WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

September 23, 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. Armentrout, Bergman Brackenbury, Irwin, Kern, Prater, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Gunn, Peterson, Sizemore, Yekulis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Amy Klinke, Scott Patton, Administration; Ken Schrader, ITS; Peter Ballios, Gordon Burger, Finance; Greg Dill, Facilities; Dan Dwyer, Trial Court; Chief Judge Archie Brown, Circuit Court; Kathy Reynolds, WCHO; Donna Sabourin, CSTS; Fred Fitch, Community Corrections; Steven Hiller, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; James D. Higginbottom, Deputy Clerk; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None.

Discussion Items:

Probation Residential Center
Dan Dwyer presented the Probation Residential Center presentation to the Board.

- What is a Probation Residential Center?
- Work Release Facility
- Pro's and Con's
- Michigan Jail Rules and Regs
- Offender Profile
- Projections
- Operations
- Proposal

Comm. Prater asked if the cost noted for remodeling included both the upstairs and downstairs. Scott Patton responded that they did.

Comm. Armentrout asked if people would be housed for 24 hours per day. Dan Dwyer said that it would be based on earned privileges.

Comm. Bergman asked if the jail kitchens could provide food for the probation center and recommended that other food options be reviewed.

Comm. Irwin asked about the difference between operations costs and program costs. Scott Patton responded that operations dealt with maintaining and supervising the site. Programs made reference to classes for inmates. Comm. Irwin also asked if an NFP would be created. Bob Guenzel responded that it has not been decided.

Comm. Prater asked how the costs were developed. Greg Dill responded that Healy Bender provided a quote.

Comm. Bergman asked what proposed programming would come.

Comm. Armentrout said she was very happy to see the location that was proposed.

Comm. Kern asked if the county may provide services for other communities. Dan Dwyer said it could be added on.

Comm. Prater asked if 35 beds would be sufficient. Dan Dwyer said that it is only a snap shot of potentially eligible people, and that would be the very maximum.

Comm. Bergman asked if a design could be added to the board packet.

Mental Health Diversion as a part of the Jail Expansion Project

Kathy Reynolds and Donna Sabourin presented the Mental Health Diversion presentation to the Board.

- History and Terminology
- Pre-booking Diversion
- Post Booking Diversion
- Mental Health Funding Constraints
- Response to Issue
- Factors Considered in Selecting Service Models
- Three System Gaps: Triage, Stabilization, and Long-Term Referral
- Solutions to the Three Gaps
- Community Impact of Diversion Options

Comm. Armentrout asked how long people stayed in the Crisis Residential Services Program and asked about the role of the not for profit organizations. She asked where people go after the program. Donna Sabourin said that it is very different on an individual basis.

Comm. Brackenbury thanked Kathy Reynolds and Donna Sabourin for their presentation and said it is a worthy goal and worth following through with.

Comm. Prater asked what needs the program had.

Comm. Bergman if the program remains under 6 people, they will be eligible for Medicaid.

Comm. Solowczuk thanked them and asked them if any in the program wound back up in jail.

Comm. Irwin asked about operation costs. Bob Guenzel responded that it would be on a phase basis.

Criminal Justice Collaborative Council Update

Bob Guenzel presented the costs for the construction of a new jail.

Comm. Armentrout asked about the impact on General Funds.

Comm. Solowczuk asked about the projections of the cost for the owner of an average costing house.

Comm. Prater commented on Headley and Proposal A and asked about their effect on the programs.

Comm. Armentrout asked if Headley had been considered in figuring the numbers.

Comm. Prater asked for more information comparing the options of owning and leasing the facilities.

Commissioner Items

None.

County Administrator Report

None.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None.

Pending
None.

Status of Annual Activities/Goals
None.

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None.

Adjournment
Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved that the meeting be adjourned until October 7, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Jeff Irwin, Chair

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

APPROVED: 10/6/04