



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

October 7, 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; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Janis Bobrin, Water Resources Commissioner; James McFarlane, Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Dick Fleece, Public Health; Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Health; Mark Lindke, Veterans Affairs; Nancy Thelen, Mike Score, MSU Extension; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Patricia Denig, ETCS; Derrick Jackson, Gregory Dill, Sheriff's office; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Stephanie Jensen, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Rene Gref, 1305 Grant St., Ypsilanti City, stated that she would like to see funding maintained for the Food Systems Economic Partnership (FSEP). She added that cutting off funding to FSEP would be short sided. She stated that food dollars have to be maintained and local food must be purchased. Gref stated that between area restaurants, tens of millions of dollars stay in the community.

Kenny Siler, 13175 E. Pleasant Lake Rd., Freedom Township, stated that the Farm Bureau has passed resolutions in support of MSU Extension. He distributed the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Local Policy Book, 2009 (on file in County Clerk's office).

Tom Partridge stated that he would like the Board to give priority to accessible and affordable housing, health care, education, and public transportation.

Alice Ralph, Historic District Commission, stated that the HDC was established by the Board in 1978. She discussed the requirements of the HDC. Ralph discussed laws associated with Historic Districts. She added that the Board has mandated preservation of historic districts.

Catherine Eavy, Lodi Township, stated that she is here to speak on behalf of MSU Extension. Eavy stated that without the lab and horticulturalists the connection vital to her business would be lost. She added that MSU Extension is critical to her clients.

Bill Lawrence stated that the Extension service is extremely valuable in all aspects of the green industry. He stated that services are utilized for diagnostic services. He added that it is important to have that resource available.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Gunn stated that she would like to thank speakers on behalf of FSEP and MSU Extension. She added that the accomplishments of FSEP are amazing and stated that she supports it with great enthusiasm. Comm. Gunn stated that she intends to show her support for MSU Extension.

Comm. Schwartz stated that he would like to echo these sentiments. He added that revenues are also being put on the business side from these organizations.

Comm. Bergman stated that she would like to thank the speakers and restaurants for changing menus in order to sell local food.

Comm. Irwin stated that he would like to echo comments made and stated that he would like to see funding for MSU Extension, FSEP, and historic preservation. He stated that local food is fresher, tastes better, and keeps the money at home.

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to echo comments from other commissioners about FSEP and MSU Extension.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he serves on MSU Extension and has learned about the quality work provided by MSU Extension. He added that local food is a critical economic issue.

Comm. Smith stated that this opportunity creates a dependable source of financing for programs that are in danger of being cut.

New Business:

Children's Well Being Community of Interest:

Trial Court:

Annual Child Care Fund

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board and the County Administrator on the 2009/2010 State Child Care Fund Budget Summary Form 2091 to the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice for the Child Care Fund for the Trial Court, Children's Services and the Washtenaw County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$9,011,527 for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 be adopted.

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

Economic Development Community of Interest:

ETCS:

Senior Nutrition – ARRA FY2010

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS grant application to the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Congregate Meals Program and Home-Delivered Meals Program) for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; and the budget, in the amount of \$61,018; authorizing the 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: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the plan agreement for the 2009 amendment #1 Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Plan to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$193,500 for the program period May 24, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the 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: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

Land Use and Environment Community of Interest:

Water Resources Commissioner:

Wing Drain Project – Full Faith & Credit

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping 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 bonds of the Wing Drain Drainage District described in the order authorizing bonds be adopted.

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

Veterans Affairs:

Veteran Relief Millage

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving an indigent veterans relief millage of 1/40 of a mill to be levied in December, 2009 for use in calendar year 2010 be adopted.

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

Administration:

Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI):

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign a contract with Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. for a two-year period beginning on November 1, 2009 and ending on October 31, 2011 be adopted.

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

Act 88:

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving a millage of 0.0400 of a mill pursuant to Public Act 88 of 1913 (MCLA 46.161) to promote the agricultural, industrial and tourist advantages of Washtenaw County to be levied in December, 2009 for use in calendar year 2010 be adopted.

***Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 2 (Comms. Judge and Prater) ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Comm. Ping). Motion carried.

***Comm. Ouimet voted "Yea" on funding for 4-H activities, Horticulture Programming, Agricultural Innovation, and the Food Systems Economic Partnership and "Nay" on all other items.

Budget Amendment:

Comm. Bergman seconded by Comm. Ping moved to that the resolution amending the 2010-11 Washtenaw County Budget and strengthening Washtenaw County's commitment to meeting the human service needs of our community be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator:

2010/2011 Recommended Budget – Continued Discussion

Presentation of the Preliminary Budget Summary

Jennifer Watson gave the presentation on the Preliminary Budget Summary (on file in County Clerk's office).

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

None

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Pending

None

Adjournment

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Ping moved that the meeting be adjourned until October 21st, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

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

APPROVED: