

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

February 20, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chair Irwin at 6:34 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Armentrout, Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Prater, Solowczuk, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Brackenbury, Peterson, Sizemore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator, Peter

Ballios, Gordon Burger, Andrea Dunathan, Jennifer Watson, Finance; Amy Klinke, Administration; David Behen, ITS; Greg Dill, Facilities; Scot Cannell, Courts; Lloyd Powell, Delphia Simpson, Sheila Blakney, Public Defender; Marc Breckenridge, Emergency Management; Dan Minzey, Herb Mahony, Kirk Filsinger, Sheriff; Mary Udoji, Library; Brian Mackie, Steve Hiller, Prosecuting Attorney; Dan Dwyer, Jennifer Niemer, Linda Edwards-Brown, Trial Court; Joe DeGraff, Community Corrections; Suzette Rygiel-Abella, Hillary Muscato, Courts; Barbara King, Deputy Clerk; and

members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

Lisa Hamway, with SBC, introduced herself to the Board.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None.

Public Safety & Justice Communities of Interest

Bob Guenzel started the presentation by asking staff members in the audience to introduce themselves. The following individuals were introduced to the Board:

Sheila Blakney, Public Defender's Office Delphia Simpson, Public Defender's Office Kirk Filsinger Herb Mahony, Sheriff Dan Minzey, Sheriff Dan Dwyer, Trial Court Steve Hiller, Prosecuting Attorney Joe DeGraff, Community Corrections Suzette Rygiel-Abella, Court Administration Hillary Muscato, Probate Court Linda Edwards-Brown, Trial Court-Family Jennifer Niemer, Trial Court Marc Breckenridge, Emergency Management

The following staff members took part in the presentation:

Steve Hiller: Stakeholders in the Vision:

- Internal Stakeholders: Emergency Management, Environmental Health Regulation, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Sheriff's Department, Trial Court, and Community Corrections.
- External Stakeholders: Community, Emergency Services Agencies (Fire, Rescue, Ambulance), MDOC Probation and Parole, State & Local Police Agencies, Washtenaw County Bar Association

Lloyd Powell: Values in the Vision.

The following staff members talked about "What the future could look like."

- Dan Dwyer: system that offers efficient and effective service delivery.
- Herby Mahony: A comprehensive integrated referral and information system
- Sheila Blakney: A system focused on accountability, prevention, early intervention, and dispute resolution in collaboration with human service agencies.

The following staff members talked about Areas of Consideration:

- Dan Dwyer: New or better structures: A unified court system.
- Herb Mahony: New or better structures: Technology that allows easy access to necessary and appropriate information.
- Sheila Blakney: New or better structures: A corredctions program that focuses on a reduction of recidivism.
- Herb Mahony: Finding, developing and accessing resources: Upgraded and integrated technologies and upgraded court, jail and public safety facilities.
- Sheila Blakney: Finding, developing and accessing resources: Increased jail programming and community corrections opportunities.
- Dan Dwyer: Finding, developing and accessing resources: Increased funding through grants, lobbying, and public education.

Following this presentation, Mr. Guenzel talked about financial trends for Public Safety & Justice over the past five years, including the 2003 budget. He stated that funds are tight and it will affect this community of interest.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

County Administrator Report

None.

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None.

Pending

March 6, 2003: Housing & Homelessness Communities of Interest March 20, 2003: Planning & Environment Communities of Interest

April 3, 2003: Support Services Communities of Interest April 17, 2003: Board Directs on Areas of Consideration

Status of Annual Activities/Goals

No report.

Citizen Participation

None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None.

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn reported by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until March 6, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 բ	o.m.
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Jeff Irwin, Chair	

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

APPROVED: 3/5/03