WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

February 4, 2004

Chair Prater 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. Armentrout, Bergman, Brackenbury, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Solowczuk, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register; Janice Bobrin, Drain Commissioner; Harry Scheehan, Drain Commission; David Behen, Joe Suchara, Susan Hunt, Charlie Wolfe, ITS; Verna McDaniel, Dianne Heidt, Rebecca Curry, Human Resources; Tony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Amy Klinke, Erica Briggs, Administration; Mary Udoji, Margaret Wolfe, Library; Peter Ballios, Finance; Dick Fleece, Environmental Health, Ellen Clement, Public Health, Marc Breckinridge, Emergency Management; Greg Dill, Facility Management; Robert Tetens, Tom Freeman, Parks and Recreation; James Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Presentation
Comm. Gunn presented a resolution to Margaret Wolfe congratulating her on being named the 2003 Librarian of the Year by the New York Times. Margaret Wolfe expressed her great appreciation to the Board for their recognition.

Comm. Kern presented resolutions to Catherine Kalman, Ken Kelly and Don Harrod commending them for their commitment to outstanding local programming and unwavering dedication to the citizens of Washtenaw County. Catherine Kalman expressed their appreciation to the Board.

Citizen Participation
Dan Diebolt of Pittsfield Township addressed the Board regarding the Friend of the Court Citizens Advisory Board. He asked the Board to remove all of the members who are chronically absent. He also suggested that court employees may be tampering with records.
Paul DeWeese of Eaton Rapids, Michigan introduced himself to the board and stated that he is a candidate for the U.S. Congress.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
Comms. Irwin and Yekulis expressed their appreciation to Mr. DeWeese for taking the time to come before the Board.

New Business:

Planning, Development & Environment Community of Interest:

Drain – Allen's Creek Rain Gardens

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the Administrator's signature on a grant application entitled Allen's Creek Rain Gardens to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for Clean Michigan Initiative and Clean Water Act Section 319 funding, for the Department of the Drain Commissioner, in the amount of $85,495, for the period of May 1, 2004 – April 30, 2006; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

Comms. Kern and Armentrout posed questions.

Janice Bobrin and Harry Sheehan responded.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Drain – County Farm Park Wetland

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Administrator on a grant application entitled County Farm Park Wetland to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for Clean Michigan Initiative and Clean Water Act Section 319 funding, for the Department of the Drain Commissioner, in the amount of $481,343 for the period May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2006; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

Comm. Kern posed a question.

Janice Bobrin and Harry Sheehan responded.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Administrator:

Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A Lease Amendment Contract

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving amendment to lease contract.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator

None.

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. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until February 18, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Wesley Prater, Chair

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Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register
By: James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: