WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

December 7, 2005

Chair Irwin 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. Brackenbury, Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Ouimet, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Smith, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy County Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk; David Behen, Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Ken Schrader, ITS; Herb Mahoney, Sheriff; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Jennifer Watson, Finance; Tony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Verna McDaniel, Diane Heidt, Barb Finch, Human Resources; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney; Trenda Rusher, ETCS; Ellen Rabinowitz, Kelly Belknap, Michael Scholls, Public Health; Mary Udoji, Library; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Derrick Jackson, Stephen Kirschner, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Sabrina Gross thanked the BOC for their responsiveness to citizens' requests for new growth studies for several roads in Pittsfield Township.

Calvin Brown requested the Board of Commissioners to ask County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin to resign.

Herb Mahoney addressed the board concerning the length of the police services contract. He stated that the Sheriff's office would like the Board of Commissioners to reconsider the four year contract and approve the signing of two year contracts.

Kristin Judge thanked the BOC for their support of the Pittsfield First's Wal-Mart concerns.

Lisa Miller thanked the BOC for their support of the new road study in Pittsfield Township and specifically thanked Comms. Brackenbury, Gunn, Prater and Ouimet, as well as Road Commissioners Tim Eder and David Rutledge.

Brenda Stumbo thanked the people who worked on the petition referendum drive and asked the Board of Commissioners to give the people a vote on the Public Safety and Justice issue.

Pat Valliencourt asked the Board of Commissioners to take another look at the four year contract, as it may force the jurisdictions to cancel their contracts. She stated her community needs the police support that this board affords them.

Chris Fagen asked the board to reconsider the police service contracts to better support struggling communities like Manchester.

Kathleen Jackson stated that the first two years of the police service contract are good and she would like the Board of Commissioners to reconsider the last two years. She added that the Commissioners should listen to the voice of the people as expressed through the petition drive.

Chuck Reames stated that not all county residents use jail and social services, but all residents need and want strong and effective police services. He stated that with flexibility on both sides, a compromise may be reached.

Fred Roperti stated that there are too many unknowns in the four year contract. He stated that his constituents send a lot of money to the county and police services should not be in danger.

Bill Manty stated that his residents would not ratify an open ended contract, and he would like the Board of Commissioners to work with the townships to create a better contract.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
None.

New Business:
Comm. Kern and Comm. Prater presented a resolution commending Donald Riddering. Mr. Riddering thanked the Board of Commissioners for their interest in the historical aspects of the county.

Housing and Homelessness Community of Interest:

Employee Training and Community Services - Annual Federal Foster Grandparent Program
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the Corporation for National and Community Service for the fiscal year 2006 Federal Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) in the amount of $447,675 for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for Employment Training and Community Service; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award, approving the budget, and authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Annual Food Assistance Employment and Training Plan
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Food Assistance Employment and Training Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) in the amount of $84,048 for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005 for Employment and Community Services (ETCS); authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk 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 Human Services (DHS), for the FY 2006 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in the amount of $899,553 for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 for Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Annual Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) fiscal year 2006 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of $70,920 for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006; approving the budget; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Annual Work First Plan
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the application to the Michigan Department of Labor and

Economic Growth (MDLEG) for the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Work First Plan in the amount of $1,675,051, for the period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 for the Employment Training and Community Service (ETCS) Department; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

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

Trade Adjustment Assistance
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2006 Trade Adjustment Assistance Program in the amount of $59,983 for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 for the Employment Training and Community Services Department; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant award; amending the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts..

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

Emergency Food Assistance Program
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) application in the amount of $13,136, to the Michigan Department of Education for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 for Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS); approving the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

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

Comm. Kern asked about the source of the funding for this program. Trenda Rusher responded that the program is supplemented by the Community Services Block Grant.

Planning, Development and Environment Community of Interest

Planning and Environment – 2006 Survey, Monumentation and Remonumentation Program
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2006 Survey, Monumentation and Remonumentation program in the amount of $176,272; appointing a County Grant Administrator and county representative; authorizing the Grant Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amend the budget and authorizing the administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

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

Centers for Regional Excellence Grant
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the grant project proposal submitted by the Washtenaw Metro Alliance for $25,000 in funding to support the regional cooperation goals outlined in the State of Michigan's "Centers for Regional Excellence" program.

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

Children's Well-Being Community of Interest

Children's Service & Trial Court – Child Care Fund
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board of Commissioners signature on the 2005/2006 State Child Care Fund Budget summary form 2091.

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

Health Community of Interest

Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) – Creating Three Positions
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution creating three (3) positions for the Washtenaw Health Plan, authorizing the County Administrator to approve amendments to the Washtenaw Health Plan Lease Agreement and amending the budget for the Public Health Department.

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

Public Health jointly with Community Supports and Treatment Services – 2005-06 Budget Adjustments
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution creating and modifying positions to expand services and integrate the Community Support and Treatment Services Department and Public Health Department fiscal units, amending the budget for the Community Support and Treatment Services Department and authorizing the County Administrator to approve amendments to the WCHO contract for the fiscal year 2005-2006.

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

Washtenaw Community Health Organization – Position modifications
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution creating a 1.0 FTE Grade 20 Contract Analyst and a .50 FTE 27 Management Assistant and approving a salary adjustment for an existing employee that is outside of the current salary range within the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO).

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

Public Safety and Justice Community of Interest

Trial Court – Community Corrections
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the agreement between the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Corrections/ Office of Community Corrections and Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Board for the FY 2006 Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 in the amount of $1,345,339.

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

Administrator

Social Security Number (SSN) Privacy Policy
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution adopting the Social Security Number (SSN) privacy policy effective January 1, 2006.

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

Police Services Contracts and Report from Corporation Counsel
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution modifying the Police Services Methodology that was adopted on September 7, 2005 as it applies to computing overtime costs for calendar year 2007.

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

Comm. Peterson asked if these are two separate agenda items. Curt Hedger responded that the report is not going to need a vote. Comm. Peterson moved to separate the report from Corporation Counsel from the Police Services Contracts item.

Curt Hedger stated that he has been meeting with the jurisdictions and they have assured him they would take the contract to their boards in December. He stated that the two or four year issue is unresolved for some jurisdictions.

Comm. Kern asked Curt Hedger to clarify the issue to be voted on in Ways and Means. Curt Hedger clarified. Comm. Kern asked if the $10,000 of overtime was the responsibility of the contracting unit, and the county general fund is responsible for anything over that 10,000. Curt Hedger replied that this is exactly correct and added that the deadline for the contract signed had been changed as well.

Comm. Peterson asked about the resolution before the Ways and Means committee. Curt Hedger stated that the voted is to send notice to the contracting entities of the deadline change.

Comm. Bergman stated that the resolution is not meant to be open-ended, and the she will not vote to extend police service to unsigned jurisdictions.

Comm. Peterson stated that he was pleased with the language. Comm. Peterson asked the intent of the new language.

Comm. Irwin stated that the Board will establish intent at the next meeting.

Comm. Gunn agreed with Comm. Peterson that the language leaves that door open and the language should stay as it is.

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Smith move to add language saying that as of Jan 4th, any entity without signed contract will no longer receive police services.

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to table the motion.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 2 (Comms. Bergman and Smith). ABSENT: None. Motion tabled.

Comm. Irwin stated that his hope was to recoup some dollars being lost to jurisdiction on police services, but may fiscal compromises have been made. He stated that the four year contract did much to further his feeling of accomplishment, and changing to two years would eliminate his sense of accomplishment.

Comm. Ouimet stated he appreciated the commissioners for softening their positions to make the changes more palatable for the local jurisdictions.

Comm. Smith asked Bob Guenzel what happens to jurisdiction without sign contracts when the existing contract runs out on Dec. 31. Bob Guenzel stated the no changes would occur till the first BOC meeting. Comm. Smith asked if the four uncovered days would be given without charge. Bob Guenzel stated several reasons why he intends to continue services in those few days between Dec. 31 and the first BOC meeting. Comm. Smith stated there has been much confusion regarding what happens in those between days, and contracting units need to be told what to expect during that time. Bob Guenzel stated he will wait until the board decides on Jan 5 before he acts. Curt Hedger stated that several supervisors have told him they would recommend the two or four year contract. Comm. Smith asked that the services be clarified for the contracting entities.

Comm. Prater stated that a letter will be sent out to jurisdictions clarifying the issues and there is another Police Services Steering Committee meeting in December that should resolve some of these issues.

Comm. Bergman stated that her amendment was not meant to cause chaos, but simply to reinforce that this is not an open ended process.

Comm. Peterson stated he is pleased with the process that has occurred over the last few months and he is glad that the countywide discussion has been positive. He stated that tonight has been productive. He stated that the Commissioners should continue to move to meet all the needs that come up. He encouraged the Board of Commissioners to not leave any jurisdictions out. He thanked the administrative team and elected official who worked on this issue.

2005 Budget Update

Bob Guenzel gave an update on the 2005 budget. Full Report on File.

Comm. Ouimet stated that this will be critical over the next few years to remain aware of the budget details.

Comm. Bergman congratulated the Administration and Gordon Burger for staying within the budget.

Comm. Gunn thanked the staff for their great work with the budget.

Comm. Kern asked about the accounting methodology change in the Substance Abuse program and what the impact would be in the next few years. Gordon Burger stated that there is no impact at all on the budget.

Comm. Brackenbury asked how the change in the county property tax will be realized in 2006. Gordon Burger stated it will have a positive impact.

Comm. Ouimet stated that with an earlier the tax collection there is more opportunity for the county to capitalize in it.

Report of the Administrator:
Bob Guenzel reminded the Board that the County Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 8.

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. Gunn moved that the meeting be adjourned until January 4, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Jeff Irwin, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
By: Stephen D. Kirschner, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: