



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

September 19, 2012

Comm. Rolland 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; Curt Hedger, Corporate Counsel; Greg Dill, Facilities; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Bob Tetens, Parks & Recreation; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Ben Toole, ITS; Elaine Holleran, County Administration; Lisa Moutinho, County Administration; Peter Simms, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Citizen Participation

Paul Krutko, CEO Ann Arbor SPARK, stated that he was there to speak about the Act 88 millage. He thanked the board for the resources that had been provided to SPARK. He said that since SPARK was created the county has provided approximately \$200,000 a year. He stated that over six years SPARK has been involved with developing approximately 1.2 billion dollars. He said that 109 jobs had been created. He thanked the county for the resources that had already been provided.

Tom Harrison, CEO Michigan Ladder Company, stated that his company was the oldest ladder manufacturer in the country. He said that with the money received from the GAP financing they were able to manufacture their own fiberglass ladders rather than outsourcing that function. He stated that his company was the only ladder company in the country that did their own fiberglass manufacture.

Lyn Rich, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, said that for the past fifty years the county has supported 4-H in putting on a youth show. He added that approximately 15,000 people each year attend the show. He noted that there were 625 youth taking part in the show. He thanked the county on behalf of the Washtenaw Farm Council for their support.

Tod Van Appledorn, Center for Empowerment and Economic Development CEED, said that the money from Act 88 would allow his organization to continue to make micro-loans which create jobs.

Tim Colbeck, Exec Dir. Ypsilanti DDA, stated that for the last three years his organization has partnered with Eastern Leaders Group to create a building redevelopment fund. He said that the redevelopment was a source of jobs.

Ginny Trocchio, Chair, Food System Economic Partnership, stated that the revenue from act 88 has been used to create education programs. She read a quote from Sharon Sheldon who stated that county health is in full support of FSEP receiving support from act 88.

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

Comm. Bergman thanked Tom Harrison for the hiring practices of his ladder company. She stated that her family has greatly enjoyed the 4-H fair.

Comm. Sizemore advised Bob Tetens to work with the gentleman from 4-H on an upcoming project.

Comm. Conan Smith thanked everyone who had come to speak before the board.

#### New Business:

#### A. Children's Well Being

##### 1. Trial Court & Department of Human Services:

**a. 2012/2013 State Child Care Fund Budget:**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2012/2013 State Child Care Fund Budget Summary Form 2091.

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

**B. Public Safety & Justice**

**1. Sheriff:**

**a. Annual Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) Grant**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the submission of the Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) Grant to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning (Michigan State Police) for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$184,464.

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

**b. Economic Vitality Incentive Program Grant (FY 2012 – Round 2)**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) FY 2012 – Round 2 grant request with the Michigan Department of Treasury in the amount of \$196,000 for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.

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

**2. Prosecuting Attorney:**

**a. Annual 2012 Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP)**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the submission to the Michigan Department of Human Services to continue the Cooperative Reimbursement Program in the amount of \$1,671,019 including general fund appropriation of \$568,147 for the period of October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2015.

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

**3. Trial Court – Friend of the Court:**

**a. Annual 2012 Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP)**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the Board Chair on the 2013 Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract: a contract with the Office of Child Support (a division of the Department of Human Services) for Friend of the Court services provided pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act for the fiscal years 2013-15 beginning October 1, 2012.

Comm. Prater asked if this could be presented differently. He stated that the budget did not meet the standards of the uniform budget act.

Comm. Brabec asked how the increases in the Cooperative Reimbursement Program impacted the budget. Verna McDaniel stated that it had been accounted for. Tina Gavalier explained that indirect costs could encompass such as things as building space, chairs, etc.

Comm. Brabec asked if service had already been cut and how that was being dealt with. It was explained that it depended upon the situation.

Comm. Prater asked about the county share in regards to Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement. Kelly Belknap explained that it was a matching program where the county had to put forward. She noted that it was included in the budget. Comm. Prater contended that \$195,956 was being deducted from the county share.

He asked that this be looked into. Kelly Belknap said that the positions listed were the positions being funded by Title IV. Comm. Prater stated that he had answered his own question. He noted that everything was done properly.

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

## **C. Health**

### **1. Community Support & Treatment Services:**

#### **a. 2012-13 Budget**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve a draft budget for Community Support and Treatment Services (CSTS) for state fiscal year 2012-2013, which starts October 1, 2012.

Comm. Ping asked if the position elimination in the CSTS budget had been planned for. Verna McDaniel noted that they were all non-general fund positions. Comm. Ping asked why one psychiatrist was being eliminated and another one hired. Verna McDaniel explained that it was a position reclassification. Comm. Ping asked how often someone was reclassified and given a raise. Verna McDaniel replied that it did not happen often because it required an expanded set of responsibilities. Comm. Ping asked about reclassification policy. Verna McDaniel stated that a re-class was 4% and promotion was 8%.

Comm. Peterson said he thought Comm. Ping had raised an important issue. He stated that sometimes the board needs to be cautious not to put budgets on a fast track. He said that it was the board's responsibility to approve and even modify budgets. He added that department heads need to be responsible to the administrator on a day to day basis. He said that he would hope that budgets would not be pushed through the board in a single night. A representative of the WCHO said that the way the WCHO was set up is that they are an independent entity. He said that the CSTS budget has to go through the county. Comm. Peterson said he was quite familiar with the legislation and he appreciated it being shared. He stated that it was the responsibility of the board to carefully look at the budgets of services provided to citizens. He said that it was not only about budgets but also about services.

Comm. Bergman apologized to the board. She said that the budget was supposed to come to the board two weeks ago. She noted that it needed to be done so quickly to meet state requirements.

Comm. Turner stated that he appreciated Comm. Bergman's input because it is important for the board to do their due diligence and proper oversight of budgets.

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

## **D. County Administration**

#### **a. Sale of small parcel of land and sidewalk easement to the Michigan Department of Transportation**

Comm. Rabhi seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the Board of Commissioners approve the sale of a small strip of land, which abuts Washtenaw Avenue to the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") together with the granting of a sidewalk easement to MDOT, which will permit MDOT to complete improvements to the Washtenaw Avenue/Hogback Road intersection.

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

### **Report of the Administrator:**

Verna McDaniel said that on Monday, September 24 there would be employee recognition for those who go above and beyond for the county. She noted that it would be held at 8:30 am at WCC.

### **Report of the Chair of the Board**

Comm. Conan Smith said that the Board of Commissioners meeting would resume immediately and that a break would be taken after the Public Hearings had been held.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

None

**Pending**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Brabec moved that the meeting be adjourned until October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Peter Simms, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: October 3, 2012