



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

MARCH 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Acevedo, Armentrout, Bergman, Chockley, Craiger, DuRussel, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Montague, Robinson, Schultz, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. DeLong, Shaw.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Finance; Barbara King, Clerk/Register; Verna McDaniel, Diane Buisch, Human Resources; Andrea Armstrong, Administration; Ron Schebil, Sheriff, various citizens, and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizens' Participation

Roland Sizemore, Jr. addressed the Board regarding the need for park development on the east side of the Washtenaw County.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comms. Bergman, Yekulis, Armentrout, and Montague responded.

Resolution Proclaiming March as Reading Month in Washtenaw County

Comm. Bergman presented this resolution to

Michigan Transportation Fund Notes for the Road Commission

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution at the Board Meeting tonight, authorizing the Washtenaw County Road Commission to issue nine hundred and fifty thousand (\$950,000) dollars of Michigan Transportation fund notes pursuant to Public Act 143 of 1943 for the widening the improvement of Zeeb Road between Park Road and Jackson Road.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Utility Personal Property Tax Multipliers

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution, at the Board Meeting tonight, authorizing a one-time payment of \$10,000 to the Intergovernmental Utility Defense Fund to help defray the legal costs associated with challenging the State Tax Commission's decision on utility personal property tax multipliers..

Raman Patel, Equalization Director, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 3 (Chockley, DuRussel, Schultz). ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

2000 Borrowing Resolution – 1999 Delinquent Taxes

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. Kern moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2000 borrowing – 1999 delinquent taxes.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Application

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Regional /Subregional Non-Competitive subgrant application to the Library of Michigan for the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled in the amount of \$13,330 for the period of October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Housing Request – 1305/7 & 1311/13 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the Affordable Housing Agreement with Avalon Housing for a recoverable grant for acquisition and rehabilitation of two duplexes, located at 1305/7 and 1311/13 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, in the amount of \$40,000 for the period April 1, 2000, through April 1, 2005, for a total project cost of \$439,150.

Mark Roby, Community Development Manager, Planning Department, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney – Creating Positions

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution creating two (2) Victim/Witness Advocate positions and one (1) Legal Clerk position within the Prosecuting Attorney Victim/Witness Unit contingent upon funding from the Crime Victim Services Commission.

Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney Office Manager, introduced Kari Paluk, the new Victim/Witness Director, and answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual Career Directions/Career Partners International Professional Services Contract

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution, at the Board Meeting tonight, authorizing the County Administrator to sign the 2000 Professional Services contract with Career Directions/Career Partners International, to conduct an Assessment Center for Sheriff's Office candidates participating in the Lieutenant's Promotional Process for the period February 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001 in the amount of \$35,350.

Ron Schebil, Sheriff, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Community Policing Grant Program

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator to sign an application with the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant administered by the State of Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy for the Community Policing Grant Program for the period October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual Law Enforcement Training Funds/Public Act 302

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2000 Contract/Application and the Annual Expenditure Report to the Department of State Police, Michigan Justice Training Commission, for State Law Enforcement Training Funds, according to Public Act 302, for the period of January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual 2000 DARE Program

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on an application to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy for D.A.R.E. Program in the amount of \$47,479 through the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2000, to September 30, 2001..

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual Zero Abuse Prevention Program and Drug Testing Unit

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the grant application to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy for the Zero Abuse Program and Drug Testing Unit for the period of October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, in the amount of \$135,483 for the Community Corrections Department; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Annual Zero Abuse Prevention Program and Drug Testing Unit Evaluation Program

Comm. Acevedo supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy for the Zero Abuse Program and Drug Testing Unit Evaluation Program for the period October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, in the amount of \$42,000 for the Community Corrections Department; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator go sign delegate contracts..

Roll call vote: YEAS: 13. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (DeLong, Shaw). Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

Mr. Guenzel distributed a summary of the Friend of the Court budget issues and told them this would be further discussed at the Board Working Session on May 4. Gordon Burger briefly explained the document and answered questions.

Report of the Chair of the Board

Chair Montague reported that Comm. Shaw will be coming home from the hospital tomorrow. She said her surgery went well and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

Citizen Participation

Roland Sizemore, Jr. addressed the Board once again about the need for parks on the eastern side of the County.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None.

Adjournment

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. Yekulis moved that the meeting be adjourned until April 12, 2000. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Comm. Al Robinson, Chair

Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register
By: Barbara L. King , Deputy Clerk