WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 3, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Gunn at 6:37 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Acevedo, Robinson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Finance; Verna McDaniel, Human Resources; Ron Schebil, Carol Bernard, Jerry Clayton, Julie Chaffee, Sheriff, Craig Swenson, Central Dispatch; Marc Breckenridge, Emergency Management; Trenda Rusher, ETCS; Denise Dalrymple, Children's Services; Mark Roby, Planning; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney; Dan Myers, Public Works, Susan Todd, Environmental Services; Barbara King, Deputy Clerk; various citizens, and members of the press.

Roll Call

Vice-Chair Gunn congratulated Commissioner Jeff Irwin on his recent graduation from the University of Michigan.

Citizens' Participation
Kermit Slanger, 2950 Marshall Street, Ann Arbor, addressed the Board regarding his perception of urban sprawl, which could result in killing all, or most of life on the planet.

Karen Ufer, Chair of the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, provided the Board with an update on the Planning Commission Retreat that was held recently.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
None.

Chair Montague presented the following Resolutions:

- Proclaiming the week of May 6 through 12, 2000 as National Nurses' Week in Washtenaw County to Linda Lantry.
- Proclaiming the month of May, 2000, as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Washtenaw County to Comm. DuRussel.
- Proclaiming May, 2000, as Mental Health Month in Washtenaw County.
- Proclaiming May 31, 2000, as "Clean Indoor Air Day" in Washtenaw County.

Administration

Capital Area Transportation Authority – Feasibility Study of a Lansing-Detroit Passenger Rail System

Richard Shackson and Michael Benham provided the Board with a summary of the Lansing to Detroit Passenger Rail Study and asked for input from Board Members regarding (1) Station Location, (2) Local Funding Options, and (3) Organizational Structure. Time was allowed for discussion.

Central Dispatch – Creating a Central Dispatch Authority

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution, at the Board Meeting tonight, approving an Urban Co-Operation Act Agreement with the State of Michigan to create a separate legal entity to be known as the Washtenaw Central Dispatch and Technology Authority.

Craig Swensen, Central Dispatch Authority, answered questions.

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

Employment Training and Community Services - Transportation to Work Program

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Transportation-to-Work Program Plan to the Michigan Department of Career Development for the Employment Training and Community Services Group in the amount of $201,701 for the period of April 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Aware; approving the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Trenda Rusher, ETCS Director, answered questions.

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

Planning – Establishing a Washtenaw County HOME Consortium

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign a Cooperative Agreement and submit application materials to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of establishing a Home Consortium in Washtenaw County for the period of October 1, 2000, through December 31, 2003.

Mark Roby, Planning, answered questions. A friendly amendment was accepted in the second paragraph of the resolution to clarify that the allocation is from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Sheriff – Racial Profiling Project

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners to authorize funding in the amount of $30,000 for a Data Collection and Analysis Project to address allegations of racial profiling in Washtenaw County.

Sheriff Ron Schebil and Commander Jerry Clayton answered questions.

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

Sheriff – Creating & Eliminating Positions for the COPS MORE 98 Grant Program

Comm. Bergman supported by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution creating and eliminating positions for the Cops More 98 Grant Award.

Sheriff Ron Schebil and Commander Chaffee answered questions.

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

Report of the County Administrator

Mr. Guenzel provided a brief update on Police Services and said that the Retreat will continue next Wednesday, May 10. He asked that the Board provide some definite direction on May 10, as on May 17 Administration will present recommendations to the Ways & Means Committee. Gordon Burger explained two handouts showing both the Chockley proposal and the Gunn/Acevedo proposal. Sheriff Schebil asked the Board to look at Comm. Chockley's proposal.

Report of the Chair of the Board
None

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None.

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None.

Adjournment

Comm. Shaw supported by Comm. Montague moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 17, 2000. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Comm. Leah Gunn, Vice-Chair

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