WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

August 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; David Behen, Dale Vanderford, Joe Suchara, Diane Kerr, Andy Brush, ITS; Dan Dwyer, Trial Court; Amy Klinke, Joseph Mead, Administration; Marc Breckinridge, Dave Halteman, Emergency Management; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Jennifer Watkins, Bob Hubbard, Finance; Verna McDaniel, Barbara Finch, Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ryan Cavanaugh, Harry Valentine, Sheriff's Office; Greg Dill, Facility Management; James D. Higginbottom, Clerk/Register's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Alan Seger of Ypsilanti Township spoke about his displeasure with the layout of the phonebook and the difficulty in reaching county offices.

Ryan Cavanough of the Sheriff's Office and Active Military Reserves spoke regarding the supplemental salary for employees in the military.

Harry Valentine, President of the Sheriff's Association Union, supported Ryan Cavanough and offered any assistance to the Board to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
Comm. Yekulis said that he would like to hear back from Administration in the near future regarding an outcome for the supplemental salary.

Bob Guenzel said that Administration would report back.

New Business:

Presentation
Blueprint to end Homelessness Presentation was presented by Bob Guenzel and Barb Pimrod.

- Alpha House is Established
- Robert J. Delonis Center in Established
- 'Housing First'
- Washtenaw Housing Alliance Member Agencies
- What do we know about the people who are homeless in Washtenaw County
- Prevention of Eviction and Foreclosure
- How can you help?

Comm. Bergman commented that housing costs may be higher.

Comm. Kern encouraged more work to prevent homelessness.

Comm. Irwin asked about eviction prevention. Bob Guenzel said there are programs for prevention.

Comm. Yekulis asked if there was a way to see if there are any from out of county.

Comm. Armentrout asked if there was any focus on mental problems.

Comm. Gunn said the county is responsible for all homeless within the county.

Comm. Brackenbury asked how the development process will be reviewed.

Planning, Development & Environment Community of Interest:

City/County Community Development – Creating a Community Development Director Position

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution creating a Community Development Director Position.

Comm. Sizemore asked who would be staffing the program.

Comm. Kern asked where the salary would come from.

Comm. Solowczuk asked who would hire and rehire individuals.

Comm. Gunn was excited and hoped it would benefit the townships as well.

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

Employment Training and Community Services – Workforce Investment Act Statewide Youth Activities

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the Program Year (PY) 2004 Statewide Activities for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth Plan in the total amount of $32,163 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 the Notice of Grant Awards' amending the Budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Health Communities of Interest:

Washtenaw Community Health Organization – Group Homes

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution to approve a recoverable grant between Washtenaw County and the WCHO in the amount of $350,000 from Housing Contingency Fund. The WCHO will reimburse the Housing Contingency Fund at the County $385,000 ($350,000 + $35,000 Administrative Fee) in 84 Payments of $4,583.00.

Comm. Kern asked Marcie Stillera and Liz Brown about the creation of new jobs.

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

Washtenaw Community Health Organization – Creating Positions

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution to approve the creation of 3.0 FTE WCHO Administrator positions.

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

Public Safety & Justice Community of Interest

Trial Courts – Friend of the Court – Annual Medical Support Program

Comm. Gunn 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 2004-2005 Medical Support Enforcement Application to the Office of Child Support Michigan Family Independence Agency for the Friend of the Court in the amount of $109,249 for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

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

Trial Courts – Friend of the Court – Annual Cooperative Reimbursement Program

Comm. Gunn 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 2004-2005 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Application to the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the Friend of the Court in an amount not to exceed $3,624,424 for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

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

Prosecuting Attorney – Annual Cooperative Reimbursement Program

Comm. Gunn 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 an application for a contract with the Michigan Family Independence Agency for Cooperative Reimbursement Funds for the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 in the amount of $758,613; $233,567 in local match and $525,046 in State and Federal funds.

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

Prosecuting Attorney – Annual Victim Rights Program

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on a contract with the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 in the amount of $157,500.

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

Emergency Management – Homeland Security Grant Application

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board and the County Administrator on the Michigan 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program Application with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, for the period August 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005, in the amount of $1,105,194 to reimburse Washtenaw County for approved weapons of mass destruction planning, training, equipment and exercise expenses; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

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

Board of Commissioners & Trial Courts – Legal Resource Center

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners allocate revenues generated by the Washtenaw County Judges for sanctions to the Legal Resource Center. Furthermore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners affirms the decision to use the County space for the Legal Resource Center, the Bar Association and the Dispute Resolution Center.

Comm. Kern asked how long the commitment would be. Bob Guenzel and Amy Klinke responded that there would be a follow-up within a year. Amy said that $1500 has been collected.

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

Support Services Community of Interest:

Support Services – Facilities Management – Annual COPE Lease

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the lease with the Center for Occupational and Personalized Education, Inc. ("COPE") in the amount of $42,000 for the period of August 21, 2004 through August 20, 2005.

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

Board of Commissioners:

Board of Commissioners – Offshore Outsourcing Policy Modifications

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution amending Washtenaw County's Procurement Policy and Boilerplate Contract Language to add provisions prohibiting, under certain circumstances, the use of contract vendors who use offshore resources to provide services to the County pursuant to a services or professional services contract.

Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel, noted a correction to 7 not 5 business the procurement policy.

Comm. Brackenbury asked if any companies are grandfathered in to the new policy.

Curtis Hedger responded that there are three that will be grandfathered in.

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

Board of Commissioners – Sale of Felch

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution approving the sales agreement between Washtenaw County and BH-543 N. Main, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company for the sale of County-owned property at 543 N. Main Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan and authorizing the County Administrator to sign any legal documents necessary to complete the sale.

Bob Guenzel said that only one bid was received and the county entered into discussions with the bidder and came to an agreement.

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

Report of the Administrator

Bob Guenzel presented a Budget update.

Comm. Gunn complemented Peggy Haines, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and said that her efficient office management accounted for the amount of money raised by the Register of Deeds Office, though she was concerned with the fact that the Sheriff's Office was so far over budget.

Comm. Yekulis asked how the summer tax collection would affect the budget.

Comm. Armentrout was concerned with the costs involved with the Sheriff's Office.

Bob Guenzel presented Kirk Profit's State Budget Report. He said that the early summer tax collection was the only alternative remaining.

Comm. Irwin questioned the early tax collection being called revenue sharing.

Report of the Chair of the Board

Comm. Gunn congratulated Comm. Solowczuk on becoming a grandfather.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Armentrout thanked Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger for all of his work regarding the Offshore Outsourcing Resolution.

Citizen Participation

None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None.

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until August 19, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 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: