



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 20, 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, Irwin, Ping Mills, Ouimet, Peterson, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore and Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comms. Grewal and Gunn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Robert Guenzel, Deputy County Administrators David Behen and Verna McDaniel, Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Peter Ballios, Finance; Dale Vanderford, Ken Schrader, Information Technology; Barbara Finch, Human Resources; Tony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Alan Isreal, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Mike Score, MSU Extension; Gordon Burger, Jim Zwolensky, Scott Patton, Support Services; Trena Rusher, ETCS; Kerry Sheldon, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

##### **Citizen Participation**

Bill Stein 1413 S. Zeeb, Scio Township, stated that he has rethought his position, and now feels that the Road Commission should be increased because of professional mismanagement. Stein added that the Commission has expanded in the last four years. He added that morale is at a 20 year low among employees of the Road Commission. Stein commented that there is little comfort with the current retiree health care program. He added that retirees should be returned to the original benefits they were promised. Stein added that serious action needs to take place. He suggested turning Road Commission HR over to the County.

Paul Heinrich 958 Wiltshire Dr., Saline, stated that the new and existing Commissioners need to be held accountable for their actions.

Denny Rash, Representative, Teamster Local 214, stated that negotiations have been difficult and that mediation is the next step. He added that his group finds it difficult to expand the commission at this time.

Tom Partridge stated that services need to be increased for the County's most vulnerable residents. He discussed comments made by Franklin D. Roosevelt that discredited the Hoover Administration. He added that more dollars should be spent on local governments. He added that a graduated, progressive tax is needed. He referenced a letter stating that transportation would be cut for handicapped residents. Partridge added that transportation should be increased for the most vulnerable residents.

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

None

A recess was called by Comm. Bergman, and the meeting was recessed at 6:46 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

##### **Report of the Administrator:**

###### **Economic Development Presentation**

Tony VanDerworp gave a presentation on Economic Development (On file in County Clerk's Office).

Comm. Smith stated that the concept is outstanding. He stated that there is already a strong team on the ground. He added that he looks forward to seeing more details. Comm. Smith stated that he wants to get moving on this. He asked if now is the right time to move forward on this. Michael Finney stated that on the topic of Pfizer, the community has been mobilized. He stated that talent is evaluated, and that ETCS and the state have been active. He added that less than 25% have accepted jobs elsewhere. He added that 29 organizations are offering support on this issue. He stated that there is potential, and that the same is true of quality of living and business development. Talent, quality of living, and economic development should be the order of resources.

Comm. Smith asked about the role of business innovation has in attracting new talent, and asked if we are moving in the right direction. Rusher stated that at a recent conference, there were a group of employers. She stated that she has heard a need for an increase in soft skills. She added that businesses are ready to invest in employees. She stated that the opportunity is great to take advantage of that opportunity. Comm. Smith asked how we integrate the development of industry in the County with urban-economic development. Score stated that the right leaders are needed to understand that vision. He stated that integrating agriculture back into the economy. He stated that there is work being done on this as well as a bio diesel initiative. He stated that in many places urban leaders do not understand the impact of agriculture on the economy.

Comm. Smith stated that one of the more attractive communities at this time is the City of Ypsilanti. He stated that the City of Ypsilanti is one of the hardest hit places in the County, and consideration must be given to bringing the right dynamic. VanDerworp stated that tax base growth per capita study was conducted by him on inner ring suburbs. He stated that 15% growth was seen in areas with an identifiable downtown. Finney stated that the regional innovation network can provide guidance on how to conduct economic development differently. He emphasized the impact of commuter lines in this region. Finney added that the idea of a regional innovation network is maximizing strengths to the benefit of an entire region. He stated that if a program such as SPARK were implemented, it could provide a very close tie with the City of Ann Arbor. He stated that this could be done on a pilot basis. He stated that this is a concept that can be built on over 15 or 20 years. Rusher stated that the private sector started to recruit the Pfizer talent, and that Canadian workers are starting to come in and compete in the area. Comm. Smith stated that a strong investment impacts neighboring governments in a positive way. He stated that this is an investment loop.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the "C" level chair is a prototype that would be able to be used through the State of Michigan. He stated that this is being done to avoid having to reinvent the wheel, and added that a 3-5 year recapture is being worked on as far as where the community is at given Pfizer's departure. Comm. Ouimet stated that there has been great public-private cooperation in the County. He added that this momentum should be maintained. He reported that it will be critical to stay focused on the task.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he hopes this extends to other communities. He stated that there is an opportunity to add to these communities. He thanked Rusher and stated that all of the presenters are doing a great job.

Comm. Irwin thanked the presenters and stated that the work being done in this field is great and that he hopes it will continue.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe discussed the issue of urban sprawl, and asked what can be done to find a funding source. Comm. Lovejoy Roe also stated that the use of the MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) funding source was a large problem. She stated that this is a huge blockade to getting housing and that she would like to see a turn around in the MSHDA investments.

Comm. Schwartz asked about the talent driven universe and what the talents are. Rusher stated that there are 3 pools of employee: the first is entric (new worker), the second is incumbent (currently working to keep up with global economy), and the third is highly skilled (highly challenged pool of talent). She stated that retooling the skilled worker is key. Comm. Schwartz asked if there is a need for higher education or more training. Rusher stated that all of this is needed. She stated that several Pfizer employees are taking advantage of programs offering education and training. She stated that cooperation exists between various entities to facilitate this. Comm. Schwartz stated he heard that Comerica Bank has claimed that Michigan is a poor state. He asked what is driving this downturn, and how the Board can address this. Finney stated that talent follows opportunity and quality of life. He added that the challenge is sought after job opportunities. He stated that a labor market assessment is being done to take a look at these needs. He stated that the "C" level talent is the most sought after. He stated that the state needs to focus on being business friendly. Comm. Schwartz stated that he agrees, and added that it seems nearly impossible given the actions in Lansing regarding a business tax. He stated that labor is cheaper, but that he does not want to forget about old infrastructure that has been set up by government. He stated that he wanted to keep focus on things that can be done.

Comm. Peterson thanked the presenters and the efforts of SPARK. He commented that in terms of involvement, he would like to see strong presence with the private sector. He added that he hopes the presence goes beyond two or three years. He stated cooperation between government and business is important. He stated that entry level needs to be looked at as well as the other groups. Comm. Peterson stated that location of businesses needs to be discussed in the message. He reported that more than entry level jobs are needed in the long term. He stated that economic development in the eastern side of the County, and the entire County is important. He added that discussion needs to take place on how people engage. He stated that he feels these things are possible. He added that he would like to see a scale to measure progress.

Comm. Peterson stated that government should make businesses feel comfortable, and thanked the presenters for the work that has gone into economic development. Finney stated that economic development is downstream from where things get started. He added that this starts at the level of educational opportunities. He stated that the focus should be building on a knowledge based economy. He stated that a better job has to be done at the educational level. He stated that good projects have come out of SPARK. Finney commented that 40 start up business are being worked with this year. He added that entrepreneurs need resources. He stated that a long term commitment must be considered.

Comm. Bergman thanked the presenters and stated that urban areas must be viable. She stated that federal laws that allow sprawl forever need to be changed. She added that no child left behind is the potential downfall of schools. She stated that legislators should be urged to move these measures. Comm. Bergman stated that some things are being down with agriculture and that Score is doing a great job. Score stated that it is important to have integrated workers. He added that the exciting thing is finding out where they are before throwing away resources. He added only 1% of all farm products are sold directly to the customer.

Comm. Peterson asked about the assessment of where the County is regarding different types of jobs. He stated that the future is important to think about, and that a form of tracking is needed. Rusher stated that ETCS has been looking at market information. She stated that a firm has been selected and that there will be a much better handle on developments in the area. She added that the business community has been used to get a handle on the talent portal. She reported that a system modeled after New York may be close.

Comm. Peterson stated that he hopes the strategy that is used includes this. He stated that modeling this systems and using it for the years to come can be used to evaluate future success.

Comm. Bergman mentioned Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow has been working on an entrepreneurial program.

Guenzel stated that U of M and Eastern Michigan Universities have stepped up. He stated that this needs to be a long term plan.

### **Humane Society Presentation**

Kerry Sheldon and Tanya Hilgendorf gave a presentation on the Humane Society (On file in County Clerk's Office).

Comm. Bergman stated that if the County does not step up, the County will have to build a euthanasia center. Comm. Bergman added that the humane society will treat the animals favorably.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the Board has an obligation to live up to their end of the bargain. He stated that good management and leadership needs to be in place, and seems to be in place. He added that it will be subordinate or junior liens placed while the County was holding title. Guenzel stated that this is his understanding. Comm. Ouimet stated animals are important in the family setting.

Comm. Sizemore asked if townships and cities have a standard for kennel licenses. Hedger stated that he believes every township is different. McClary stated that Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township have their own ordinance on the issue, and that the rest of the County falls under the State law. She added that when 10 or more dogs are owned a kennel license is required. Comm. Sizemore asked if townships work with the shelter to reduce the number of strays. McClary stated that the cities and townships are autonomous. Tanya Hilgendorf stated that they have not worked independently with governmental bodies. She stated that governmental bodies are occasionally dealt with in special circumstances such as cruelty cases. Comm. Sizemore stated that he will support this because this is a good cause.

Comm. Schwartz thanked the presenters and added that there appears to be strong support in the neighborhood of the proposed shelter.

Comm. Irwin stated that the County and Humane Society have had a positive relationship over the years. He stated that the amount of money nearby counties are spending is because of the lack of a positive relationship with the humane society. He stated that he appreciates the presentation, and that he supports moving forward.

Comm. Ping Mills stated that she appreciated the presentation. She asked about the basis of the \$1 million being pulled from capital reserves. Guenzel stated that originally the humane society expected more, but due to other needs the figure of \$1 million was reached, and that the humane society is happy about this amount. Comm. Ping Mills asked about the repayment schedule on the bond. Guenzel stated that this is a typical bond measure, and that about \$1.5 million would have to be paid back yearly. Comm. Ping Mills stated that she was supporting this.

Comm. Smith stated that he is having trouble locating the statutory obligation being referenced. Hedger referred to the dog law of 1919. Comm. Smith stated that he would like to see this language. He added that he would like to know about the obligation of other governmental entities. Hedger stated that he does not believe there is a mandated obligation to handle strays. Comm. Smith asked if there has been outreach to cities. Sheldon stated that this has not been done because of the statutory obligation.

Comm. Smith stated that local governments should be explored for having obligations. He asked about the tradition of bonding for non profit facilities. Guenzel stated this has been done for SafeHouse and the Delonis Center. Guenzel stated that they are similar deals. He stated that there would be a strong deed restriction. He stated that this is for a public purpose, and that is why this is being suggested. Comm. Smith stated that it will be necessary to revisit the capital reserve schedule.

Comm. Smith asked if Jim Zwolensky has been involved in this project. Guenzel stated that he as been on the fringes, but that the current plan is to turn this over to the humane society. Comm. Smith asked about the operating costs increasing, and stated that this is an area to look into partnerships. He stated that it is important to determine the obligation and reach out to other governmental bodies. Comm. Smith stated that this should be something that goes beyond the Washtenaw County budget.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked what percentage of animals that come into the shelter are euthanized. Hilgendorf responded that approximately 35% are euthanized. She added that a stray must be held for 4-7 days. Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that Ypsilanti Township paid for the Sheriff, but that they have backed off when it was found that this was a County obligation. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about raising \$1.5 million to pay the bond yearly. Hilgendorf stated that this is based on past efforts, and the campaign that has been waged. Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that the Humane Society has done a great job over the years. She stated that helping the animals goes hand in hand with the people.

Comm. Irwin stated that wild and other animals are lumped in with strays totaling over \$800,000+. Comm. Irwin stated that the Humane Society has put together a fair proposal.

Comm. Peterson asked if the Humane Society has collected \$6.5 million in pledges. Hilgendorf responded that there are currently \$2.5 million in pledges. Comm. Peterson stated that he is an animal lover and supports the work of the Humane Society.

#### **New Business:**

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

#### **Washtenaw Health Plan:**

#### **Intergovernmental Transfers for Disproportionate Share (DSH)**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing an annual intergovernmental transfer of funds to the State of Michigan for the purpose of participating in the financing of the non-federal share of DSH payments made under the indigent care agreement pool to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System be adopted.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about the backdating of this contract. Ellen Rabinowitz stated that the State plan imposed new rules on the expenditures. She stated that this item is being put forward to bring the County into compliance. She added that every year the agreement is re-entered. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked if this agreement comes back to the Board yearly. Guenzel stated that this would not have to be changed until new regulations come into play.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

#### **Washtenaw Community Health Organization:**

#### **Position Creation for WCHO**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the creation of one (1) 1.0 FTE position to be leased to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization be adopted.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked whether this position could be filled on a contractual basis. Guenzel responded that the operation is so large that a permanent position is needed.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Land Use & Environment Community of Interest:**

**Employment Training and Community Services:**

**Annual Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Youth & Dislocated Workers Program**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) adult, dislocated worker, and youth plans in the total amount of \$2,731,894 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for ETCS; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant awards; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Annual Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Incentive Grant**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) incentive grant for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$23,922; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant award; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Annual Community Services Block Grant**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz 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 2007 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), in the amount of \$924,781 for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 for ETCS; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant award; approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**2007 Michigan Works System Plan**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Michigan Works! System Plan with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for ETCS be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Annual Summer Food Service Program**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS application to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for the 2007 Summer Food Service program for children in the amount of \$135,500 for the period of June 11, 2007 through August 24, 2007; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts; and approving the budget be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2007 Trade Adjustment Assistance program in the amount of \$118,001 for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 for the Employment Training and Community Services Department; authorizing the County Administrator to sign notice of grant awards; amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**CSBG – D Discretionary Funds Grant**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS application to the Department of Human Services CSBG-D grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts; and approving the budget be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**CSBG-M Migrant Health Education Grant**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS application to the Department of Human Services for migrant health education in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of June 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate service contracts; and approving the budget be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

**Planning and Environment:**

**Wind Power Budget Adjustment**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator, upon review of Corporation Counsel through a formal bidding process to perform an investment grade wind study, including purchasing meteorological towers for the amount of \$86,000 which will come from unearmarked reserve funds to the Department of Planning and Environment's budget be adopted.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she would not support the wind power resolution because of reasons she has already brought to the floor.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he has not been contacted to discuss cost sharing or reimbursement that could potentially be involved in this project. Comm. Ouimet asked if some of the up front investment could be recouped. VanDerworp stated that approximately 30-40% is the best estimate at this time.

Comm. Ping Mills asked about risk exposure and if there's an option for another entity to purchase the used equipment. VanDerworp reported that this would be something looked for in the RFP process.

Comm. Schwartz stated that after 6 months the plug can be pulled, and this should be in the RFP. Comm. Irwin asked about potential economic development efforts tied to this program. He stated that farmers are having success locating wind power on their property.

Comm. Irwin asked about what could be expected by farmers if turbines are located on their land. Joshua Long stated that \$2,000 to \$4,000 could be expected for each turbine.

Comm. Peterson stated that challenges were not fully considered by the previous Board. He stated that this is a speculative business venture. He added that this is risky because there are no goals, partners, or investors. Comm. Peterson stated that goals for this project were not set. He stated that if there were a guarantee of no layoffs of three to five years, he would feel more comfortable with supporting this measure.

Comm. Peterson stated that he is interested on how the rail system will be funded. He stated that he that he has not seen an effort to make this more of a private entity project. He stated that he looks at the importance of the issue of low cost heating and energy when making funding decisions. Comm. Peterson stated that this project is only about a study at this time. He stated that he hopes for a direction on maintaining basic County services in difficult times, and maintaining quality of life. He added that speculating is risky at this time.

Comm. Smith seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to table the Wind Power Budget Adjustment until the Ways and Means meeting scheduled for July 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 5. NAYS: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Ping Mills, Schwartz, and Sizemore) ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion tabled.

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

##### **Prosecuting Attorney:**

##### **Annual 2008 Cooperative Reimbursement Program**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on an application with the Michigan Department of Human Services for cooperative reimbursement funds for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 in the amount of \$798,567; \$271,513 in local match and \$527,054 in state and federal funds be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

#### **Trial Court: Friend of the Court**

##### **Annual 2008 Cooperative Reimbursement Program**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the application for the FY 2008 Title IV-D cooperative reimbursement agreement with the Michigan Department of Human Services, Office of the Child Support, for the Friend of the Court in an amount not to exceed \$3,678,028 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

#### **Support Services Community of Interest:**

##### **Finance:**

##### **Setting the 2007 County Operating Millage Rate**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution setting the 2007 Washtenaw County general operating millage rate at 4.5493 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

#### **Infrastructure and Planning:**

##### **Transferring Properties to WCHO**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the sale of County owned properties located at 10865 N. Territorial, Dexter and 3600 Cherrywood Lane, Ann Arbor to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO) for a sale price of each property of \$1; authorizing the County Administrator with oversight by the County's Corporation Counsel to take all necessary action to implement such sales be adopted.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about transferring properties to WCHO, and asked if it were possible to add a provision stating that if WCHO sells these properties, some funds could be returned back to the County. Hedger stated that this option could be investigated. Comm. Bergman stated that the amount of rent and repairs have paid for the houses many times over due to repairs and rent.

Comm. Ouimet stated that substantial improvements have been made to keep two of the homes up to standards. He stated that a right of refusal at price sold could be added.

Guenzel suggested passing the item at Ways and Means and holding off on passing it at the regular Board meeting to allow for more discussion to take place.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

#### **Board of Commissioners:**

##### **Boarding Out Policy**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution adopting a policy to govern the boarding of inmates at correctional facilities other than the Washtenaw County jail be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Comms. Grewal and Gunn). Motion carried.

##### **Report of the Chair of the Board**

None

##### **Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Lovejoy Roe discussed the treatment she felt she received at the recent court ordered non-binding mediation.

Comm. Irwin responded to some of the issues that were raised.

##### **Citizen Participation**

Alan Israel stated that the size of the Road Commission has been an issue for many years. He stated that the question is what is the cost of representative government worth and added that he supports the increase of the Road Commission.

##### **Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

Comm. Smith stated that he appreciated that point. He stated that the Road Commission budget is increasing by \$10 million next year. He stated that the budget would be increased by 5% of 1/44 if the Road Commission is expanded to five members. He added that the Board of Commissioners sets salaries of the Road Commissioners.

##### **Pending**

None

##### **Adjournment**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved that the meeting be adjourned until July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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

APPROVED: