# COUNTY INCHISE IN 1826

## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# **WORKING SESSION**

# April 3, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Irwin, Ouimet, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, and Sizemore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Gunn, Peterson, and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:: David Behen, Deputy County Administrator; Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Ken

Schrader, ITS; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various

citizens; and members of the press.

#### **Roll Call**

## **Citizen Participation**

None

## Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

## **Space Plan Update**

Jim Zwolensky gave the Space Plan Update (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to see this business going to local contractors. She asked about the fence on both projects. Zwolensky stated that fences at both locations have been removed from the plan. Comm. Ping stated that she heard from Judge Tabbey that fences are state mandated in some locations. Zwolensky reported that he heard that fences are recommendations, but not mandated. Zwolensky stated that he expects a final decision at the next PS&J meeting.

Comm. Schwartz asked about resolving an issue of reciprocal easements with the adjacent owner. Zwolensky stated that he is in the process of resolving this issue.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that Hedger is close to reaching an opinion on the contracting policy. She stated that an analysis has to be complete in case this is challenged.

Comm. Irwin reported that he feels that a procurement policy is in place to direct work, to an extent, to local businesses. He added that he feels the current policy does an appropriate job.

Comm. Ouimet asked about the overrun at the Saline Court. He asked where the budget can be brought back into balance. Zwolensky stated that some items in the bid are being listed as line items to allow choice in inclusions of the project. Comm. Ouimet asked if mile markers will be present and points in which the design can be changed to balance the budget. Zwolensky stated that this will be done to bring the budget back into budget.

#### **Discussion Items:**

## Success by Six Update - Sian Owen-Cruise

Sian Owen-Cruise gave the Success by Six Presentation (On file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Ping asked about the child care provider workshops and how communities are being provided with information on courses. Owen-Cruise stated that publications and mailings are used. She also stated that churches and physicians are also being used.

Comm. Schwartz asked about the MI Child insurance program. Owen-Cruise stated that this program is intended for families that do not qualify for Medicaid but are still under 250% of poverty. She stated that these families are often very strong and independent. Comm. Schwartz asked about funding. Owen-Cruise stated that money flows in from the federal government and added that remaining funds are sent back to Washington.

Comm. Ouimet stated that without the leadership to bring funding sources together, the program could not be where it currently is. He stated that this program really looks at where the gaps are and has great measurement tools in place. He added that prenatal care and ages 0-6 are crucial. Comm. Ouimet stated that getting the state grant puts the organization to validate the procedure being used and measure success of children in the County. He also thanked Owen-Cruise.

Comm. Schwartz asked if the MI Child phone number could be put out to the public. Owen-Cruise stated that the County Public Health department and washtenawsuccessby6.org have more information.

## **County Administrator's Report**

None

## **Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Sizemore stated that he would like to see how more information can get out to people not using computers. He also recommended looking into office etiquette and answering phones.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that she feels that more information needs to get out. She stated that the Community Work Plan was used in Ypsilanti Township. She added that information may also be provided at employer locations.

Comm. Ping stated that the number is to Washtenaw County Public Health is 734-544-6700, and added that the 24/7 number is 734-891-4327.

## **Pending**

None

## **Citizen Participation**

None

# Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

## **Adjournment**

Comm. Irwin seconded by Comm. Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn until Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.		
	Rolland Sizemore, Chair	
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register  By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk		

APPROVED: 4/16/08