



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

January 17, 2007

Chair Bergman 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, Grewal, Gunn, Irwin, Ping Mills, Ouimet, Peterson, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore, Smith.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrators David Behen and Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Peter Ballios, Finance; Kirk Filsinger, Herb Mahony, Sheriff; Dale Vanderford, Ken Schrader, Information Technology; Mary O'Hare, Organizational Development; Anthony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Citizen Participation**

Comm. Bergman requested that Comm. Irwin present resolutions of recognition to the Washtenaw County Mentoring program. Comm. Irwin thanked Comm. Sizemore and Anna Danziger for their work and support of the Mentoring program. Comm. Irwin presented Danziger with the resolution.

Danziger stated that Anna, her co-worker recently convinced one of the young people being mentored not to drop out of college, and added that this is a strong argument for the importance of the mentoring program.

#### **Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation**

None.

#### **New Business:**

Comm. Bergman 6:53:30. Irwin to Smith 6:57 PM adjourn to Exec. Session. Comm Gunn supported by Ouimet moved to approve POAM agreement. Comm. Lovejoy Roe is happy an agreement is reached, and thanked. Meeting called back to order at 8:13 P.M.

#### **Land Use and Environment Community of Interest:**

#### **Planning and Environment:**

#### **Identify Washtenaw Program**

Comm. Grewal asked if the Identify Washtenaw program was being expanded. Patricia Denig responded that the grant for this year focuses on 4 different historic tourism map programs. She stated that the proposed grant will focus more on education and outreach.

Comm. Grewal asked what types of outreach programs would be taking place. Denig stated that with work from other historic district commissions throughout the County, there would be printed materials available. Denig added that the program is county wide.

Comm. Grewal asked if the plan was to hand the program over to other stakeholder groups to continue in the future. Denig responded that she feels a part of the program will remain with the County because the website is maintained by Washtenaw County. Denig stated that she does expect local historic district commissions to take more responsibility in expanding the program in the future.

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the application between the State of Michigan, Historic Preservation Grant Program and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$41,832 for the period of July 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008; 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: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Purchase of Development Rights Application**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the application between the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund/Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$4,524,000; 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: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Employment Training and Community Services:**

Comm. Grewal asked if the 2007 Jobs, Education, and Training Plan was being merged with the Work First program. Trena Rusher stated that it would be replacing work first as of this year.

Comm. Grewal asked if the program has a follow through component for the participants. Rusher stated that this program has a follow through component. She added that there is a time frame of 90 days after the participant leaves DHS.

Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the application between The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$74,758; for the period of October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007; 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: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Annual 2007 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program**

Comm. Grewal asked if \$50,000 was enough to meet the demand for the Weatherization Assistance Program or if more people could be served. Rusher stated that the money is significant, and introduced Aaron Kraft, Housing Program Coordinator.

Comm. Ouimet asked if more people come forward in extremely cold weather. Kraft responded they do. Comm. Ouimet asked how the change in number of applications impacts the program. Kraft stated that more of the actual work is done in warm weather.

Comm. Ouimet asked about the timeframe from the point the application is received until the point the work is completed. Kraft responded work can be started in a month to two months in participant households.

Comm. Ouimet asked what happens in priority cases. Kraft responded that if the people can be helped, they will be helped quickly.

Comm. Peterson asked Rusher if this model would be in place for all welfare recipients. Rusher responded that they would.

Comm. Peterson asked if governmental or non-profit entities would alter participation and funding. Rusher responded that it is dependent on partnerships with the organization.

Comm. Peterson added that self sufficiency is a key component in the program. Rusher added that data sharing is important to the success of the program. Comm. Peterson asked if success/failure could be reviewed and organizations participating with this person could be reviewed. Rusher responded that she could review the person and organizations.

Comm. Peterson stated that it is unfortunate that people suffer because departments in the County fail, and that all important measures are in place. He stated that getting a read on success is key to the program. He added that the weather would add to demand and data collection and is especially important as more people participate.

Comm. Ping Mills asked about the bidding process. Rusher stated that County, State, and Federal Guidelines are followed. Rusher stated that first, RFP's are received, the Workforce Development Board process than takes place, a contract is negotiated, and performance is tracked.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked how many employees are involved in weatherization. Kraft responded two. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked how many employees are involved in the Jobs, Education, and Training Plan. Rusher responded two.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked which programs are mandated. Rusher responded that the grant commits the County to both programs.

Comm. Schwartz asked if income grade is used as criteria to select participants. Rusher responded that it is, and added that for every dollar invested, a dollar and a half is saved.

Comm. Smith commented that data collection/analysis is important and that the Board could look at systemizing the process. Comm. Smith stated that he would like to see types of systems as well as costs analyzed.

Comm. Bergman stated that it sounds like the Board is interested in what waiting list programs, follow through programs, and data integration programs look like.

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution ratifying the Administrator's signature on the application between The Michigan Department of Human Services and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$191,716; for the period of January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007; 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: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

#### **Health Community of Interest:**

#### **Public Health:**

#### **Federal Food Stamp Nutrition Education Grant**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution from the Michigan State University Extension in the amount of \$33,524; for the period of October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007; authorizing the Administrator to sign the grant contract, amending the budget, and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

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

#### **Trail Court-Family Division:**

**Annual Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution ratifying the Administrator’s signature on the application between The Michigan Department of Human Services and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$28,221; for the period of April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008; 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: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Sheriff:**

**Annual Marine Services Grant**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution ratifying the Administrator’s signature on the application between The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Washtenaw County in the amount of \$187,798; for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award, and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 11. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

**Board of Commissioners:**

**Executive Session – Labor Relations**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Smith moved to enter Executive Session. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

**POAM Tentative Agreement Materials to be distributed at the meeting**

Ways and Means Committee meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Outmet moved to accept the POAM tentative agreement.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she is excited about an agreement being reached, and she thanked all involved in negotiations.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Comm. Smith). Motion carried.

**Report of the Administrator:**

None

**Report of the Chair of the Board**

None

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Irwin stated that there would be a five minute break between the Ways and Means session and the official Board of Commissioners meeting.

Curt Hedger explained how the new lighting system works in monitoring the five minutes given to each citizen in citizen participation.

**Citizen Participation**

Tom Partridge stated that he has an interest in governmental issues. He added that he feels that one of the biggest issues is open inspirational government. He questioned whether other organizations participate in a Ways and Means committee meeting. He criticized the Board and stated that he wanted all issues to be discussed publicly and openly. Mr. Partridge stated that he questions the concept of Agenda meetings and meetings held out of the public eye.

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

Comm. Lovejoy Roe thanked Partridge for his comments. She stated that there was still debate going on pertaining to where Leadership meetings will be held, and that she agrees completely with Mr. Partridge that all meetings should be in the public eye.

**Adjournment**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Gunn moved that the meeting be adjourned until February 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m..  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register  
By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: