WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 16, 2012

Comm. Dan Smith 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, Dan Smith and Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Sizemore, Conan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Interim Corporation Counsel Stefani Carter; Andy Brush, ITS; Raman Patel, Equalization; Diane Heidt, HR; Greg Dill, Facilities; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; 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 and City of Ann Arbor resident, stated that he attended meetings of the board in order to be an advocate for those who were unable to attend themselves. He noted that he was a candidate for the 53rd State House District Representative. He reported that there was a need for better public transportation. He called on the board to address the issues of countywide affordable housing, healthcare and those services directed to senior citizens. He requested that County auditors include a social and economic audit in their reports. He noted that a log of available resources should be taken. He asked the State Legislature to return in full state assistance to local governments.

Paul Dobrowolski stated that he was happy by the selection of non-profits who received funding in 2011. He asked that funds not be given to Planned Parenthood. He read to the board his perceived issues with funding Planned Parenthood.

Brigid Kowalczyk reported that recent legislature passed by the Michigan State Legislature was some of the most comprehensive anti-coercion abortion work. She stated that the board should fund several different non-profits.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Bergman stated that her beloved granddaughter is adopted. She said that she was thankful that her granddaughter's mother had chosen to bring that child into the world. She noted that that woman had a choice. She reported that it was choice that needed to be preserved. She said that women need the right to choose and to protect their unborn children if it is more than they can bear.

Comm. Rabhi urged people to check out "The Rock" on Washtenaw which had been painted by Planned Parenthood.

New Business:

A. Economic Development

1. Office of Community and Economic Development:

a. Washtenaw Urban County 2012 Annual Action Plan:

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to sign the Urban County Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approve the budgets; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

b. Webster Township Urban County Cooperative Agreement:

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the Cooperation Agreement with Webster Township, which has formally expressed its wish to join the Washtenaw Urban County.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

c. Reemployment Services to Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC):

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the budget to the Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan (WDASOM) for Reemployment Services to Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Claimants for the period of March 23, 2012 through January 2, 2013 of up to $253,092.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

B. Public Safety & Justice

1. Sheriff:

a. Project Lift: Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders Through Training and Service Learning

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the electronic submission of Project Lift to the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration for a total budget of $1,348,853 for the program period of 30 months to be determined with the grant is awarded.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

C. Support Services

1. Finance:

a. Refunding Bonds

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the following two Resolutions: (1) authorizing the sale of a single refunding bond issue not to exceed $12,350,000 for refunding of outstanding Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2004 and Refunding Bonds, Series 2005; and (2) providing continuing disclosure on the bond refunding.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

D. County Administrator

a. Setting the Millage Rate

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners set the 2012 Washtenaw County Operating Millage Rate.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator:
Verna McDaniel gave a report on the 1st Quarter of the 2012 Budget. This report is on file at the County Clerk's Office.

Comm. Gunn thanked Tina Gavalier for her report.

Comm. Brabec echoed the praise. She asked if there was a guess about the cost of retirements. Verna McDaniel responded that it was difficult to guess at this point due to the dearth of information.

Comm. Dan Smith asked how many projections have now become realities. He then asked how sure these projections

were. Tina Gavalier responded that the report was planned with the worst case scenario in mind. She noted that Trial Court shortfall was $234,000 but that other revenues would make up some of the difference so that the shortfall would be slightly less. Comm. Dan Smith asked about the projected shortfall to the contribution to the general fund. Tina Gavalier noted that there was a shortfall in the planned contribution but that it is still early in the year and she expected it would get better.

Comm. Turner stated that he would have liked more information about why consolidated dispatch has been delayed. He added that he would like to have regular updates on the project as it affects the budgets of both the county and the City of Ann Arbor. Verna McDaniel responded that the project was progressing well and that she would provide a more detailed report for the board.

Comm. Prater asked where the lump sum reduction would be coming from. Tina Gavalier stated that this was assumptions about the savings that the county is realizing. She noted that the lump sum reduction was a figure from the budget and now the actual savings are being recorded. Comm. Prater asked if Finance was anticipating $2.4 million in savings. Verna McDaniel stated that the savings were coming from reduced medical costs among others. Comm. Prater asked about general fund projections. Tina Gavalier stated that overtime and part time for dispatch and police services were a huge factor. Comm. Prater asked about the shortfall in the contribution to the general fund. Tina Gavalier noted that money had been planned to be contributed to the general fund but that the full sum had not yet been collected.

Comm. Rabhi asked what it would mean for the 2013 budget if the fund balance contribution was not made in the full amount. Tina Gavalier stated that the planned contribution was meant to cover a budgeted shortfall in 2013.

Comm. Brabec stated that the planned contribution could grow. Tina Gavalier confirmed the analysis.

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Dan Smith stated that the Board would reconvene after a five minute break between meetings.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
Comm. Bergman asked Comm. Ping to convey to Chair Conan Smith that time is short and that work must start on the Animal Control Taskforce. Comm. Ping asked if there had been a schedule.

Pending
None

Adjournment
Comm. Turner seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until June 6th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Dan Smith, Vice-Chair

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

APPROVED: June 6, 2012