



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

May 20, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chair Irwin at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Brackenbury, Gunn, Irwin, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Solowczuk, Yekulis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Armentrout, Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Amy Klinke, Scott Patton, Administration; David Behen, Dale Vanderford, Steven Mezzadri, ITS; Greg Dill, Facilities; James Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None.

Discussion Items:

Jail Components I & II

Bob Guenzel and Jim Robertson presented the Jail Components presentation.

- Adult Criminal System
- CJCC Update
- Jail's Purpose and Population Characteristics
- Justice System
- System Questions
- Trends in Jail Population
- Jail Operations: How a jail works
- Jail Regulations and Standards
- Key Statistics and Operations
- Key Components of the Jail
- Public and Official Visiting
- Jail Policy Components

Bob Guenzel and Jim Robertson responded to questions.

Comm. Sizemore asked how much it costs the County per bed and asked if it would be cheaper to hire a private institution.

Comm. Prater asked about the difference between an offence and an arrest. He also asked a question about the number of meals provided per day.

Comm. Bergman said there should be a better balance between generalities and details.

Comm. Brackenbury asked about the details of those detained but not yet charged.

Comm. Gunn asked where specific individuals in the jail are from.

Comm. Peterson asked if there was any limitation on the size of a new facility and asked if other options could be pursued for non-violent criminals. He also asked when there would be board action. He wanted information on the original residence of those held in the jail.

Comm. Bergman asked if the County planned to use any general fund dollars for the jail.

Comm. Sizemore asked if the prisons may be sending individuals to local jails due to legislation, and also asked if other local units can house prisoners.

Comm. Prater asked if many prisoners were from out of state.

Comm. Irwin asked if there were any options for prisoners who could not make bond, and was concerned that nothing was gained by processing pre-trial individuals. He also asked if millage money would only cover construction or also services and operations.

Comm. Gunn asked about a weekend or night jail.

Commissioner 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. Peterson seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until June 3, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Jeff Irwin, Chair

Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register
By: James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: