



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

November 5, 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, Gunn, Ouimet, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Grewal, Irwin, and Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Dale Vanderford, Jennifer Watson, James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Roberta Allen, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Patricia Denig, Dick Fleece, Planning and Environment; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; David Halteman, Emergency Management; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Angela Tabor, Ypsilanti Township, stated that she does not feel that the union interest was totally met with regards to the budget reaffirmation. She requested that the Board of Commissioners table the budget item once more.

Nancy Heine, 214 S. Washington, Ypsilanti, President of the Supervisors Union stated that she thanks Bob Guenzel for discussion with unions regarding the budget affirmation. She reported that she still has many concerns and cannot support the plan as it is now.

Tom Partridge stated that he applauds successful local and national candidates. He added that he urges elected officials to give attention to people losing their homes. Partridge stated that homelessness needs to be ended.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None

New Business:

Economic Development Community of Interest:

Support Services Community of Interest:

Facilities Management

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign the contract with allied building service company of Detroit, Inc. for the purpose of providing general construction services to assist Washtenaw County with renovations, remodels, and maintenance of existing facilities on an as needed basis in accordance with request for proposal (RFP) 6417 for a two year period with the option to renew for an additional year be adopted.

Comm. Ouimet seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to table the motion until the next regular Ways & Means Meeting. Roll call vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 5 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, and Schwartz) ABSENT: 3. Motion failed.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 4 NAYS: 4 (Comms. Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz and Sizemore) ABSENT: 3. Motion failed.

Report of the Administrator

A. RFP Vendor Preference Discussion

Local Vendor Preference presented by Curt Hedger. Hedger discussed cases that had fallen on both sides of the issue. He stated that these preferences are often challenged under the privileges and immunities clause and equal protection.

Comm. Ping asked about possibly drafting a policy.

Comm. Gunn stated that she does not want to open this can of worms. Hedger stated that he would not be surprised to see more of these local vendor preference challenges due to the economy.

Comm. Ping seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to direct Corporation Counsel to draft a policy on local vendor preference pertaining to construction.

Comm. Smith stated that it is important to recognize that this is a metropolitan economy. He stated that he feels that the mission is appropriate. Comm. Smith asked if thing intangible in nature can be stated in the current policy. He added that a design for the RFP process can be done. Hedger stated that the current language does allow some flexibility.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 6 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Ouimet, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith)
ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Grewal, Irwin, and Peterson). Motion failed.

Report of the Chair of the Board

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

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Citizen Participation

Caryette Fenner, 2733, stated that discussion took place on the proposed janitorial positions. She stated that she would like to be given more information. Fenner reported on position eliminations.

Tom Partridge stated that he would like to see priority in employment given to Washtenaw County residents.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Pending

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned until November 19th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: