



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 7, 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, Yekulis.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Solowczuk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Steve Mezzadri, Charley Wolfe, Dale Vanderford, ITS; Mary Udoji, Michelle Reuter, Library; Ellen Clement, Mary Rabinowitz, Public Health; Marjorie Bixby, Christian Spang, Raman Patel, Equalization; Julie Chafee, Sheriff's Office; Marc Breckinridge, Emergency Management; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Amy Klinke, Judy Foy, Administration; Denise Dalrymple, Children's Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Greg Dill, Kerry Sheldon, Facility Management; Tony VanDerworp, Marnie Paulis, Patricia Denig, Annette Rook, Planning and Environment; Dan Dwyer, Trial Court; James Higginbottom, Clerk/Register's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Presentation

Comm. Gunn presented a resolution thanking Michelle Reuter for her work. Ms. Reuter thanked the Board for all of their help.

#### Citizen Participation

None.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None.

#### New Business:

#### Presentation – Update on the Bid Process for the Sale of Property in York Township

Mitch Irwin provided information regarding the bid process for the sale of state owned property in York Township.

Comm. Kern asked how big the site is and what it is zoned. Mr. Irwin responded that it is 690 acres and the zoning is dependant on the township.

Comm. Yekulis asked if utilities were established. Mr. Irwin stated that he was unaware if they were available.

Comm. Irwin formally thanked the Governor for appointing Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Irwin said that the State website provided more information about the property.

Comm. Prater said that he would do all that he could to assist York Township with the process.

#### Planning, Development & Environment Community of Interest:

#### Employment Training and Community Services – Annual Employment Services Grant

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2004 Employment Services Plan Application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$515,785.58 for the Employment Training and Community Services Department; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

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

**Employment Training and Community Services – Annual State Foster Grandparent Program**

Comm. Gunn 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 Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) for the 2005 Foster Grandparent Program in the amount of \$22,170 for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 for the Employment Training and Community Services Group; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Employment Training and Community Services – 2004 Trade Act Funding**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2004 Trade Act Program in the amount of \$64,900 for the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 for the Employment Training and Community Services Department; authorizing the County Administrator to sign Notice of Grant Awards; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Employment Training and Community Services – 2004 Annual Workforce Investment Act Program (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth)**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board's signature on the Workforce Investment Act Program Year (PY) 2004 Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Plans in the total amount of \$1,440,217 for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the County Administrator to Sign Notice of Grant Awards; amending the Budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Employment Training and Community Services – 2004 Workforce Investment Act Capacity Building & Professional Development Program**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board's Signature on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program Year (PY) 2004 Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan in the total amount of \$24,000 for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for the Employment Training and Community Services Group; authorizing the County Administrator to sign Notice of Grant Awards; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Employment Training and Community Services – Annual Summer Food Services Program for Children**

Comm. Gunn 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 Michigan Department of Education, Office of School Support Services, for the Summer Food Program for Children in the amount of \$135,900 for the period of June 21, 2004 through August 27, 2004 for the Employment Training and Community Services Group; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts.

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

**Planning & Environment – Community Development:**

**Planning & Environment – Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Assistance Project**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution allocating \$30,000 in housing contingency funds to a Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley Homeownership Assistance Project, and authorizing the County Administrator's Signature on this contract.

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

**Revenue & Record Keeping:**

**Revenue & Record Keeping – Equalization – Personal Property Tax Audit Program**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Washtenaw County Administrator to sign the grant agreement to the State of Michigan for

Personal Property Audit Grant for the Equalization and Property Description Department in the Amount of \$113,750 for the period of July 15, 2004 – Sept 30, 2004.

Comm. Kern asked for some more details about what the audit unit would do and what the audit cost would be. Raman Patel said that they would primarily be assisting the local units of government and the cost would be based on parcel number.

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

**Public Safety and Justice Community of Interest:**

**Public Safety and Justice – Emergency Management – FEMA Blackout Reimbursement**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the signature of the County Administrator on the Public Assistance Grant Agreement (FEMA-3189-EM) with the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$31,296.26 as partial reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs associated with the August 2003 blackout.

Comm. Kern asked if other local units are eligible for a grant of this nature. Marc Breckinridge said that they are and most have been contacted.

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

**Public Safety and Justice – Trial Court – Annual Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman 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, Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections, for the FY 2005 Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$1,277,441.

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

**Children’s Well-being Community of Interest:**

**Children Services – Washtenaw Intermediate School District Contract**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the contract with Washtenaw Intermediate School District for education for the Children’s Service’s detention and day programs for two school years for a total amount of \$656,266.

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

**Head Start – Safety & Wellness Grant**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Administrator’s signature on the application to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Head Start Program for the period of August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004 in the amount of \$48,753; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approving the Head Start budget and authorizing the ADMINISTRATOR to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Health Communities of Interest:**

**Community Support & Treatment Services – Creating an Adult Psychiatry Position**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution creating two full time positions and eliminating two .50 FTE positions within Community Support And Treatment Services.

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

**Public Health – Michigan AIDS Fund – Sisters informing Sisters About Topics on AIDS Project**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the County Administrator’s signature on the Continuation Funding Application to the Michigan Aids Fund in the amount of \$23,605 for the period of March 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005; authorizing the

Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

**Support Services Communities of Interest:**

**Support Services – Facilities Management – Energy Efficiency Project – Chevron Contract**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Energy Services Contract with Chevron Energy Solutions in the amount of \$6,088,652 for the period of June 2, 2004 through January 31, 2010.

Comm. Peterson asked how this would be affected by a change in the County's structure. Greg Dill responded that enough aspects of the County's energy systems are modular so the impact would be minimal. Comm. Peterson said that he hoped they would complement each other.

Comm. Sizemore said that he was not in support of the idea and wanted an update provided every six months.

Comm. Armentrout requested a tabular breakdown of the budget with an explanation.

Comm. Irwin thanked Greg Dill and Kerry Sheldon for their work and said that it should help pay for itself.

Comm. Prater wanted to assure that the County Procurement Policy is upheld and it is properly coordinated with the courthouse updates.

Comm. Armentrout asked for clarification of where the money is coming from. Comm. Irwin said that it would be the determination of the Board to decide that.

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

**Board of Commissioners:**

**Board of Commissioners - 211**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the contract with Washtenaw United Way for start-up and initial operating costs of the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Program to quickly and easily connect consumers to local health and human service providers in the amount of \$25,000.

Comm. Kern was concerned that County money would be provided. Bob Guenzel said that some funds would be provided, but it would be managed by United Way.

Comm. Armentrout was concerned about how long the County would be committed to the program.

Comm. Peterson said that he was pleased the program has come this far and asked how it would be funded over the long term.

Comm. Sizemore asked what would happen if the County was to cut funding in the future. Bob Guenzel said that it would be a significant blow to the program.

Comm. Bergman explained how the goals related to those discussed at the Human Services Collaborative Council and is an excellent starting point.

Comm. Yekulis asked how the technical system would work and if it would be operated in a similar fashion to the 911 system. Bob Guenzel responded that it would be running through equipment that the County and HVA currently has.

Comm. Prater asked about the use of a 311 system. Amy Klinke responded that 311 is only a regional difference from 211. Comm. Yekulis said that 211 was the number assigned by the FCC to Michigan.

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

**Living Wage Waiver – Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution granting the request of the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels to be exempt from the requirements of the Washtenaw County Living Wage Ordinance.

Comm. Kern questioned the reason for offering the waiver. Comm. Gunn offered the same concern, but realized that most workers were working minimal hours and did not depend on the salary.

Comm. Bergman asked how the program is funded. Susan Sweet Scott said that it is primarily funded through the Senior Nutrition Program.

Comm. Armentrout asked to see if the jobs were primary or supplemental for the workers.

Comm. Brackenbury said that a quarter to a third of the program is funded by private donations.

Comm. Peterson was concerned other organizations would follow suit.

Comm. Kern was concerned about setting a precedent.

Comm. Bergman said that the job was sustenance for many seniors.

Comm. Gunn recommended forming a committee to reform the ordinance.

Comm. Prater said that it should be looked in to and complimented the staff for all of their work prior to board approval.

Comm. Kern asked what would become of people who do not come into compliance with the ordinance. Bob Guenzel said that they could not hold a contract with the County.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1 (Sizemore). ABSENT: 1 (Solowczuk). 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. Yekulis seconded by Comm. Kern moved that the meeting be adjourned until August 4, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 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: 8/4/04