



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 3, 2006

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. Bergman, Irwin, Kern, Ouimet, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Smith, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Grewal, Gunn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy County Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Peter Ballios, Finance; Gordon Burger, Budget; David Behen, Ken Schrader, ITS; Verna McDaniel, Human Resources; Mary O'Hare, Mary Udoji, Library; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney; Donna Sabourin, CSTS; Anthony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Amy Klinke, Community Development; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Stephen Kirschner, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Chris Roberts from Washtenaw Literacy gave a quick update on illiteracy and gave an overview of what they are doing about it. She distributed the Washtenaw Literacy Annual Report. [On file at Clerk's office]. She thanked the County for its support.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Ouimet stated that the Success by Six is a critical program. He commended the County and United Way for stepping up and ensuring success.

New Business:

Health Community of Interest:

Community Support & Treatment Service – 2005 – 06 Budget Adjustments:

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution amending the Community Support and Treatment Services department budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and creating positions to expand services.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 2. [Comms. Grewal, Gunn] Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator:

2006 Budget Review:

Bob Guenzel presented to the board on the 2006 Budget Update.

Comm. Prater asked if the sheriff provided an update on the boarding out of inmates in non-contracted facilities. Bob Guenzel stated that he has not. He stated that there are currently 94 boarded out, some of which are in non-contracted facilities. Comm. Prater said that he is concerned that the Sheriff's department does not have a head count on how many prisoners are out and having these prisoners at non contracting facilities is a liability to the county. He stated that he his disappointed that the Sheriff has not provided information.

Comm. Bergman asked if the prisoners were boarded out before or after a letter was sent to all counties saying that Washtenaw County would not pay for services rendered without a contract. Comm. Bergman stated that unless risk management has consulted, transporting prisoners is very risky. Comm. Bergman asked how the lack of revenue sharing has impacted the budget. Bob Guenzel stated that the trust fund makes it a wash. Comm.

Bergman asked how long the trust will last. Bob Guenzel answered it will last until 2010. Comm. Bergman asked for a number for funds pulled in from the trust fund. Bob Guenzel stated they could get those numbers.

Comm. Ouimet asked if there is an immediate cash flow problem stemming out of the budget overrun. Bob Guenzel responded that there is not. Comm. Ouimet asked if there are any items on the horizon that are not reflected in the report. Gordon Burger stated that they are keeping a close eye on the self-insurance area. Comm. Ouimet asked to be kept informed as problems arise.

Comm. Solowczuk asked if the sheriff is still putting inmates in non contracting facilities. Bob Guenzel replied that he will find out. Comm. Solowczuk asked who is liable for paying for these actions. Bob Guenzel stated that they will not recommend paying these bills until the situation is resolved. Comm. Solowczuk asked when a proposal to deal with this will be brought to the board. Bob Guenzel answered that they will bring something after their meeting with the sheriff.

Comm. Bergman asked Mr. Guenzel to determine what would be appropriate to deal with the non contracting entities who might continue to accept inmates after being told that Washtenaw County will not pay.

Comm. Irwin stated that he understands Comm. Bergman's comments and he would like to give the non contracting entities time to react and give the sheriff a chance to respond to some of their questions.

Comm. Solowczuk asked if Bob Guenzel could bring back the rate at which the non-contracting facilities charge. Bob Guenzel stated it is about \$32 to \$35 a day, but he would bring the specifics.

Space Plan Engagement Model:

Mary O'Hare presented to the board on community engagement in the space plan.

Comm. Bergman asked how they selected the community partners. Mary O'Hare stated that they have a suggested list of participants, but there will also be an opportunity for the board to recommend groups. Comm. Bergman stated that she hopes that the county really reaches for community engagement. Bob Guenzel stated that they are looking for the board to provide input, but they have suggested groups that already exist to be included.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he expects that the space plan will incorporate customer dynamics, such as how Towner does. Mary O'Hare stated that they will be talking with both customers and staff to create the plan. Comm. Ouimet asked if space function, both for people and work flow, would be part of the study. Mary O'Hare responded affirmatively. Comm. Ouimet stated that he feels the county has taken great steps to make it easy to work through complicated systems.

Comm. Irwin asked how the county will engage the employees who work in these units. Mary O'Hare responded. Comm. Irwin stated that he imagines that the employees are one of the first places to go in this process.

Comm. Solowczuk stated that this just went through this at Zeeb Rd. and they are a model for how to proceed with this.

Report of the Chair of the Board

None.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Bergman stated that congratulations are in order for the passing of the millage.

Citizen Participation

None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None.

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 17, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

APPROVED: