WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 5, 2004

Vice-Chair Armentrout 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, Sizemore, Solowczuk, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Prater.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register; Catherine McClary, Treasurer; Janis Bobrin, Drain Commissioner; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; David Behen, Mike Brogan, ITS; Diane Heidt, Mary O'Hare, Human Resources; Amy Klinke, Administration; Mary Udoji, Library; Peter Ballios, Jennifer Watson, Bob Hubbard, Finance; Greg Dill, Facility Management; Tony VanDerworp, Marnie Paulus, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Bob Brabbs, Building Services; James Higginbottom, Melanie Weidmayer, Clerk/Register's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Ms. Kathleen Baxter, of 719 N. Fourth Avenue, representing the North Central Homeowners Association, spoke requesting that a restriction be placed on the property of the former women's shelter, preventing its use for active substance abusers.

Mr. Robert Brabbs, President of the AFSCME Local 2733 Union spoke regarding a believed breach of contract by the County Treasurer.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None.

New Business:

Presentations:
Comm. Gunn presented the Resolution proclaiming May 3-9, 2004 as Historic Preservation Week in Washtenaw County to Marnie Paulus and the Historical District Commission.

Comm. Gunn presented three Historic Preservation Awards for preservation efforts in the County to Howard and Kevin Braun of York Township, Donald Limpret of the Village of Manchester, and Robert Tetens of Parks and Recreation.

Comm. Gunn presented the Resolution commending Frank Cambria on receiving the 2003 Public Technology Inc. (PTI) Technology Leadership Award to Frank Cambria.

Neutral Zone Presentation
Lisa Dengiz, Executive Director of the Neutral Zone, introduced the individuals speaking. Autumn Chow read a poem she wrote called Iris. Kendall Davis and Dillon Page rappers of Seven Tre Quad spoke about the programs Neutral Zone offers. Jamie Liden of the Rebel Girls Program spoke about the music that they write. Program Director, Shamyle Nesfield, spoke briefly about the program.

Marnie Paulus and Nancy Schneider of the Historic District Commission presented the Board of Commissioners an award received for Michigan Historic Preservation.

Executive Session

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Kern moved an executive session to consult with the attorney about an ongoing litigation and receive an attorney's opinion.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (Prater, Sizemore). Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

Presentation

Comm. Gunn presented the Resolution proclaiming May 10-16, 2004 as Cover the Uninsured Week in Washtenaw County to Ellen Rabinowitz.

Planning, Development & Environment Community of Interest:

Employment Training and Community Services – Annual Michigan Works! System Plan

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Michigan Works! System Plan with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 for the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (Prater, Sizemore). Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner – Urban Wildlife Contamination Strategies Project

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Administrator on a grant application entitled Analysis, Identification and Strategies for Urban Wildlife Contamination to support TMDL implementation to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for Clean Michigan Initiative, for the Department of the Drain Commissioner, in the amount of $67,773, for the period of June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2006; authorizing the Administrator to sigh the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sigh the delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (Prater, Sizemore). Motion carried.

Revenue & Record Keeping:

Revenue & Record Keeping – Treasurer – Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolution

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2003 real property taxes.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (Prater, Sizemore). Motion carried.

Health Community of Interest:

Public Health – Healthy Communities Access Program

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Healthy Communities Access Program (HCAP) for enhanced Health Service Delivery for Washtenaw County's uninsured in the amount of $447,772 for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005; authorizing the Administrator to sigh the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 2 (Prater, Sizemore). Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator
1. Saline Court Update
Bob Guenzel the Saline Court Update on behalf of Greg Dill, Facilities Management Director; Paul Bunton, Saline Police Chief; and Judge Cedric Simpson. A new Saline Court would either have to be leased or owned by the County. Since both alternatives will cost about the same, it is recommended that the County owns the building.

Comm. Kern asked if there would be any additional costs beyond the building construction.

Bob Guenzel responded that operating costs are considered with the cost.

Comm. Solowczuk expressed his appreciation for all the work Mr. Greg Dill accomplished with the update.

Comm. Yekulis asked if the plans for a new building would account for future expansion.

Greg Dill responded that there would be room available for future expansion.

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. Peterson moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 19, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Vivienne Armentrout, Vice-Chair

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

APPROVED: 5/19/04