



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

April 21, 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, Brackenbury, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Solowczuk, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Bergman.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; David Behen, Steven Mezzadri, Mike Brogan ITS; Verna McDaniel, Diane Heidt, Mary O'Hare, Human Resources; Amy Klinke, Administration; Mary Udoji, Library; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Jennifer Watson, Bob Hubbard, Finance; Greg Dill, Facility Management; Raman Patel, Majorie Bixby, Lori Cash, Charles Mosher, Tom Cotton, Frances Patton, Dick Steffens, David Rowe, Donna Newlon, Christian Spang, Tim Kettinger, Equalization; Tony VanDerworp, Mark Roby, Planning and Environment; James Higginbottom, Clerk/Register's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Jan Godek, Supervisor of Lodi Township addressed the Board regarding the PSU training costs included in their Police Service contracts with the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Solowczuk said that Ms. Godek could contact him directly since the issue was within his district.

Comm. Gunn asked Gordon Burger to address the issue.

Gordon Burger said that there had been a misunderstanding with the Undersheriff and the Townships had been contacted to clarify the issue.

Curtis Hedger said that he would respond to the issue with a written response.

Comm. Irwin pointed out that a PSU was not necessarily an individual person, and that could lead to confusion.

Comm. Yekulis asked that the Board of Commissioners also receive a copy of the Corporation Counsel's letter to the townships.

Comm. Sizemore said he wanted the issue settled as soon as possible.

New Business:

Planning, Development & Environment Community of Interest:

Planning & Environment – Community Development – Urban County Annual Action Plan

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Annual Action Plan of the Washtenaw Urban County and Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approve the budgets; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Mark Roby took a moment to introduce Damon Thompson and Annette Rook.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 1 (Bergman). Motion carried.

Planning & Environment – Community Development – Affordable Housing Project

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the allocation of \$70,530 from the Housing Contingency Fund to the City of Ann Arbor Housing Trust Fund to be used by Community Housing Alternatives to Provide Homebuyer Assistance to three low-income Workforce Households at 3642 and 3697 Stone School Road, Ann Arbor.

Comm. Armentrout wanted Corporation Counsel to address the issues that changed.

Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel, said that the revisions included would be adopted.

Comm. Gunn thanked Comm. Solowczuk for all the work he did with the Planning Advisory Board.

Comm. Solowczuk thanked the Planning Advisory Board for all of the effort put into the project.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 1 (Bergman). Motion carried.

Planning & Environment – Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance Revision

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution adopting the revised Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 1 (Bergman). Motion carried.

Revenue & Record Keeping:

Revenue & Record Keeping – Equalization – 2004 Equalization Report

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the 2004 Washtenaw County Equalization Report.

Raman Patel presented the 2004 Equalization Report to the Board of Commissioners and recommended its approval.

- Agricultural Real Property
- Commercial Real Property
- Industrial Real Property
- Residential Real Property
- Developmental Real Property
- Personal Property
- Total County Equalized Value
- 2004 Percentage of County Total by Classification of Property
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) "Inflation Rate"
- "General Price Level"
- U.S. Department of Labor Statistics
- Calculation of Taxable Value
- Uncapped Taxable Value
- Taxable Value
- CEV & Taxable
- 2004 Equalized and Tentative Taxable Value
- Taxable Value Influences
- 2004 Exempted Properties

He recognized and thanked his staff.

Comm. Kern asked about the correlation between the increase in Developmental Land and Agricultural Land.

Comm. Solowczuk was concerned with the decrease in agriculture land.

Comm. Prater complemented the Equalization department on the quality of their work.

Comm. Sizemore thanked Raman Patel for all of the work done.

Comm. Prater asked if there was anyway to find the value of exempt properties.

Raman Patel responded that there was no way, but it could be estimated.

Comm. Brackenbury asked if there were many changes in the number of exempt properties.

Comm. Irwin was both happy and surprised to see the increase of the residential market value.

Comm. Prater asked about the impact Headlee Bill would have on the market value.

Comm. Yekulis pointed out that the townships are contributing most of the taxable value.

Comm. Armentrout pointed out that the urban areas pay more than the rural areas.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 1 (Bergman). Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator

A. Budget Update – Bob Guenzel presented the Update.

- General Fund Projection
- Major Revenue Variances
- Major Expenditure Variances
- Recommendations
- Other Major Funds
- Next Steps
- 5 Year Budget Projections

Comm. Armentrout asked about the change between the Jail Capital reserve and the transfer to reserves, as well as the budget dealing with fringe increases.

Bob Guenzel and Gordon Burger responded.

Comm. Irwin asked about the interest earnings, the estimates, how the estimates are prepared and the public improvement fund.

Gordon Burger responded. Bob Guenzel said that he would provide an update. Jennifer Watson also responded.

Comm. Sizemore requested more information from Kirk Profit regarding the savings he has provided for the county. He also asked that Sheriff Minzey speak at an upcoming board meeting about the jail overcrowding and PSU's.

Comm. Solowczuk asked that the new Sheriff's Commander and Budget Analyst attend as well.

Comm. Yekulis asked to invite Ms. Godek.

Comm. Prater asked why there was a significant increase in the budget.

Comm. Armentrout asked about the impact of inflation on projections.

Comm. Gunn pointed out the huge increase of Health Care that has continued.

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. Solowczuk seconded by Comm. Kern moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 5, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Wesley Prater, Chair

Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register

By: James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 5-5-04