WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
November 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 6:30 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, Kestenbaum, Montague, Robinson, Schultz, Shaw, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; David Behen, Administration; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Pete Ballios, Finance; Verna McDaniel, Mark McFadden, Mark Roby, Planning; Marc Breckenridge, Emergency Management; Dick Fleece, DEIS; Lefiest Galimore, ETCS; Barbara King, Clerk/Register; various citizens, and members of the press.

Roll Call

Presentation
Chair Montague presented the resolution proclaiming November 11, 2000 (Veterans Day) in Washtenaw County as the Official Observance of the sacrifices of all Veterans who have served our country, to three veterans in attendance: Donald O'Dell, Rueben Swisher, and Robert Fletcher.

Citizens' Participation
None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None.

Emergency Management – Annual Emergency Management Performance Grant

Comm. Yekulis seconded by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign an Emergency Management Work Agreement; authorizing the County Administrator to sign an Emergency Management Performance Grant request; and authorizing the Administrator to sign the agreement with the State of Michigan contingent upon its receipt in conformity with the application.

Marc Breckenridge, Emergency Management Director, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 15. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Environment & Infrastructure Services – Environmental Services Activities

Comm. Yekulis seconded by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution, at the Board Meeting tonight, authorizing the signature of the Washtenaw County Administrator on the contract between the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Washtenaw County Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services for the period October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, in the amount of $509,662 for Environmental Health Programs.

Dick Fleece, Environmental Services Department, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 15. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Planning – Historic Preservation Grant Program

Comm. Yekulis seconded by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the State of Michigan Historic Preservation Grant Program for the City of Milan for restoration of the Hack House Museum in the amount of $28,920 for a total program amount of$48,200.

Mark McFadden, Planning Director, answered questions.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 15. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Planning – Ypsilanti Gateway Community & Economic Development Corporation – Housing Affordability Agreement

Comm. Yekulis seconded by Comm. DuRussel moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the Affordable Housing Agreement with Ypsilanti Gateway Community and Economic Development Corporation for a recoverable grant for purchase of two vacant lots (Lots 83 and 84) on Orchard Street in Ypsilanti in the amount of $10,500 for a total project cost of 21,000.

Mark Roby and Lefiest Galimore answered questions. Following some discussion, Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel, agreed to bring back a report to the Board on how we could prevent a second buyer from selling at a higher price.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 15. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Planning – Ypsilanti Gateway Community & Economic Development Corporation – Housing Affordability Agreement

Comm. Shaw seconded by Comm. Chockley moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the Affordable Housing Agreement with Ypsilanti Gateway Community and Economic Development Corporation for a recoverable grant for purchase of four vacant lots (Lots 53, 54, 81 & 82) on Worden and Orchard Streets in Ypsilanti in the amount of $10,000 each for a total project cost of $40,000.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 15. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Report of the County Administrator

Mr. Guenzel announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the County's HOME Consortium application in conjunction with Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. Mark Roby, Community Development Manager, provided the Board with a brief overview of the program and answered questions.

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. Montague supported by Comm. DeLong moved that the meeting be adjourned until November 15, 2000. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Comm. Al Robinson, Chair

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