



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 5, 2005

Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Brackenbury, Irwin, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Smith, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Gunn, Kern, Ouimet.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy County Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Catherine McClary, Kirsten Osborn, Treasurer; Dale Vanderford, Andy Brush, Ken Schrader, ITS; Diane Heidt, Scott Patton, Human Resources; Pete Ballios, Finance; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Gordon Burger, Bob Hubbard, Jennifer Watson, Budget; Greg Dill, Facilities; Mary Udoji, Library; James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Michael Moran, Ann Arbor Township Supervisor, commented on the police services fees and said that the townships and the county have different views on the structure of the fees. He suggested that the county move to a cost structure that is based on incremental costs.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None.

New Business:

Revenue & Record Keeping Community of Interest:

Treasurer – Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolution

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2004 real property taxes.

Treasurer, Catherine McClary, addressed the Board regarding the delinquent tax resolution. She said that the resolution allows the Treasurer's office to borrow against the delinquent taxes owed since those taxes which are not paid are sent to the county. The loan permits the county to pay the local jurisdictions.

Comm. Irwin asked about the impact of the early tax collection on delinquencies. Catherine McClary stated that it is still early to tell, but it appears that it will be higher than normal. Comm. Irwin asked what sort of interest is paid for the loan. Catherine McClary stated that the monies are borrowed against the County's credit which keeps the interest lower.

Comm. Prater asked when the loan would be paid to the townships. Catherine McClary said that would be processed and paid in about 2-3 weeks. She also commented that the Treasurer's report would be modified in the next few months to include more information.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 3 (Gunn, Kern, Ouimet). Motion carried.

Comm. Prater, supported by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolution be added to the May 5, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Support Services Community of Interest:

Washtenaw Health Plan – Indigent Health Care Donations

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution accepting private donations valued at \$7,800.00 for the specific purpose of supporting indigent health care programs for low-income adolescent county residents and their children.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 3 (Gunn, Kern, Ouimet). Motion carried.

Public Safety & Justice Community of Interest:

Facilities Management – WCHO Leases

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the administrator to sign the leases with the Washtenaw Community Health Organization for 10865 N. Territorial Road in Dexter and 3600 Cherrywood Road in Ann Arbor to expire on May 31, 2007.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8. NAYS: None. ABSENT: 3 (Gunn, Kern, Ouimet). 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. Prater seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 19, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 5/18/05