



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

January 18, 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, Ping, Prater, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith, and Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Deputy County Administrator, Kelly Belknap; Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Jerry Clayton, Sheriff; Derrick Jackson, Sheriff's Office; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Andy Brush, Information Technology; Ben Toole, ITS; Jason Brooks, County Administration; Peter Simms, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Citizen Participation

Thomas Partridge, Washtenaw County resident, stated that he was attending the meeting to send a message to Lansing and Washington D.C., the message being that the residents of Washtenaw County need help because their needs for health care and human services are not being met in his opinion. He noted that on the night he was speaking Governor Rick Snyder would be giving a speech on the State of the State. He reported that it was his opinion that the State of Michigan would not recover until the economy recovered. He noted that there is a movement to recall Governor Snyder.

Stephen Kunselman, Ann Arbor City Council, read from a series of newspaper articles detailing the unlikelihood of the AATA Four Party agreement working. He stated that he is not interested in moving forward with this project if Ann Arbor is the only municipality that opts in. He reported that the goal of the project was true regional transportation.

Luanne Bollington, transit user from Ann Arbor, stated that she started attending AATA meetings when she first moved to Ann Arbor. She reported that she has difficulty seeing. She asked why this board was interested in creating a regional transportation authority when AATA worked to provide county-wide service. She asked why this board was asking the tax-payers of Ann Arbor to provide the frame work for this project. She expressed a worry that the project was moving too fast.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Prater stated that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has never taken an official position on the proposed regional transport authority. He noted that it was not the County Board's plan. He added that it was his opinion that a County wide plan would not work anyway.

Comm. Ping responded to Comm. Prater's comments by saying that she knows both a mayor and a supervisor in her district who are interested but has not heard of any other interest in her district.

Kelly Belknap introduced Angela Parry, Washtenaw County's new Purchasing Manager.

#### New Business:

### A. Public Safety & Justice

#### 1. Sheriff:

- a. Annual Safe Communities Grant:

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the electronic submission of the grant application and agreement for the Safe Communities Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**b. Consolidated Dispatch with City of Ann Arbor:**

(Sheriff Jerry Clayton gave a presentation which is on file at the Clerk's Office.)

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the City of Ann Arbor and County of Washtenaw agreement for Police Dispatch Services; and to create a Metro Dispatch Manager Position, add an additional Dispatch Operations Coordinator position, and create thirteen Communications Operator positions within the Office of the Sheriff.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**B. Economic Development:**

**1. Office of Community and Economic Development:**

**a. HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant:**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the submission of the grant application and accepting award of the \$3,000,000 community challenge planning grant from the department of housing and urban development

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**C. Support Services:**

**1. Human Resources:**

**a. AFSCME Local 3052 – Supervisor's Agreement:**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the agreement with AFSCME Local 3052 - Supervisors and Washtenaw County for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

**Report of the Administrator:**

None

**Report of the Chair of the Board**

Comm. Conan Smith stated that there would be a ten minute break after adjournment.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Prater reported that he found it strange that there had been no mention of collaboration between the AATA and the University of Michigan bus system. He felt that there were duplications between the two services. He asked why this discussion had not taken place. He noted that he would be asking more questions after he had dug into the issue further. He mentioned that he did not believe the out county area to be dense enough to support a transportation system. He stated that he hoped there would be a Working Session on the issue.

Comm. Rabhi noted that he has a Working Session scheduled for this issue. He noted that it had been originally scheduled for the Working Session the next day (Thursday, January 19, 2012). He added that both he and Comm. Ping

are starting to investigate the issue of fracking within Washtenaw County. He reported that he has been receiving messages from constituents about this issue. He noted that this would be something that would be discussed in the future.

Comm. Prater reported that in 2004 or 2005 the President and Congress changed the Clean Water Act by removing regulations which opened up the possibility of fracking. He stated that the majority of fracking is taking place in Western Pennsylvania. He noted that he believes it to be a serious issue.

Comm. Bergman stated that she was unaware that fracking was taking place in Washtenaw County. She reported being horrified by this news. She added that she was looking forward to having the opportunity to learn more about this issue and discuss it.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he hoped there could be one big Working Session on this issue.

Comm. Prater stated that he felt it would be important to collect relevant information about the fracking that was being done in the area.

**Pending**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: February 1, 2012