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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

October 15, 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, Grewal, Gunn, Irwin, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz,

Sizemore, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and

David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Janis Bobrin, Drain Commissioner; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Dale Vanderford, Jennifer Watson, James McFarlane, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Dick Fleece, Jeff Krcmarik, Planning and Environment; Ellen Clement, Public Health; Trenda Rusher, Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Derrick Jackson, Jim Dries, 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 would like to extend thanks for Commissioners responding to e-mails and cell phone calls with regards to Road Commission issues.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Gunn thanked all representatives of the Road Commission for coming this evening and for their kind words.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he appreciated the time that employees at the Road Commission taking time to discuss their issues

Comm. Lovejoy Roe thanked Road Commission employees for attending this evening.

New Business:

Jeff Krcmarik and Janis Bobrin presented the environmental excellence awards (contained in resolution to be adopted at the Board of Commissioners meeting).

Youth Programming presentation (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Sizemore stated that the program in West Willow and the program in Lake Shore are pilot programs. He stated that Commissioners that would like more information can ask him. He thanked participants in these programs.

Comm. Bergman thanked all for participating in these children's services programs. She added that she pledges whatever she can in these budget constraints. Comm. Bergman asked all Commissioners to keep a broad consideration of all of these programs. She stated that some court programs may allow for integration.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the number of departments touched is impressive. He thanked Comm. Sizemore for stepping up on this issue. He added that he is impressed by the job done by 4-H.

Comm. Ping thanked all participants for their effort. She thanked all for continuing support for 4-H.

Comm. Grewal stated that she thanks all participants. She stated that the entire group coming together helps tie youth programs together. She added that she is impressed by the County commitment to these programs.

Comm. Sizemore thanked Joanna Bidlack for helping to put this presentation together. He also asked for Career Jam volunteers.

Comm. Smith stated that where we play as children has a dramatic impact on who we become as adults. He added that all involved in these programs should be commended for their effort.

Economic Development Community of Interest:

ETCS:

Annual Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Senior Nutrition)

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS third year contract addendum for federal and state funding with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Congregate Meals program and Home-Delivered Meals program) for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; in the amount of \$1,143,083 which continues funding for the implementation of the multi-year plan approved by the Commissioners on July 5, 2006 by resolution number 06-0138; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate and lease contracts be adopted.

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

Land Use & Environment Community of Interest:

Environmental Health:

Annual Environmental Health Services Contract

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Washtenaw County Administrator on the contract between the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Washtenaw County Department of Planning & Environment for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in the amount of \$78,509 be adopted.

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

Support Services Community of Interest:

Human Resources:

Collective Bargaining Agreement-Police Officers Association of Michigan

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) and Washtenaw County for the five year period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012 be adopted.

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

Report of the County Administrator

A. County Finance Update

Guenzel reported on the Pension Funding Summary (on file in County Clerk's office). Heidt reported that retirement boards are working with their investment consultants.

Comm. Ouimet reported that it is important for all to be aware that the numbers are still better than market. He added that the County has an obligation to communicate where we are at and how the programs are put together.

Comm. Ouimet reported that he would be willing to sit down with members of the board to go over matrixes for the MPPP and WCERS boards.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked is they can still stay in the WCERS system. Heidt reported that if an employee is not vested than they have to remove the money in a given timeframe.

Comm. Ouimet reported that money can be rolled over with no tax penalty. Guenzel reported that the sale of the VEBA Trust Certificates could be done in a timeframe of six to nine months. Hedger reported that he could get a more firm answer.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked if the market is still the same or if the Board should wait. Guenzel reported that the opinion is to wait at this time.

McClary stated that the Board has been very supportive of supporting mortgage foreclosure protection programs. She discussed the fear of banks in loaning money to other banks. McClary stated that cash investments are sound and safe and have been safeguarded. McClary reported on the portfolio as well as the housing markets. She reported that there are long term investments in the portfolio. She stated the Public Act 20 allows for investment in commercial paper, band CD's, money markets, and pool investments. She reported on other agencies in which the County may invest. She stated that she has a ladder portfolio or out on the yield curve. She stated that she scrutinized the assets of banks about 18 months ago. McClary added that she looks at the long term outlook of agencies (commercial paper) as well as making sure that the commercial paper is rated in the top two tiers. She stated that she began reducing bank holdings about six months ago. McClary reported that she will begin placing CD's up to the insured amount of \$250,000. She stated that as of 9/30, one half of funds were in U.S. Treasuries or agencies. McClary discussed investments as a function of percentage of the portfolio. She stated that as of August, \$4.6 million was made in interest. She stated that there will be less interest income coming in. She stated that as long as foreclosures continue than property value will decline. She thanked the Board for their support. She distributed packet to the Board (on file in County Clerk's office). She stated that she received an award from MSU Extension for being a key partner in mortgage foreclosure prevention.

B. RFP Vendor Preference Discussion

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to table the RFP Vendor Preference discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Report of the Chair of the Board

Comm. Irwin reported that there would be a ten minute break before the start of the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Ping asked if a discussion could be held on November 5th regarding Police Services Contracts. Comm. Irwin stated that a report can be given on the outcome of the Police Services Steering Committee meeting on November 5th. He added that he is not sure that this is the appropriate time to take official action.

Citizen Participation

Richard DeLong stated that he feels that Doug Fuller is a good recommendation for the Road Commission. He added that Fuller has a background in gravel roads and construction.

Tom Partridge stated that he calls on everyone to elect Barack Obama and write in his name. He stated that western Washtenaw County has fallen behind in recent years.

Wes Prater stated that this financial situation may present an opportunity for pay for performance when dealing with investment consultants.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Pending

None

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APPROVED:

Comm. Lovejoy Roe seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the meeting be adjourned until November 5th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.	
	Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk	