WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

September 17, 2008

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, Ouimet, Peterson, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Dale Vanderford, Jim Zwolensky, Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Kari Dorr, Prosecuting Attorney's office; Mark Lindke, Veterans Services; Marc Breckenridge, Dave Halteman, Emergency Management; Donna Sabourin, CSTS; Tony VanDerworp, Planning and Environment; Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Judy Kramer, Risk Management; Diane Heidt, Barb Finch, Human Resources; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; Ken Schrader, ITS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Ms. Bauer asked that Dave Shirley continue to work with the staff at the Sheriff's Department. She added that she was unhappy with the potential for a move in work location.

Tom Partridge stated that he would like to see services expanded for older adults.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
Comm. Bergman stated that she is concerned that individuals/clients who rely on the County for LLRC services continue to get chances to enjoy a full and meaningful life.

Comm. Irwin thanked Ms. Bauer for her presentation.

New Business:

Public Safety & Justice Community of Interest:

Sheriff:

Annual Secondary Road Patrol Grant
Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety and Planning, for the continuation of the Sheriff's Department Secondary Road Patrol program, in the amount of $267,912 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping). Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney:

Annual Crime Victim Rights Program
Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving a contract with the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in the amount of $159,100 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping). Motion carried.

Trial Court:

CASA – Jewelers for Children Grant
Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to ratify the submission of a grant application to the National CASA Association Jewelers for Children Grant program to continue to expand the Washtenaw County CASA program be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping). Motion carried.

Economic Development Community of Interest:

ETCS:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – Disability Program Navigator (DPN)
Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS Program Year (PY) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 2008 Disability Program Navigator (DPN) initiative plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) in the amount of $10,000 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign the delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping). Motion carried.

Administrator

Reaffirming the 2009 Budget
Bob Guenzel gave the presentation on the 2009 Budget Reaffirmation (on file in County Clerk's office). Discussion followed (on file in County Clerk's office – Log attached to Ways and Means packet filing).

Transfer of Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (LBPD)
Comm. Schwartz seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the transfer of the Library of the Blind and Physically Disabled to the Ann Arbor District Library be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 1 (Comm. Peterson) ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Gunn, and Ping). Motion carried.

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Irwin reported that there would be a no break before the start of the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None

Citizen Participation
Nancy Heine 214 S. Washington, Ypsilanti, President of the Supervisors union, discussed the budget reaffirmation. She discussed employee reclassification and layoff numbers for union and non-union employees.

Caryette Fenner, President Local 2733, stated that she is concerned with the way positions are being eliminated. She reported on activities of members of her union and reported that they are taking on extra duties and trying not to impact customer service. Fenner added that this may not be possible with additional job cuts.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked Administration to get input from the heads of both unions.

Comm. Sizemore stated that it looks like upper management is in tact and added that he would like to see more cuts at the top.

Pending
None

Adjournment
Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved that the meeting be adjourned until October 1st, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____
Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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

APPROVED: 10/1/08