WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

May 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chair Armentrout at 6:35 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Acevedo, Armentrout, Craiger, DeLong, Irwin, Kern, Montague, Robinson, Schultz, Shaw, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman, Chockley, DuRussel, Gunn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Tom Freeman, Facilities; Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register; Lloyd Powell, Public Defender; Linda Edwards-Brown, Friend of the Court; Bob Randolph, Circuit Court; Judge Timothy Connors, Judge Ann Matson; Cheryl Farmer, Mayor of Ypsilanti; Dan Wiley, Michael Grebiel, Consultants; Barbara King, Clerk/Register Office.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None.

Discussion Items

Prosecutor Update
Carrie Pollack, Victim Witness Coordinator, Steve Hiller, Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor, and Karen Field, Assistant Prosecutor, provided an update on the Prosecutor's Office for the Board. Karen Field talked about Welfare Fraud prosecution, domestic violence, and the Juvenile Diversion program and Carrie Pollack talked about Victim Services. Steve Hiller said the department had reviewed over 8,000 requests for prosecution, have prepared and attended over 16,000 court matters, including in excess of 350 trials. He said they now have full staffing, in part because of the Domestic Violence grant.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Friend of the Court Update
Linda Edwards-Brown and David Hanson, with the help of Gordon Burger, provided the Board with an update of the Friend of the Court. Major Issues discussed were:

Visitation and Custody Enforcement
IV-D Caseload Reduction
Data Processing Costs
Incentive Fee Calculation
Statewide Compliance of CSES
FOC Fees
Centralized Collection

Implementation of CSES

They also discussed the total impact on Friend of the Court budget and gave a status report of the RFP and Consultant Selection. Next Steps will include:

May 17	Resolution for authorization to sign the contract with Plante & Moran brought to the Board
June	Preliminary data collection and review process completed
July	Analysis of both the FOC and Juvenile Division completed
August	Final report containing process analysis and recommendations for both FOC and Juvenile Division completed.
September	Final report presentation to the Board of Commissioners by Plante & Moran
November 15	Recommendations incorporated into 2001 budget.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Commissioners Items
None

County Administrator Report
None

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None.

Pending
None

Status of Annual Activities/Goals
No report.

Citizen Participation
None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None

Adjournment
Comm. Gunn supported by Comm. Shaw moved that the meeting be adjourned until May 18, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Vivienne Armentrout, Chair

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Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register
By: Barbara L. King, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: