WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

February 15, 2012

Comm. Sizemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Ping

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly Belknap; Interim Corporation Counsel Stefani Carter; Greg Dill, Facilities; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Ken Schrader, ITS; Cheryl Perry, County Administration; Peter Simms, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Mark Heusel stated that he serves as Vice President of the Board of HSHV. He reported that he was pleased to be before the board communicating support for the resolution that was on the board agenda that night. He added that his message to the board last October had been that it was important to work together for the benefit of the county. He noted that he was excited about the direction that the relationship between HSHV and the county was taking. He thanked Comm. Conan Smith for his efforts to reach an agreement. He stated he was confident that the two organizations could have a strong relationship that could continue beyond 2012.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
None

New Business:

A. Public Safety & Justice

1. Sheriff:

a. Annual Marine Safety:

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the 2012 Marine Safety Grant application with the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for the total program budget of $227,487.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

B. Board of Commissioners:

a. Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (AACVB):

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to return money to the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau ahead of the 2013 date of the previous ordinance.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

b. Humane Society of Huron Valley Contract Through 2012 and Establish Animal Service Steering Committee (ASSC)

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved an amendment to the HSHV resolution which would affect the follow changes:

That the third paragraph of the HSHV resolution beginning with "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" have the following added to its ending "The Sheriff may choose the members of his work group, with the understanding that the Board of Commissioners will appoint Commissioner Rob Turner to act as a liaison. The work group's report is due no later than September 15, 2012."

That the language of the fourth paragraph beginning with "BE IT RESOLVED" be deleted and replaced with the following, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a Task Force on Animal Control Policy. This group will exist solely for the purpose of developing an animal control policy for the county. This policy will be reflected by in the RFP for a scope of services that the county will purchase. Meetings will be posted. Membership is open to any Commissioner who wishes to attend, and the report will be submitted by May 15th. Once the data from the Sheriff's work group is published, the RFP will go out forthwith."

Discussion ensued. Comm. Gunn proposed the following amendments to her amendment which were approved by Comm. Prater. Changes have been placed in italics.

That the language of the fourth paragraph be revised to read, "Be IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a Task Force on Animal Control Policy. This group will exist solely for the purpose of developing an animal control policy for the county. This policy will be reflected in the RFP for a scope of services that the county will purchase. Meetings will be posted. Membership is open to any commissioner who wishes to attend, and the *preliminary* report will be submitted by May 15. Once the data from the Sheriff's work group is published, the RFP will go out forthwith, *and the final report of the taskforce will be published by October 15.*

Comm. Gunn's amendment to her amendment was passed by voice vote of the board.

Comm. Gunn's amendment to the HSHV resolution was passed by voice vote of the board.

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners approve an agreement with the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) and authorize an additional expenditure of $165,000 for the provision of animal control services through December 31, 2012 for a total contract amount of $415,000.00

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

C. Economic Development:

1. Office of Community and Economic Development:

a. 2012 Foster Grandparent Program Federal Application:

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the Fiscal Year 2012 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Federal Grant Application to the Corporation for National and Community Service for the period of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012; with funding in the amount of $378,005.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

D. County Administration / Support Services:

1. Administration / Finance / Information Technology / Facilities Management:

a. Support Services Restructuring:

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the restructuring of Administration/Support Services and approve the accompanying position eliminations, creations, hold vacant designation, adoption of attached job descriptions and the appointment of the Administrator's Cross-Lateral Team.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Peterson) ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

Executive Session
Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the board adjourn into executive session at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of labor discussion.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Ping) Motion carried.

The board returned from executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Comm. Turner seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the Union ratified agreement with the Public Defenders Association – Units I & II.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Ping, and Prater) Motion carried.

Comm. Turner seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the Union ratified agreement with the Assistant Prosecutors Association – Units I & II.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Ping, and Prater) Motion carried.

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Gunn moved both the Public Defenders and Prosecutors resolutions to the Board Meeting. Passed by voice vote.

Report of the Administrator:
None

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Conan Smith stated that the Board would reconvene at 9:00 p.m.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None

Pending
None

Adjournment
Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the meeting be adjourned until March 7th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore, Chair

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

APPROVED: March 7, 2012