



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

December 2, 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; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; James McFarlane, Jennifer Watson, Andy Brush, Charley Wolfe, Linda Wicks, Dave Shirley, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Mark Lindke, Veterans Affairs; Tony VanDerworp, Brett Lenart, Strategic Planning; Diane Heidt, Monica Boote, Human Resources; Mary Jo Callan, Andrea Plevak, Community Development; Peter Ballios, Finance; Donna Sabourin, CSTS; Patricia Denig, ETCS; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; John Reiser, Prosecuting Attorney's office; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Office; Dick Steffens, Equalization; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, Stephanie Jensen, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Elmer White, 3144 Bolgos Circle, Ann Arbor City, stated that he is present on behalf of Veterans of Washtenaw County. He reported that he is asking the Board to pass a resolution to install a display case for the bell from the USS Washtenaw County in the Clerk's building. He added that it is the most decorated warship of the Vietnam War. White added that the USS Washtenaw County was successful in clearing mines in the area.

Chris Easthope, 15th District Court Judge, stated that he is present to thank the Board for continued funding of JPORT.

Janelle Baranowski, 2213 Dexter Ave., Ann Arbor City, stated that in January the Board voted to restrict citizen comments to three minutes and keep them germane to the agenda. Baranowski read violin listings from the phone book.

Tom Partridge, 4220 Eyrie Dr., Apt. 14, Scio Township, stated that he is present to encourage the County Commission to work toward deep reforms to fully fund Countywide services. Partridge reported that education funding is still on the line at the state level. He added that Scio Township is the fastest growing area in the entire County.

Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director, Humane Society of Huron Valley, stated that she would like to thank the Board for continued support to the Humane Society. She added that the Board is doing a lot to help strays. Hilgendorf added that the new facility is now open and stated that demands are being met.

Andrew Patton, 100 Observatory, UM Student, stated that he is present to oppose \$60,000 in funding to Planned Parenthood. He stated that Planned Parenthood is about making money and not helping women. Patton stated that the group should not receive taxpayer money. He stated that Planned Parenthood is attempting to saddle opposition with regulations.

Paul Dobrowolski, 218 W. Bemis, Pittsfield Township, stated that he is present to kick off arguments against funding Planned Parenthood. He added that Planned Parenthood does not need this grant money. Dobrowolski added that he is pleased with the County's use of funds for Children's Well Being with the exception of funding to Planned Parenthood. He stated that one of fifteen services offered at Planned Parenthood include pre-natal care. Dobrowolski stated that he recommends not funding this program.

Anne Mitzel, 41 W. Braman, Milan City, stated that the majority of pre-natal services provided by Planned Parenthood are for abortion. She described the abortion procedure.

Jim Palazzolo, 2683 Deake, Pittsfield Township, stated that in total Planned Parenthood of mid and south Michigan took in \$10 million in revenues. He added that investments total close to \$4 million. Palazzolo added that \$200,000 has recently been added to their cash coffers.

Betty Gerstler, 915 Westwood, Ann Arbor City, stated that she is against abortion and for adoption. She added that abortion is more than 1/3 of the business for Planned Parenthood. She read a written statement (on file in packet).

Karen Walacavage, 2696 Stommel Rd., Superior Township, stated that there are alternatives to Planned Parenthood's pre-natal program. She described many of the programs. Walacavage stated that these services can be provided with other programs that are available.

Jeff Brown stated that he has been involved in UM Students for Life for the past two years. He added that he would like to commend the Board for wanting to fund pre-natal care and added that he wants the Board to fund another program. He stated that he would like to see an alternate program funded.

Nicole Adelman, 613 N. 5th Ave., Ann Arbor City, stated that she would like to thank the Board for support for Planned Parenthood. She stated that this program has led to measureable outcomes. Adelman added that the program caters to incredibly low income women. She added that no dollars from Washtenaw County go toward abortions and audits to place to prove this. She provided statistics on the program.

Joanne Motino Bailey, 539 N. Ashley St., Ann Arbor City, stated that she has provided pre-natal care at Planned Parenthood for five years. She stated that society fails low income women and stated that she has been honored to support this program. She stated that this program is unique in the country.

Sarah Demmon, 40 E. Cross, Apt. 3, Ypsilanti City, stated that she would like to thank the Board for their support of pre-natal care funding for Planned Parenthood. She added that this program improves the lives of women. She described a recent case.

Christopher Wensley, Wayne County resident, stated that he is glad to rise in support for Planned Parenthood funding. He added that his nephew was born premature and would not have survived without the program at Planned Parenthood. Wensley stated that abortion is not the issue here.

Bernie Klein, 2504 Dalton Dr., Pittsfield Township, stated that he has been a volunteer at Planned Parenthood. He added that protestors are attacking the program because they want Planned Parenthood shut down. He reported on a previous case. He stated that he would like continued support for the program.

Sam Hern, 755 Green Rd., Ann Arbor City, stated that he is concerned with how much money is being spent by Parks and Recreation. He added that he went to the Parks and Recreation meeting. Hern stated that he does not understand why so much money is dished out to Parks and Recreation.

Sandy Weathers, 4700 Ash Court, Pittsfield Township, stated that she would like to commend the Board for their commitment to pre-natal care. She added that she would like them to consider one of the other agencies. Weathers stated that she does not believe the common good can be upheld by funding Planned Parenthood.

Louise Aikman, 701 E. University, Ann Arbor City, stated that she was conflicted because more services need to be provided for pre-natal care. She added that the premise is that a child is only valuable if it is wanted.

Nicholas Danne, 1608 Briar Ridge Dr., Pittsfield Township, stated that he strongly opposes the funding of Planned Parenthood. He added that Planned Parenthood started off as a racist organization. He stated that his source is blackgenocide.com. He added that he hopes the evil past of the organization is considered.

Angela Cesar, 7473 Oakland Hills Dr., Ypsilanti Township, stated that she has been the recipient of pre-natal care. She added that she was offered services free of charge. She added that there is a variety of services in Washtenaw County. She stated that Planned Parenthood does have funding. She added that the care has gotten better.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Sizemore stated that he supports the ship going into the building next door. He added that art done by students should also go over there.

Comm. Gunn stated that the Parks and Recreation Department operates on a millage adopted by voters. She added that the USS Washtenaw needs to be put on the agenda in the meeting following this one. Comm. Gunn added that she supports the Planned Parenthood pre-natal program.

Comm. Judge thanked residents for attending and participating. She added that no one else applied for pre-natal funds.

Comm. Ping stated that this is for pre-natal care. She added that the only proposal that qualified for pre-natal funding was provided by Planned Parenthood. She named the organizations that did not put their name in.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he would like to thank the group that came to discuss the USS Washtenaw.

Comm. Irwin stated that he will be happy to support the USS Washtenaw in the lobby. He added that there is tremendous support in the County for veterans. He added that he will be supporting the grant to Planned Parenthood and stated that they have delivered in the past. Comm. Irwin stated that he strongly supports the move being made on the Humane Society. He added that Washtenaw County spends less and gets more because of the partnership with the Humane Society.

Comm. Prater stated that the USS Washtenaw is a Historical District that was created in 1978. He added that he would like to thank all for giving their view.

Comm. Bergman stated that she supports pre-natal care in the County and will continue to support pre-natal care at Planned Parenthood. She added that she is pleased about the USS Washtenaw. Comm. Bergman stated that she would also like to thank the Humane Society.

Comm. Smith stated that not enough of this dialogue takes place with citizens.

New Business:

Public Safety & Justice:

Sheriff:

Amending the Scio Township Police Services Contract

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution requesting the authorization of the County Administrator to amend the Scio Township Police Services Contract by increasing the number of contract deputies from five to eight, beginning January 1, 2010 and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Economic Development:

ETCS:

MI Enrolls

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Administrator on the subcontractor agreement with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the Michigan Enrolls Program in the amount of \$24,787 for the period of July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2011 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the Administrator to amend the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Office of Strategic Planning:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the application to the United States Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in the amount of \$766,900 for the period of 2010 through 2012; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; amending the budget; and authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

Comm. Prater moved to amend the application to strike the Southeast Michigan Energy office and insert a qualified firm in its place. Amendment accepted as friendly.

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

Land Use & Environment:

Water Resources:

Allen Creek Drain – Stadium Boulevard Storm Water Controls Project – Full Faith & Credit

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson 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 which will involve the improvement of a storm drain within the City of Ann Arbor designated as the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Storm Water Controls Drain Project be adopted.

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

Allen Creek Drain – West Park Storm Waters Controls Project – Full Faith & Credit

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson 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 which will involve the improvement of a storm drain within the City of Ann Arbor designated as the Allen Creek West Park Storm Water Controls Drain Project be adopted.

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

2010 Remonumentation:

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2010 Remonumentation program in the amount of \$100,664; appointing a County Grant Administrator and County Representative; 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.

Support Services:

Human Resources:

Collective Bargaining Agreement – AFSCME 3052

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the agreement with AFSCME Local 3052 – General Supervisors, AFSCME Local 3052 – Family Division, Juvenile Center Supervisors, Washtenaw County Trial Court and Washtenaw County for the two year period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 regarding economic concessions be adopted.

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

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Sheriff Non Union

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the agreement with Sheriff Non Union be adopted.

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

Community Development:

FY 2010/2011 Children's Well Being & Human Services Funding Awards

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving the 2010-11 Children's Well-Being and Human Services funding awards based on the funding recommendations from the Board-appointed Funding Review Committee be adopted.

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

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Judge moved to forward the FY 2010/2011 Children's Well Being & Human Services Funding Awards resolution to the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 2, 2009. Motion carried.

Office of the Administrator:

Ypsilanti Township Contract Reduction of 7 Deputies

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Peterson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign an amendment to the police services contract with Ypsilanti Charter Township and the Washtenaw County Sheriff to reduce the number of contract deputies under the contract by seven deputies be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator: Update on the Ypsilanti Township Deputies

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

Comm. Bergman stated that the Weatherization money has not been spent in adequate amounts. She asked why that is the case. Patricia Denig stated that there have been issues around Davis-Bacon. She added that there have been concerns from labor organizations surrounding the CUB issue. Comm. Prater stated that the federal government set a prevailing wage rate. Denig reported that regular weatherization dollars have been pushed out the door. Comm. Bergman stated that she hopes this happens rapidly. Comm. Schwartz stated that he agrees that these dollars need to get out to the community.

Citizen Participation

Jim Palazzolo, 2683 Deake, Pittsfield Township, stated that it was interesting that no one from the community came to speak on behalf of Planned Parenthood. He stated that he believes in life. He reported that \$3.5 million dollars is sitting around. Palazzolo reported that other organizations will take care of pre-natal care. He stated that no one else in the community has a shot at the grant.

John Kenzinger, 1717 West Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor Township, stated that he is in favor of placing the USS Washtenaw in the lobby at 200 N. Main.

Andrew Patton, 100 Observatory Street, Ann Arbor, stated that Planned Parenthood cares about money but not women and babies. He added that it is time to cut them off from funding. He stated that the bulk of Planned Parenthood operations are abortions. Patton stated that the County should have no part in a racist genocidal organization.

Paul Dobrowolski, 218 W. Bemis, Pittsfield Township, stated that Family Life Services attended the pre-grant meeting but was told that there was not money available for new agencies. He stated that seventy women that are Medicaid insured are covered through the program. He added that 80% of 500 women covered are Medicare insured. He added that the ultrasound machine at Planned Parenthood is used for abortions at Planned Parenthood.

Gar,y Lillie 5831 Marshall, Scio Township, stated that he was a part of the construction on the Chu Lai Airstrip in Vietnam. He added that the Vietnamese are planning a city of 200,000 to house workers that will be based in the area doing work.

Jeff Brown, 1300 E. Ann St., stated that he would like to share a story about a person who obtained an abortion from Planned Parenthood. He stated that he does not feel that Planned Parenthood will give the most bang for the buck when it comes to pre-natal care.

Janelle Baranowski, 2213 Dexter Ave., Ann Arbor City, stated that she would like to see a change to the rule that comments need to be germane to the agenda on the next Ways and Means agenda. She stated that she feels it is wrong for the Board to limit what the citizens say during their time. Baranowski reported that she feels everyone on the Board is in support free speech.

Tom Partridge, 4220 Eyrie Dr., Apt. 14, Scio Township, stated that he is a uniter in Washtenaw County. He added that he is here to put forward the importance of supporting the excellent education system in the State of Michigan. He asked that males take more responsibility in the creation of life.

Nicholas Danne, 1608 Briar Ridge Dr., Pittsfield Township, stated that he has heard a lot about compassion for women and added that he would like to discuss compassion from Planned Parenthood. He stated that these funds free up funds from other funds. He added that he would like to see this grant opened up to religious organizations. He stated that compassionate choice is to give this grant to a completely abortion free provider.

Louise Aikman, 701 E. University, Ann Arbor City, stated that there are just as many women as men opposed to abortion. She stated that there is no other procedure that allows males to avoid responsibility than abortion.

Bernie Klein, 2504 Dalton Dr., Pittsfield Township, stated that he would suggest that if statistics reversed opposition would still be in favor of shutting down Planned Parenthood. He added that he is a volunteer at Planned Parenthood. He added that stating that Planned Parenthood does not care about women is ludicrous.

Sandy Weathers, 4700 Ash Court, Pittsfield Township, stated that Planned Parenthood is about abortion. She stated that there is a total parallel between Dread Scott and Roe v. Wade. She stated that the civil rights movement and the pro life movement are a parallel.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Bergman stated that the Holocaust was planned government genocide. She stated that abortion is a choice not being forced on anyone.

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to thank the veterans for coming and thank them for their service.

Comm. Judge thanked the veterans. She stated that she appreciates that fact that Baranowski wants a responsible government. Comm. Judge stated that there is no stipulation about public speaking at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Comm. Peterson stated that he would like to thank the veterans for attending. Comm. Peterson stated that he would like an answer on whether faith based organizations were allowed to apply for grants. Callan stated that a mandatory pre-bidders conference was held on October 23rd. She added that the \$50,000 for new programs was described. She stated that there was no prohibition on faith based organizations. Comm. Peterson stated that he would like citizens to write to the Board if anyone is unhappy with the answer provided or with the process.

Pending

None

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until January 20th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

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

APPROVED: January 6, 2010