



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

January 22, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, and Sizemore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Peterson and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:: County Administrator Robert Guenzel; Verna McDaniel and David Behen, Deputy County Administrators; Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Mark Lindke, Mike Smith, Veteran Services; Ellen Clement, Public Health; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Ben Toole, ITS; 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

Space Plan Update

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

Comm. Ouimet asked if the project will be on budget. Zwolensky reported that he feels that the Saline Court project will be on budget and on completion date. Zwolensky reported that work has been delayed and some change orders have been added on the jail project. He added that he has reservations about the amount of contingencies left in the project.

Comm. Bergman asked about using interest payments from the project toward debt service. Guenzel reported that if there are extra dollars after the project then funds can be transferred to pay debt service or be put toward other capital funds.

Discussion Items:

Update on the Maternal Infant Health Program and the University of Michigan decision to end the provision of some of their MIHP services in the community and their cliics

Ellen Clement provided an update on WIC/MIHP Program Integration (Memo on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Gunn asked about UM Women and Children Leadership. She also asked about points of service for this program. Clement reported that this is home and in office visits at the primary WIC site in Ypsilanti. Clement also gave locations of other WIC clinics.

Comm. Irwin stated that he is interested in trying to help. He asked Clement about the County cost in Medicaid reimbursement. Clement reported that a cost report is filed with Medicaid and costs are then reimbursed. She added that a standardized methodology is used. Comm. Irwin asked which clients will be funneled toward in office visits. It was reported that a joint assessment will be done.

Comm. Ouimet asked about the opportunity for this change to take place over a period of time. Clement reported that a gradual transition would be helpful. Comm. Ouimet stated that there may be an opportunity to make sure that this system change is put in place gradually. Comm. Ouimet stated that perhaps contact with the University can be made to explore options. Clement stated that she feels UM will follow through on making referrals.

Comm. Bergman asked how she feels about the WIC Clinic performance. Clement stated that the Ann Arbor clinics are the busiest. She reported on numbers from each clinic. Comm. Bergman stated that she would be curious about regional referrals. Clement discussed screening and referrals.

Update on Washtenaw County Department of Veteran Affairs

Mike Smith and Mark Lindke gave the update on Veterans Affairs (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Judge stated that she thanked the Veterans Affairs staff and added that she was struck by the dedication to people that need the attention of the Department.

Comm. Ouimet stated that the legion people were very positive about this measure from Washtenaw County. He added that it has been positively received in his district. Comm. Ouimet stated that more marketing does need to be done.

Comm. Ping stated that she thanks the Department. She asked how Washtenaw County compares to other counties on money that comes back into the County. Lindke reported that it is partially based on population. He stated that it is probably fourth or fifth in the state.

County Administrator's Report

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Sizemore reported that he wanted to bring in the Washtenaw utilities group and Huron River Watershed at some point for a Working Session meeting.

Pending

None

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment

Comm. Ouimet seconded by Comm. Sizemore moved to adjourn until Thursday, February 5th, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Jessica Ping, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 02/04/09