



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

December 3, 2008

Chair Bergman called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, Sizemore, and Smith.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Jennifer Watson, James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Tony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ben Toole, ITS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Citizen Participation

Brenda Stumbo asked the Board of Commissioners to approve the proposed 2% increase in the police services contract for two years. She stated that she would like to Board to do 2% for two years rather than one.

Tom Partridge stated that he would like to Board to request that the U.S. government bring about necessary reforms and funding for essential services.

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

None

#### New Business:

Steve Purri gave a brief update on Road Commission maintenance (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Judge asked about winter maintenance guidelines in 2008/2009. Purri reported that nothing has changed from the past.

Comm. Ouimet reported that he distributed a Road Commission Snow Emergency Plan to each Commissioner mailbox. Purri reported that a meeting has taken place with MDOT on snow emergencies.

Comm. Peterson stated that it is important for citizens to know the status of their roads. He added that the contractual status of maintenance with the State also needs to be communicated.

Comm. Peterson stated that he would like to Road Commission to set up a hotline.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he understands that if an accident takes place that the State Police calls the Road Commission. He asked for the procedure after getting the call from the State Police. Purri reported that the Road Commission has a policy in place that has approved by MDOT and added that the Road Commission would go out and assist law enforcement. Purri reported that the Road Commission would be working during snow.

Comm. Smith asked Purri to track costs of continuing to clear Roads after they are pulled.

Comm. Prater asked if the MDOT contracts are annual. Purri reported that they are five year contracts. Comm. Prater asked if the Road Commission could stop doing MDOT roads if conditions are not met. Purri reported that there are financial implications and advance notice required. Comm. Prater stated that there needs to be discussion with MDOT and dialogue with state legislatures.

#### Economic Development Community of Interest:

#### ETCS:

**2008/2009 Department of Human Services (DHS) Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the 2008/2009 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Weatherization Assistance and Client Education program application to the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) in the amount of \$182,750 for the period of November 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 for ETCS; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

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

**Office of Strategic Planning:**

**Amending the Brownfield Plan – 2800 Jackson**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the proposed amendment to the Brownfield plan for Washtenaw County approving tax increment financing for the “2800 Jackson” Brownfield Redevelopment project in the City of Ann Arbor be adopted.

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

**Amending the Brownfield Plan – Maple Shoppes**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the proposed amendment to the Brownfield plan for Washtenaw County approving tax increment financing for the “Maple Shoppes” Brownfield Redevelopment project in the City of Ann Arbor be adopted.

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

**Amending the Brownfield Plan – 601 Forest, LLC – Green Urban Living**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the proposed amendment to the Brownfield plan for Washtenaw County approving tax increment financing for the “601 Forest, LLC – Green Urban Living” Brownfield Redevelopment project in the City of Ann Arbor be adopted.

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

**Survey & Remonumentation Grant**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2009 Remonumentation program in the amount of \$104,899; appointing a County Grant Administrator and County Representative; authorizing the Grant Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

**Community-wide Hazardous and Petroleum Substances Assessment Grant**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator’s signature on an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Community-wide Hazardous and Petroleum Substances Assessment grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

**Health Community of Interest:**

**Community Support and Treatment Services:**

**Three Year Lease at 2051 S. State Street**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign a lease with State Street Enterprises, L.L.C., for space located at 2051 South State St. Suite #1, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 and Washtenaw County for the Community Support and Treatment Services Department for the period of thirty six months from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011 be adopted.

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

**Support Services Community of Interest:**

**Information Technology:**

**Washtenaw Educational Telecommunications System Consortium Agreement**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the Washtenaw Educational Telecommunications System Consotium Agreement for the period of five years with the option to renew be adopted.

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

Jerry Clayton reported on his new Administrative team. Clayton stated that he concentrated on leadership competence in making his selections. He added that he looked for competence on specific areas of operation. Clayton stated that the Sheriff's office needs to take a strong leadership role in the community. He reported that an assessment of the organization will take place. Clayton stated that strategic goals will be established. Clayton gave a short presentation (on file).

Comm. Sizemore asked about reaching out to other counties and other areas of the country that may have some of the same problems as Washtenaw County. Clayton reported that there may be different approaches that fit Washtenaw County and added that solutions to some of the problems may be outside the borders of Washtenaw County.

Comm. Smith stated that communication has been a challenge over the last few years. He stated that the Board would like to keep that door open. Comm. Smith asked about the general outlook of the Sheriff's budget and the general approach to budget management. Clayton reported that he can guarantee efficient operations. He stated that there are opportunities to reduce the cost of doing business. He stated that opportunities should be sought out in contracts. Clayton stated that he does not want to jeopardize public safety due to cost. Comm. Smith stated that tracking ongoing costs is going to be very important to the Board. He stated that constant communications with County budget staff is important.

Comm. Ouimet stated that Commissioners can be called on to help implement plans. He stated that he wants to do anything that can be done to accomplish the objective.

**Office of the Administrator:**  
**VEBA Update**

**Report of the Chair of the Board**

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

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**  
None

**Citizen Participation**  
None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**  
None

**Pending**  
None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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

APPROVED: 1/7/09