COUNTY BOOK

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

April 1, 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. Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, Sizemore, and

Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Bergman

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; Janis Bobrin, Water Resources Commissioner; Jennifer Watson, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Peter Collinson, Finance; Patricia Denig, Melissa Milton-Pung, Strategic Planning; Ellen Clement, Public Health; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Office; Richard Fleece, Environmental Services; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ben Toole, ITS; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and

members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that residents on the west side of the County need a transportation system that serves everyone. He added that affordable health care services are also needed.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

None

New Business:

Comm. Sizemore presented the Proclamation honoring the Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for "100 Years of Unquestionable Excellence."

Paul Darling, Historic District Commission, presented the Historic District Commission Preservation Awards.

Carla Sledge, Former President, Government Finance Officers Association, presented the Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Washtenaw County.

Mark Kettner, Rehmann Robson, took questions from the Board.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he was pleased that the County provides a response to all questions. He asked about which functions can be let go while preparing for audits and which ones need to be kept. Kettner stated that the audit should not be the primary consideration for the Board. Kettner stated that controls cannot be sacrificed over primary function. Comm. Ouimet stated that the organization will have to be careful to eliminate due diligence.

Comm. Prater asked how often it is recommended that the Board take a look at internal controls. Kettner stated that the auditors look at internal controls. He added that his opinion is not that internal controls are perfect. Kettner stated that an ad hoc committee may occasionally take a look at internal controls. He stated that the Board could also have a discussion with management.

Comm. Judge stated that this award is special and thanked all people involved with the work.

Economic Development Community of Interest:

ETCS:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the agreement for fiscal years 2009-2011 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weatherization Assistance program to the United States Department of Energy/Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$4,291,962; for the program period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012 for Employment Training and Community Services; approving the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Land Use and Environment Community of Interest:

Office of the Water Resources Commissioner:

Full Faith and Credit for Michigan Ave. East Central Area Drain Drainage District

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution pledging the full faith and credit of the County of Washtenaw, within constitutional limitations, for the payment of the bond of the Michigan Avenue East Central Area Drain Drainage District described in the bond resolution attached to the resolution be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator:

Guenzel reported on the VEBA Certificates of Participation. He reported that legislation may pass allowing the County to accomplish this goal through bonds. He stated the John Axe has advised reevaluating this in June and July.

Report of the Chair of the Board

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

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Judge reported that the Commissioner retreat will be April 11. She stated that topics will include budget priorities, labor issues, pension system, direction to Administration on next steps. She stated that she would like to see the development of a matrix and agreement moving forward.

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that there is not a single item on the agenda extending the transportation service area.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Prater stated that Mr. Partridge has not discussed funding on a public transportation system.

Pendina

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until April 15th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.		
	Conan Smith, Chair	
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Jason Brooks. Deputy Clerk		

APPROVED: 04/15/09