WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

February 16, 2011

Chair Sizemore 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, Judge, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Rabhi, Sizemore, Conan Smith, Dan Smith and Turner.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator, Verna McDaniel; Deputy County Administrator, William Reynolds; Corporation Counsel Curtis Hedger; County Treasurer, Catherine McClary; Diane Heidt, Michelle Murray, Human Resources; Kelly Belknap, Jennifer Watson, Bob Devault, Finance; Mary Jo Callan, Andrea Plevek, Community Development; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Dave Shirley, Jason Fee, Facilities Management; Michael Smith, Veterans Affairs; Patricia Denig, Susan Sweet Scott, ETCS; Hazelette Crosby-Robinson, WCHO; Ben Toole, ITS; Joanna Bidlack, County Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
Julie Steiner, Director, WHA, stated that she is present to thank the Board for their support. She added that she would like to share results from the new coordinated funding process. Steiner stated that it is important to be transparent regarding funds that are used. She stated that she will be able to provide one solid report on outcomes achieved in a given year. Steiner reported on those outcomes. She added that information will be tracked through a data system WHA is being compelled to use by HUD.

Joan Chesler, Coordinator for the Washtenaw Alliance for Children and Youth, stated that she has found a model to use for children in need. Chesler reported that the data is driven by the big picture. She added that the Ready by 21 Model looks at ways of collaborating. Chesler reported on the timeline provided by the model.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation
Comm. Bergman stated that she would like to see an outline from Chesler outlining her board, funding sources, and how the BOC can help.

Comm. Judge stated that homelessness and youth are high priorities of the Board. She added that she heard the participants say that we are all working together.

Comm. Prater asked when Steiner would begin presenting outcomes. Steiner reported that outcomes would be provided on an annual basis by a dedicated team.

Comm. Turner stated that he would love to get further information on outcomes from Joan Chesler. Chesler reported that she can only share plans at this point. She added that she could send a synopsis of the proposal. She stated that one staff member will be a data manager in the organization. Chesler provided five broad outcomes.

Comm. Peterson stated that he would hope that the Board would have the opportunity to get the education community involved in assessing the needs of children. He added that he would like to see a future Working Session on the topic.

Presentation on 2011 Coordinated Funding (moved to Ways and Means):
Mary Jo Callan gave a presentation on 2011 Coordinated Funding (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Peterson asked which guidelines organizations had to meet. Callan reported that they were guidelines developed along side the United Way. Comm. Peterson stated that it would be helpful to see the guidelines. Comm. Peterson stated that he is interested in community based organizations receiving some of the funding. Callan reported that if the Board decides to change recommendations than it would have to be taken back to partners to rework the proposal. Request for proposals #6586 on Agency Eligibility was distributed (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Bergman stated that the County will continue to control its allocations. She added that agencies need to meet legal criteria before using any tax dollars. Comm. Bergman stated that Washtenaw County is not a research organization. She added that all money needs to be paired to meet needs.

Comm. Rabhi stated that the City has been selfless in its giving. He added that the fate of Ann Arbor is tied to that of the County. He asked if programs get to apply to work on projects with coordinated funding and leveraging from those funds. Callan reported that this is correct. Comm. Rabhi asked what percentages on leveraging in terms of services being provided. Callan reported that the County makes up 5% to 20% of the budget for a given non-profit. She added that this is part of the puzzle that leads to sustainability for non-profits allowing for leveraging. She added that approximately $7-8 comes back for every dollar leveraged.

Comm. Gunn stated that Coordinated Funding is an exciting approach. She added that she feels it will work because it is based on outcomes.

New Business:

Public Safety & Justice:

Sheriff:

Annual Marine Safety Grant
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on 2010 Marine Safety Grant with the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, for the 2011 Marine Safety Grant Program for a total program amount of $214,645 for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 be adopted.

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

Economic Development:

ETCS:

MCAAA/MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the 2011 Michigan Community Action Agency Association/Michigan Public Service Commission Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program Application to the Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of $25,316 for the period of October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 for ETCS; 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.

TEFAP Commodity Food Program
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the Emergency Food Assistance Program electronic submission in the amount of $52,000, with the Michigan Department of Education for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for ETCS; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Awards; amending the budget; authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts be adopted.

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

Civic Infrastructure:

Treasurer:

Delinquent Tax Borrowing
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to borrow against anticipated Delinquent 2010 Real Property Taxes be adopted.

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

Support Services:

Finance:

Credit Card Policy
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution adopting the updated issuance and use of County credit cards to selected County officers and employees policy be adopted.

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

Human Resources:

Worker's Compensation Excess Insurance
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution accepting an offer for excess insurance coverage for Worker's Disability Compensation for the 2011-2012 Period be adopted.

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

Human Services:

Department of Veteran Affairs:

Veteran Relief Program Assistant
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Bergman moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution creating a 1.0 FTE Veterans Relief Program Specialist and downgrading a 1.0 FTE Veterans Services Administrative Assistant to a 1.0 FTE Veterans Affairs Office Coordinator be adopted.

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

Report of the Administrator:
Verna McDaniel reported that the Town Hall meetings with employees are going well and invited all commissioners to attend future sessions.

Report of the Chair of the Board
Comm. Smith reported that there would be a ten minute break prior to 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. Conan Smith seconded by Comm. Rabhi moved that the meeting be adjourned until March 2nd, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore, Jr., Chair

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

APPROVED: March 2, 2011