



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

September 20, 2001

Chair Kern called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Armentrout, Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Kestenbaum, Prater, Shaw, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Craiger, DeLong, Montague, Peterson, Sizemore, Yekulis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peter Ballios, Finance; Amy Klinke, Administration; Mark McFadden, Pam Jasinski, Planning; Dan Myers, Public Works; Ron Mann, Drain; Rebecca Head, DEIS; Dick Fleece, Environmental Health; Rick Gonzalez, Building Inspection; Fred Veigel, Road Commission; Barbara King, Deputy Clerk; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizens' Participation

None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None.

New Business:

Planning & Environment

Mr. Guenzel provided an overview of Planning & Environment requests, which included:

- Funding for storm water permit compliance reserved for 2003.
- Position within Environmental Health to monitor and analyze air and groundwater quality.
- Implementation of technology to provide on-line and in-field services for inspections/permits.
- Increase support to Historic District Commission through creation of permanent staffing and budget.
- GIS mapping of hydrological data included in Technology Plan.

Tidemark Implementation

Dan Myers, Public Works Director, provided an overview of Tidemark, including:

- Comprehensive Process Review, beginning in 1995, identified need for new permitting system.
- Old permitting system: DOS based and limited data management capabilities.
- Permit System Evaluation
- Selection of Tidemark
- Implementation Schedule
 - November, 2000 Contract signed.
 - January, 2001 Customization begins

- June 18, 2001 Go Live!

Next Steps:

- Initiate Internet Capabilities
- Identify additional programs to include
- Link with GIS
- Continuous Improvement

Time was provided for questions and answers.

Digitization of Hydrological Data

Mark McFadden, Planning Director, went over the key points for the Innovation Grant Proposal submitted by Washtenaw County GIS Program, Drain Commissioner's Office, and Planning Commission. He said the project goal is "To take existing paper maps of hydrological features such as drains, drainage districts, streams, lakes, rivers, and wetlands, and create digital GIS layers that can be used to model environmental impacts on the County hydrologic system.

Time was provided for questions and answers.

Mr. McFadden also talked about the major activities for 2002/2003 for the Historic District Commission.

Environmental Quality Index

Dick Fleece, Environmental Health Director, provided a brief presentation that included:

- Air Quality
- Asthma rates among children on the rise.
- Air Monitoring Station
- Benefits of the Air Station
- Water Quality
- Naturally Occurring Arsenic
- Arsenic Monitoring
- Monitoring of Nitrate Contamination
- Sources of Nitrate Contamination
- Leaking Underground Storage Tanks
- Insufficient Groundwater Resources
- Industrial Contamination Sites
- Pall-Gelman Sciences, Inc. Contamination
- Abandoned Wells

Time was provided for questions and answers.

Report of the County Administrator

Living Wage Ordinance Presentation

Mr. Guenzel provided an overview of the Living Wage Ordinance and told the Board that this would have no effect for our employees. He said we are still gathering information on our contractors. The plan is to bring this Ordinance to Ways & Means on October 4 and then to the Board of Commissioners on October 17.

Time was provided for questions and answers.

Report of the Chair of the Board

None.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

Citizen Participation

Rick McHugh, representing the Coalition for Living Wage, addressed some of the concerns expressed by Commissioners.

Commissioner Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None.

Adjournment

Comm. Solowczuk seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until October 3, 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Martha Kern, Chair

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

APPROVED: October 3, 2001