheriff's Department Secondary Road Patrol Program, in the amount of \$197,640 for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Gunn). Motion carried.

Ways and Means – October 5, 2011

11-0164 Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution authorizing the creation of one 1.0 FTE Infrastructure Management Director position (Grade 34) and appointing Gregory Dill to the position effective with the October 10, 2011 pay period. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Gunn). Motion carried.

New Business

Approval of Claims

11-0165 Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of September 23, 2011 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Gunn). Motion carried.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Rabhi reminded the Commissioners that there would be a Working Session held the next day (October 6, 2011) and that the Road Commission would be attending that session. He reported that in addition to the presentation done by the Road Commission there would be presentations on the fiscal scorecard of the County as well as a discussion of the criteria used to rate County bonds. Comm. Rabhi went on to say that the last special Working Session would be held October 13, 2011 and the Board would be discussing housing and food needs in the County, budget recommendation for outside agencies and citizen's input on the budget. Comm. Peterson, addressing Comm. Rabhi, asked whether the agencies associated with food and housing in the County were a part of the budget. He raised a concern that the discussion around food and housing could be lengthy and may not relate directly to the budget discussion the board has been having. Comm. Rabhi addressed Comm. Peterson's concern saying that the food and housing portion of the next Working Session would be a brief 10 minute update and that most of the Working Session would center around the budget recommendations for the outside agencies.

Comm. Prater stated that it was his understanding that now that the budget had been presented it was up to the Comms. to do what they wanted with it. He encouraged his fellow Comms. to not be bashful about asking questions or presenting new information.

Comm. Conan Smith responded to Comm. Peterson's concerns by saying that one of the board priorities was around funding Human Services and that the Housing and Food discussion was being had to contextualize budget prioritization. He went on to say that this discussion was directly related to the departments and outside agencies that the Board wanted to fund. He finished by saying that this discussion was directly related to the budget.

Comm. Peterson expressed a hope that items discussed in upcoming Working Sessions relate directly to the County budget. He encouraged his fellow Comms. to schedule separate meetings for items that were not directly linked to the budget discussion.

Comm. Bergman stressed the importance of having discussions about Human Services in Washtenaw County. Comm. Rabhi emphasized that the food and housing presentation was not going to be any longer than 10 minutes and that the emphasis of the next meeting would remain on the outside agencies discussion. He then provided the topics of the next two Working Sessions. Comm. Rabhi reported that October 20th's Working Session would feature a presentation from Pat McGee on HeadStart, as well as discussions on outside professional services and VEBA. Comm. Rabhi reported that the topic for the Working Session on November 3, would be the Board of Commissioners budget.

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved to adjourn until Wednesday October 19th, 2011, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 10/19/11