



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WORKING SESSION

October 16, 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. Gunn, Irwin, Ouimet, Lovejoy Roe, and Schwartz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Peterson, Ping, Sizemore, and Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT::** County Administrator Robert Guenzel; Verna McDaniel and David Behen, Deputy County Administrators; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Ken Schrader, ITS; Caryette Fenner, CSTS; Joanna Bidlack, 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

#### Discussion Items:

##### **Space Plan Update**

Jim Zwolensky gave the Space Plan Update. He provided a Budget Summary for the Saline 14A-4 District Court (on file in County Clerk's office).

Zwolensky presented the Budget Summary for the Jail and 14A-1 District Court (on file in County Clerk's office). He also presented the Detailed Expense Estimates for the Saline 14A-4 District Court (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Ouimet asked about how pricing is coming in. Zwolensky reported that pricing on Saline Court was bid in June/July and was awarded to the low bidder. He stated that all bids have been completed on the jail. He reported that bids came in a bit higher than expected due to the cost of commodities. Zwolensky reported that the price of steel continues to remain high.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about projected interest earnings. Zwolensky stated that projected earnings on the jail over the next 1.5 to 2 years of construction is \$1 million.

##### **Report from the Task Force on Sustainable Revenue for Supportive Housing Services**

Bob Chapman introduced members of the Task Force on Sustainable Revenue for Supportive Housing Services and began the presentation (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Gunn stated that it took her a long time to understand the necessity of supportive services. She stated that a succinct definition of supportive services is needed for the public. She added that this is a hard concept in getting through to the public. Comm. Gunn stated that public education is going to be essential. She added that she will work as hard as she can.

Comm. Irwin thanked the presenters and added that it is a wonderful thing to see people working together on this issue. He stated that the need is great and that resources being put forth by municipalities are tapped out at this time. He added that he appreciates the recommendations. Comm. Irwin added that getting this message across requires education. He added that the people being dealt with are the most difficult people to keep housed. He stated that reasons go deeper than the cost of housing.

Comm. Ouimet thanked the presenters and their organizations for their work. He added that he thinks that this is the first time that there is a coordinated effort dealing with the systemic problem. Comm. Ouimet stated that he is looking forward to working on the millage part of the recommendation.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe stated that the recent conference was excellent and added that she felt that this was a great tool.

Comm. Irwin stated that this will be on the November 5 agenda. He stated that the County does provide many main stream services and stated that the County is willing to have a discussion on how they can be helpful.

**County Administrator's Report**

None

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

None

**Pending**

None

**Citizen Participation**

None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to adjourn until Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: