



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

October 20, 2010

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, Verna McDaniel; Deputy County Administrator, William Reynolds; Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger; Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Diane Heidt, Barbara Finch, Human Resources; Nancy Thelen, MSU Extension; Jennifer Watson, Budget; Kelly Belknap, Finance; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Patricia Denig, ETCS; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Greg Dill, Sheriff's Office; Anthony VanDerworp, Economic Development and Energy; Ken Schrader, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, County Administration; Jim Dries, Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Linda Gurka, 7026 Lochmore Dr., Ypsilanti Township, stated that she is speaking about the Ypsilanti District Library millage. She added that this is being done due to the loss of revenue at the library. Gurka reported that use of the library has quadrupled in the last two years. She stated that another 36% loss in revenue is anticipated next year. She added that it will cost a house valued at \$100,000 it would cost an additional \$19/year. Gurka stated that services for youth and teens have been offered in the past.

Kathleen Timberlake, 3555 W. Delhi, stated that she would like to see full public disclosure of the Clerk's office report on the per diem matter.

Todd Clark, 6767 Park Rd., Scio Township, stated that he is in support of coordinated funding as presented at the October 7th Working Session meeting. Clark stated that there are several reasons to support coordinated funding. He added that members from various agencies are getting together to discuss collaboration. Clark stated that more benefit is provided to consumers through collaboration.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation

Comm. Ping stated that she is reading on behalf of Jolea Mull, Bridgewater Township Supervisor, 11430 Clinton Rd., Clinton, MI. She read a statement from Mull in support of Mark Ouimet's efforts as a County Commissioner.

Comm. Peterson stated that he appreciates the Ypsilanti Library Board for their leadership. He added that aggressive steps must be taken due to the loss of property value. He stated that the Library Board has taken a bold step in proposing a millage because of the importance of services offered by the Ypsilanti District Library.

Comm. Gunn stated that she supports millages for libraries. She added that the Ypsilanti Library houses Washtenaw Literacy and stated that she loves the Ypsilanti Library. She added that she would like to thank Mr. Clark for his comments on coordinated funding.

Comm. Schwartz stated that many people in Superior Township do not realize they are a part of the district and asked for an updated map.

Comm. Judge stated that many libraries in Arizona have been affected and stated that libraries need to be open seven days a week. She added that she supports coordinated funding. Comm. Judge stated that she hopes that the full report done by the Clerk's office will be made public. She read from the Board rules regarding compensatory service. Comm. Judge stated that an internal financial control was added in 2010 for per diems. She stated that the rules for what counts as a per diem expense remained the same.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he supports the library.

Comm. Ouimet stated that he would like to commend Todd Clark for the work he has done for the United Way. He added that coordinated funding is critical as resources become scarce. Comm. Ouimet stated that he appreciates all that have come together on getting this done.

Comm. Prater stated that the Clerk has completed looking at per diems dating back to 2005. He stated that the report will be provided publicly to anyone that wants the report.

Comm. Smith stated that he commends Mr. Clark for his work with SOS.

New Business:

Economic Development:

ETCS:

Michigan Works! Service Center Operations

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Program Year 2010 Michigan Works! Service Center Plan for the Employment Training and Community Services Department in the amount of \$36,750 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be adopted.

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

ARRA Statewide Workforce Investment Activities

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Appropriate Year 2008 ARRA Statewide Workforce Investment Activities funding to support Service Center Efficiency (Michigan Works! Service Center Operations) Plan in the amount of \$83,058 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be adopted.

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

Workforce Investment Act – Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the submitted budget information summary to the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth for program Year 2010 Workforce Investment Act Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth funding in the total amount of \$3,302,135 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be adopted.

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

Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of WIA Eligible Youth

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the program year 2010 Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities funding for high concentrations of WIA Eligible Youth Plan for the Employment Training and Community Services Department in the amount of \$10,721 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be adopted.

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

2010/2011 Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Plan

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the plan agreement for the fiscal year 2010/2011 Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Plan to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$322,500 for the program period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the signature of the County Administrator on the 2010/2011 Michigan Public Service Commission Weatherization Assistance and Client Education program application to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$215,000 for the period of November 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for Employment Training and Community Services; authorizing the Administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Office of Community Development:

2011-2012 Human Services and Children's Well-Being Funding Process and Priority Area Allocations

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution allocating Children's Well-Being and Human Services funding, and authorizing the Office of Community Development to administer the distribution of these funds using a public-private coordinated funding process be adopted.

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

Economic Development and Energy:

Agricultural and Economic Development Millage

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution approving a millage of 0.043 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, 2010 for use in calendar year 2011 be adopted.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 3 (Comms. Judge, Ouimet, and Prater) ABSTAIN: 1 (Comm. Ping)
ABSENT: 0. Motion carried.

Health:

Washtenaw Community Health Organization:

2010/2011 Position Modifications:

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to approve the position changes requested and approved by the Washtenaw Community Health Organization be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator:

None

Report of the Chair of the Board

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Judge moved to adopt a resolution to eliminate Board of Commissioners retirement, pension & health care benefits for all returning and newly elected members as of 1/1/2011 and beyond. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Pending

None

Adjournment

Comm. Sizemore seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the meeting be adjourned until November 3rd, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Conan Smith, Chair

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

APPROVED: November 3, 2010