COUNTY 1826

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

March 4, 2009

Chair Smith 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, 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; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Jennifer Watson, Dale Vanderford, James McFarlane, Andy Brush, Dave Shirley, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Anthony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Strategic Planning; Mary Jo Callan, Jennifer Hall, Community Development; Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Services; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Mark Breckenridge, Emergency Management; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ken Schrader, ITS; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Department; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jim Dries, Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens;

and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None

New Business:

Housing and Homelessness Community of Interest:

Community Development:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2008-09 Neighborhood Stabilization program (NSP) Grant in the amount of \$3,024,719; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budgets; and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts be adopted.

Mary Jo Callan and Jennifer Hall gave a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Bergman asked what is backstopping a person from going through the same cycle after going through the program. Hall reported that the program has different types of criteria and that there are strict limits on the amount spent on housing based on the amount earned. She reported that down payment assistance is also provided. Comm. Bergman asked how the down payment help is paid back. Hall reported that a second lien is placed on the house and a portion of earned equity is paid back at time of sale. She reported that if a home loses value than it may not be necessary to pay anything back.

Comm. Judge stated that she feels this program is tangible. She asked how many homes may be helped. Hall reported that the estimate is 45 to 50 homes.

Comm. Irwin asked how money that goes toward paying off the down payment assistance is directed. Hall reported that the door has been left open at this point. Comm. Irwin asked about the rental piece of the program. Hall reported that there are not many multi family homes in foreclosure. She stated that they have talked to HUD about getting a deed in

lieu of foreclosure. Comm. Irwin asked if any of the properties are non-profit. Hall reported that two are privately owned and the other is non-profit. She reported that non-profit entities would be purchasing these for the deed in lieu of foreclosure. Hall reported that Community Development is partnering with MISHDA on this project. Callan reported that Community Development is trying not to hire additional staff if possible. She added that she believes a half time employee can be funded. Callan reported that CDBG dollars that typically come in will still be coming in and that these funds can go to the highest need areas.

Comm. Ouimet asked if the owner wants to take out an additional equity line. Hall reported that guidelines were recently established preventing this practice. Comm. Ouimet asked what happens if values continue to drop. Hall reported that the lien will probably not be recovered at that point. Hall reported that she feels that there is more risk on the owner side than on the rental. She reported that standards are stricter on the rental side. Comm. Ouimet asked what kind of cap rate is being used. Hall reported that none is being used. Comm. Ouimet asked about seeing the value of the property. Hall reported that appraisals are done based on income. Comm. Ouimet stated that getting a third party appraisal is doing due diligence.

Comm. Ping asked how members of the Urban County are chosen. Callan reported that local jurisdictions can opt in. She stated that the Urban County and Community Development are looking to recruit more members. Comm. Gunn stated that Supervisors or their designees are representative.

Comm. Schwartz asked if the bank needs to own the property for demolition. Hall reported that it is going to be very dependent on code enforcement in the jurisdiction.

Comm. Peterson stated that he appreciates limiting the dollars being used on administration. Comm. Peterson asked if dollars would be coming back if a land bank is established. Callan stated that the Board would authorize the land bank. Comm. Peterson asked if this will be it for funding. Callan reported that she anticipates additional funds through the NSP. Comm. Peterson stated that he hopes that communications and public comments can be increased through this process.

Comm. Bergman asked how banks can be prevented from pocketing money. Hall reported that Key Bank is the most on the hook for funds. Comm. Smith stated that he would like to see money leveraged to its maximum effect.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Support Services Community of Interest:

Office of Strategic Planning:

Ann Arbor Region Success "Big Ideas" Grant

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the "Big Ideas" grant application to the Ann Arbor Community Foundation for the Ann Arbor Region Success Strategy in the amount of \$306,480 for the period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2011; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Brownfield Redevelopment Project Application Fees

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the proposed increase to Brownfield redevelopment application fees be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Human Resources:

2008-2009 Worker's Compensation Excess Insurance Coverage

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution accepting an offer for excess insurance coverage for Worker's Disability Compensation for the 2009-2010 period be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Shared Services Initiative

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the policy regarding implementation of shared service agreements with the local units of government and County agencies be adopted.

Comm. Judge seconded by Comm. Prater moved to make the following amendment to the policy:

II. General Guidelines, Item C., delete "when an amendment to the original contract is necessary."

Motion accepted as friendly.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Facilities Management:

Vendor Pools for Construction/Renovation Services

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution establishing two separate vendor pools of three companies each for the County's general construction and electrical services work and authorizing the County Administrator to sign contracts with those companies recommended by staff to complete those vendor pools be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Land Use & Environment Community of Interest:

Department of Public Works:

Water Quality Monitoring for Cylindrospermopsis

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the period of April 21, 2009 through December 31, 2009; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Public Safety & Justice Community of Interest:

Sheriff:

Annual Marine Safety Grant

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution requesting the ratification of the County Administrator's signature on the application to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, for the 2009 Marine Safety Grant program for one year, beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009, in the total program amount of \$184,088; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; and authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Trial Court - Juvenile Division

Annual Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator and the electronic submission of the application of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program to the State of Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$22,094 for the period April 1, 209 through March 31, 2010; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amend the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 (Comms. Irwin, Peterson, Schwartz, and Sizemore). Motion carried.

Report of the Administrator:

Revenue Projection Update

Bob Guenzel reported on the Financial State of the County (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Bergman stated that she would like to see services being provided to outside agencies included in future reports. Comm. Bergman asked if general roaming road patrol should be included. Guenzel reported that he would like to work with the Sheriff on this because of the one year extension for police services.

Comm. Ouimet stated that it may be good to get an idea of the statutory obligation of the movement of cash in order to get cash as soon as possible.

Comm. Peterson asked what is being done right now in terms of saving. He stated that he would like to deal with some of this pain early. He stated that a committee made up of Board members could make recommendations to the Board. Guenzel stated that a report can be brought back to the next meeting.

Comm. Prater stated that he would like to see the remaining \$32 million in general fund dollars included in the document.

Stimulus Process Update

McDaniel reported on the Stimulus and presented a memo (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Judge asked how the Board fits into this picture. McDaniel reported that it will have to flow with the normal Board resolution process.

Comm. Bergman stated that some elasticity will have to be granted on the Administrator on signing grant applications.

Comm. Irwin stated that he would like to see grant applications get out the door if they need to get out the door. He added that the Board can always deny acceptance of an award.

Comm. Schwartz asked if there is a policy on how stimulus dollars will be treated in the revenue stream. Guenzel stated that he would like to bring this back to the Board.

Comm. Smith stated that flexibility is important on the application side. He added that information could be sent to the Board if grants have to go out in a hurry.

Report of the Chair of the Board

Budget Community Engagement

Comm. Smith presented a draft Community Forms document (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Smith reported that Diane Heidt will be coming to the Administration Briefing to discuss benefits and stated that Commissioners should attend.

Comm. Smith added that the presentation from Administration is a tool and not a policy. He stated that patience will be important through the stimulus program and staff requests on the budget.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Judge thanked Joanna Bidlack for the work done on setting up Commissioner tours. She added that she appreciates the dedication of County employees.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that it should be a violation of the code of ethics to for an elected official to serve as a party chair.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation None	
Pending None	
Adjournment Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Ouimet moved th Motion carried.	at the meeting be adjourned until March 18 th , 2009 at 6:30 p.m
The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.	
	Conan Smith, Chair
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk	
APPROVED: 3/18/09	