WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

August 5, 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 Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Patricia Horne-McGee, Head Start; Nancy Thelen, MSU Extension; Dick Fleece, Public Health; Tony VanDerworp, Strategic Planning; Mark Lindke, Veterans Affairs; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Department; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Doug Lewis, 5944 Talladay, stated that he is a member of many 4-H organizations. He added that he supports funding for MSU Extension. Lewis stated that tomorrow is important and added that resources should be pushed toward the youth of the County.

Tom Partridge stated that he applauds Mr. Lewis' advocacy. He added that he endorses a 4-H club initiative and added that the County should adopt such an initiative.

Chris Easthope stated that he is appearing on behalf of District Court Judges in support of the JPORT program. He added that he feels this program saves the County a tremendous amount of money and cuts back on jail overcrowding. Easthope stated that JPORT is a phone call away when needed.

Phyllis Rabun, 1450 Gattegno, Ypsilanti Township, stated that she is here on behalf of MSU Extension. She stated that the Mortgage Foreclosure prevention program has been very helpful. She reported that she is still helped today by MSU Extension.

Jennifer Fike, 1627 Harbal Dr., Ann Arbor, stated that she would like that Board to consider agricultural work in the County and through the FSEP program. She added that every dollar received is leveraged for $11.33. She added that without MSU Extension and the Planning Department the program would not exist.

Mike Bossory, 13011 Bethel Church Rd., Freedom Township, stated that his orchard and cider mill is successful in part due to MSU Extension. He stated that he would not be generating the revenue in the community without MSU Extension. Bossory stated that agriculture plays a vital role in the community.

Michael Wilson, 4949 Saline Waterworks Rd., Lodi Township, stated that he is in support of the MSU Extension program. He added that this program is about people helping themselves. Wilson stated that the MSU Extension program will help in the future.

Shannon Bater, 1427 S. Fletcher Rd., Lima Township, stated that she is attending on behalf of the 4-H program. Bater stated that the 4-H Fair ended days ago and added that this is a learning experience all year long. Bater added that kids conduct meetings with Roberts Rules. She added that activities take place twelve months of the year.

Heather Cook, 10185 Easton Rd., Lima Township, stated that she has been a 4-H member for the past 7 years. She stated that she has had many opportunities in public speaking and leadership. Cook reported that programs are often organized when kids are out of school. She added that youth involved in 4-H provide many hours of community service. She added that 4-H builds future leaders.

Michael Bodary, 1206 Westmoorland St., Ypsilanti, stated that the elimination of MSU Extension and Planning will have an adverse effect on the City of Ypsilanti. He added that economic development is key to turning around his community.

Ed Koryzno, City Manager, City of Ypsilanti, stated that MSU Extension and Planning have assisted the City of Ypsilanti. He stated that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority assisted the City in securing a grant for the Waterstreet Brownfield project and assisted with other projects. Koryzno stated that planning assisted with SPARK.

Kathie Mahn, 3796 Highlander Way W, Pittsfield Township, stated that she is a master gardener. She stated that her group has volunteered thousands of hours in the community. She added that the group has a hotline offering help during the growing season. Mahn stated that herbicides and pesticides are always considered.

Susan Horvath, 8285 Pinecross Ln., Scio Township, stated that she learned life skills through the 4-H program. Horvath stated that the whole point of the program is to train volunteers.

Earl Horning, 11855 Pleasant Lake Road, Freedom Township, stated that he is a dairy farmer and added that his family all belonged to 4-H. He added that people get results from this program. Horning stated that he would like the Board to continue the program.

Ruth Broesamile, 16640 Kilmer, Sylvan Township, stated that she started in 1948 and has been involved ever since. She stated that she knows what it has done for the kids and what it did for herself. Broesamile added that the Extension is more than 4-H.

Amanda Johnson stated that she would not know the things she knows now without 4-H. She stated that she learned social responsibility and leadership through 4-H.

Cindy Strieter stated that she is speaking in favor of retaining the 4-H program. She stated that her club is 30 members and added that they are leaders in the making. Strieter stated that 4-H is more than animals. She added that MSU Extension has many programs and stated that urban youth can get an rural experience. She added that she cannot imagine this program being cut.

Martha Swenson stated that she would like to speak on 4-H. She stated that she does not live on a farm and does not get to do this every day. Swenson stated that she takes care of her own animals and stated that this experience teaches kids a lot. She stated that this program teaches life lessons and asked that the Board give their support to the program.

Karen Hesselberg, 1171 Bandera, Scio Township, stated that she is a relative of a 4-H member. She added that this program teaches kids how to get along. She stated that this program needs to be continued.

Sherry Wagar, 6431 Whitmore Lake Rd., Northfield Township, stated that she has been in 4-H for 42 years. She reported that this is a wonderful program near and dear to the hearts of many. She added that 4-H is a great family activity.

Renee Weidmayer, 10044 Pleasant Lake Rd., Freedom Township, introduced her daughter Rachel. Rachel stated that she is from the County Expressions 4-H Club and has had a lot of fun at 4-H. She added that she would not like the Board to take the program away.

Jean Martin, 6405 W. Ellsworth, Lodi Township, stated that she is thankful for 4-H support and added that she would like to see support continued. She added that her daughter is the 4-H leader in the County. Martin reported that $1.89 comes back to the program for every dollar spent. She added that if there were more kids in 4-H there would be less need for jails.

Dan Sparks-Jackson, 502 McKinley, Chelsea, stated that the MSU Extension office has provided many services to his business. He stated that he would like to know what other organizations would be handicapped if this program is cut.

Leslea Cunningham, CSTS, stated that she is here on behalf of her program. She added that she has experience with programs closing in other programs. Cunningham reported that it affects families as well as individuals in the program. She stated that she would not like to see the program ended.

Liz Walter, Ann Arbor, stated that 4-H means a lot to her group. She added that the week of the 4-H fair is spent having a good time and making new friends. Walter added that her group has made blankets for Mott's Children's Hospital in the past.

Gracie Bearis stated that she has learned how to reach out to the community through the 4-H club. She stated that this work takes a lot of initiative.

Mary Parker, CSTS, stated that she would like to say that she has been a county employee for 16 years. She added that the people working with developmentally disabled people are a caring group. Parker added that she would like the Board to listen to the staff of the program.

Audrey Tisdale, 5900 Ridge Road, Ypsilanti, read a letter to CSTS (on file, Ways and Means packet).

Gina Brath, 405 N. Huron, stated that the MSU Extension service has had a parenting class at her facility and added that the majority come because it is court ordered. She stated that she does not want to see the situations that these people will be in if the program is ended. Brath added that MSU Extension has been providing access to farmers markets and fresh foods. She stated that assistance is provided to citizens living on the edge.

John Hoseler, Manchester, stated that Mike Score has helped with his master plan and his business plan.

Bonita W. Fails, 5408 Grayfield Cir., Ypsilanti Township, CSTS, stated that her program at CSTS providing clothes and shoes serves over 400 families.

Kayla Kokalis, 1985 S. Grove, Ypsilanti Township, CSTS, reported that she has been involved in running six classes. She stated that it would be devastating to the community if a service like hers would have to close.

Steven Taylor, stated that CSTS can provide these services like no one else. He added that the Senior Shopping program was initiated by staff.

Alda Cloud, 8440 Willow Rd., Augusta Township, stated she appreciates the ability to work with the developmentally disabled in the County. She added that she would like the opportunity to continue this work.

Doug Atkins, CSTS, stated that he would like everyone to understand that working with the population he works with every day is rewarding. He added that he would like to see these services kept in tact.

Robert Hartmann, 7734 Brass Creek Ct, Webster Township, stated that he has worked for the County for the last year and a half. H e added that working with people has been a lot more rewarding to him than working with a product. Hartman stated that achievement from clients can make your day.

Sara Breunnger, 8451 Marshall, Scio Township, stated that her group meets with the St. Louis School of Boys to give them the opportunity to see farm life. She added that they would not have this opportunity without 4-H.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Judge stated that she would like to thank all for coming out and sharing their passions with the Board. She stated that the Board is listening and added that all programs are critical. Comm. Judge added that it is most important to take care of the most vulnerable in the County. She stated that employees should talk with Department Heads for ways to find revenue.

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to thank all that came out. She added that it is important for Administration and other Commissioners to hear the impact of MSU Extension. She stated that she is a strong supporter of MSU Extension.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the Board got an opportunity to see the impact of 4-H and MSU Extension. He added that he has had an opportunity to meet with many of these young people. He added that the Board had an opportunity to see where one builds life skills. Comm. Ouimet stated that it is impressive to see what these young people do.

Comm. Irwin stated that he would like to thank all for participating. He stated that these are all great programs and added that there is a large budget hole that will need to be filled. Comm. Irwin added that he would like to thank the Administrator for bringing sharper focus. He stated that the piece that is missing in the discussion is the mandated services.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he would like to hear ideas on how to save programs.

Comm. Schwartz stated that he would like to thank everyone for attending and for giving their comments. He stated that it is great to hear the positive side of things going on in the community.

Comm. Smith stated that he would like to add his thanks. He added that it was interesting to hear from different groups in the County and bring home the value of investments made with tax dollars. He stated that the County is facing a reduction in dollars coming in to the County. He stated that the problem can be approached through zero based budgeting. He stated that the question of how the gap can be filled can also be examined. Comm. Smith added that the

Board has made small and strategic increases in tax revenue. He stated that departments and the workforce have also been engaged. Comm. Smith stated that the Board needs to hear from employees and people running programs to get ideas.

Comm. Bergman stated that another way of looking at maintaining these services is provision by outside agencies. She stated that she would like to thank all for their input.

New Business:

Land Use Community of Interest:

Water Resources Commissioner:

Allen Creek Drain Pioneer High School Storm Water Detention System Drain Project
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin 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 Allen Creek Drainage District be adopted.

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

Public Safety & Justice Community of Interest:

Sheriff:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the submission of the electronic grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice programs of the United States Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's office in the amount of $39,125 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012 be adopted.

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

Trial Court:

Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant – Recovery Act
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to ratify the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program, Category II (Neighborhood Probation and Parole) in the amount of $352,979 for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011 to sustain the Washtenaw County Trial Court Night Surveillance Program be adopted.

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

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant – Recovery & Reinvestment
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic application submission to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, strengthening communities fund state, local and tribal government capacity building program by the Public Health Department in the amount of $271,884 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011' authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Michigan Supreme Court – Michigan Drug Court Grant Program
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to ratify the submission of a grant application to The Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office, Michigan Drug Court Grant Program in the amount of $115,100 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 to sustain the Washtenaw County Juvenile Drug Court be adopted.

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

Public Health Community of Interest:

Public Health:

Strengthening Communities Fund
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic application submission to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Strengthening Communities Fund – State, Local and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program by the Public Health Department in the amount of $271,884 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amend the budget; and authorize the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Support Services Community of Interest:

Information Technology:

Shared IT Manager Agreement with City of Ann Arbor
Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the contract with the City of Ann Arbor for the purpose of providing 50% reimbursement of Shared Technology Services be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator:
2010/11 Budget Reduction Options – Phase II
Bob Guenzel reported on the 2010/11 Budget Reduction Options – Phase II (Presentation on file in County Clerk's office).

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Sizemore 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
Audrey Tisdale, 5900 Ridge Rd., Ypsilanti, stated that she is passing around an e-mail she sent June 2 (on file in County Clerk's office). Tisdale discussed the labor contract.

Jennifer Fike, 1627 Harbal Dr., Ann Arbor, stated she wanted to respond to the Public Act 88 item. She reported that FSEP currently receives $15,000 from the general fund. She added that she would like to see $15,000 of the $256,000 to be raised from this millage to go to FSEP.

Michelle Rogers, MSU Extension, stated that she thanks the Board of Commissioners for their support over the last 100 years or so. She added that she thanks the Board for this partnership. Rogers stated that she would like to have a discussion to arrange priorities based on the most important things to the Board.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None

Pending
None

Adjournment
Comm. Sizemore seconded by Comm. Ping moved that the meeting be adjourned until September 2nd, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Conan Smith, Chair

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

APPROVED: