# COUNTY

#### WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

#### November 18, 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; James McFarlane, Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush,

Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veterans Affairs; Tony

VanDerworp, Strategic Planning; Diane Heidt, Monica Boote, Human Resources; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Peter Ballios, Finance; Donna Sabourin, CSTS; Patricia Denig, ETCS; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Office; Dick

Steffens, Equalization; Ben Toole, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Stephanie Jensen,

Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

#### Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that candidates for office should not be allowed to harass residents and visitors. He added that riders of the AATA buses should not be harassed.

Rick Monier, 13511 Island Lake Rd., Dexter Township, stated that he would like to speak about the proposed tower on the Chelsea Landfill site. He stated that this project will be unsightly and added that people of Sylvan and Dexter townships were not notified. He stated that construction has not started construction on the new tower. He added that money needs to be saved.

# Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Ouimet stated that he has attended several meetings regarding the tower. He added that he tried to work through this issue. Comm. Ouimet added that he was disappointed to hear that the group moved forward without revisiting the issue with American Tower.

Comm. Smith stated that this building is ADA compliant and added that two tables are available with microphones.

# **New Business:**

#### **Economic Development:**

# Office of Strategic Planning:

# <u>United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Community-wide Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Assessment Grant</u>:

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman 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 Substances and Petroleum Assessment Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of 2010 through 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.

# **Community Development:**

#### **Supportive Housing:**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$250,000 from funding reserved for supportive housing services in the fiscal year 2009 budget and authorizing \$175,000 of this appropriation to be allocated to an emergency response to the increasing incidence of homelessness in Washtenaw County be adopted.

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

# **Civic Infrastructure:**

# **Equalization:**

# 2009 Apportionment Report:

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution adopting the Washtenaw County 2009 Apportionment Report be adopted.

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

# Administrator:

# Accommodations Tax Agreements with Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau and Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Bureau

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving agreements with the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014 be adopted.

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

#### Eliminate Commissioner MPPP Employer Contribution

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution discontinuing future retirement benefits for Washtenaw County Commissioners effective January 1, 2011 be adopted.

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to table this item until the Ways and Means meeting to be held in January, 2010. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Gunn, and Irwin) ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

# 2010/11 Recommended Budget

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving and adopting the biennial County Budget for 2010 and 2011 be adopted.

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

# Compensation & Benefits Recommendations for Non-Union (Group 32)

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the recommendations set forth to modify Compensation & Benefits Recommendations for Non-Union (Group 32) employees for 2009, 2010 and 2011 be adopted.

Comm. Gunn and Comm. Bergman accepted amendments to the Washtenaw County 2010/2011 Budget Resolution (on file in County Clerk's office) as friendly.

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

# Termination of Memorandum of Understanding between the Courts and the County

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to send a written notice to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court, 14a District Court and Washtenaw County Probate Court that Washtenaw County is terminating the memorandum of understanding between these courts and the County effective one year from the date of the letter be adopted.

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

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Ping moved to send the resolutions on Compensation & Benefits Recommendations for Non-Union Employees and Termination of Memorandum of Understanding between the Courts and the County to the Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion carried.

# Report of the Administrator:

None

#### Report of the Chair of the Board

Comm. Sizemore reported that Youth Art is going on in Ypsilanti City at the corner of Washington and Michigan Avenue. He added that some of the art will be going to the State Capitol. Comm. Sizemore added that he would like to see the art going into some of the County buildings.

#### Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Judge stated that she would like to add a December 3, 2009 Working Session. She added that she feels that 2010 will be a working year and stated that she would like to start a committee to work on the budget and plan strategy. Comm. Judge stated that she would like to see a priority document. She stated that a process could be used to look at each item in the budget.

Comm. Schwartz stated that he agrees and added that he would like to see focus on maximizing revenues through federal programs.

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to discuss the schedule with Administration.

Comm. Smith stated that he feels a retreat was helpful.

#### Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that County residents depend on the leadership of the County Commission. He added that now is not the time to start planning Christmas parties.

Janelle Baranowski, 2213 Dexter Ave., Ann Arbor, stated that this is the time for Citizens Participation and stated that she would like to see citizens given the appropriate time.

# Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Judge stated that the budget is not new from this week. She added that the holiday party was cancelled.

# **Pending**

None

#### Adjournment

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved that the meeting be adjourned until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.		
	Conan Smith, Chair	
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk		

APPROVED: 12/02/09