



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WORKING SESSION

June 16, 2011

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Judge, Peterson, Ping, Prater, Rabhi, Conan Smith, Dan Smith, and Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Sizemore

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Verna McDaniel, County Administrator; Kelly Belknap, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Brian Mackie, Prosecuting Attorney; Tina Gavalier, Finance; Ken Schrader, ITS; Cheryl Perry, County 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:

##### **Budget Process – County Administrator Verna McDaniel, D. Kerry Laycock, CMC Management Consultant**

Verna McDaniel presented the Budget Update (on file in Clerk's office). A sample Business Plan and Dashboard to be used by all departments was also presented (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Conan Smith asked for an update on the Juvenile Detention Situation. McDaniel reported that some meetings have taken place and stated that courts along with the Sheriff's office, John Shea, the CJCC, and Children's Services had representatives present during discussions. She added that a draft report is in progress. McDaniel reported that it would not be prudent to close the center and do outplacements. She stated that she feels some good things will come out of these meetings on collaboration.

Comm. Bergman stated that there will be a presentation of ways that the facility is being used as a community facility in the report.

Comm. Judge stated that she wants to make sure that the County keeps looking at ways for revenue generation. She asked if the FTE list generation is on time for July 1st. McDaniel reported that she would be sure to remind Heidt. Comm. Judge stated that she would like to thank staff for participating in expedited negotiations.

Comm. Ping stated that she would like to thank McDaniel for this presentation and for the updates over the past few weeks. She stated that the courts are coming up short on revenue because people cannot pay fines and added that more people are going to jail instead of paying. Comm. Ping asked if there is a potential solution. McDaniel reported that a jail management plan has been developed to save money on overcrowding. She added that courts are being as aggressive about collections as possible to strike a balance. Comm. Turner reported that one program the court is going through is checking into the backgrounds of people and finding money. He added that there has been some success lately.

Comm. Bergman stated that Community Corrections is also assessing the ability of people to pay. She stated that it may be time to look at more police programs allowing people to work during the day and report to jail at night. Comm. Bergman stated that things like this are only in the thinking stages at this point. She added that not enough money has been sent to NPRI as prisons have closed. Comm. Bergman stated that the State should meet its obligations.

Comm. Prater asked for the targeted revenue number being looked at by Administration. McDaniel reported that she is only expecting a 5% decline in 2012. She reported that the general fund number is \$94 million. Comm. Prater asked when the first look at the budget will take place. McDaniel reported that it will be presented in September. Comm. Prater asked if audited numbers from last year will be presented beforehand in compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. McDaniel reported that they will.

Comm. Turner thanked McDaniel for this presentation and asked how the Board of Commissioner Decision Principles for Budget Allocations is being received by elected and appointed officials. McDaniel reported that the elected officials were pleased with the priorities. Kelly Belknap stated that every meeting with appointed officials has been positive. She added that it has been better than expected. Comm. Turner asked if this was a good model to duplicate. McDaniel stated that it has been a good model.

Comm. Gunn stated that this was a remarkable presentation. She stated that major challenges statewide include people on TANF for four years being thrown off immediately. She added that this will hit non-profits, and the WCHO for example. She stated that another challenge is the loss of the 2013 revenue sharing trust fund. Comm. Gunn added that these things need a focus in future years.

Comm. Bergman thanked McDaniel for the concise presentation. She asked where many of the items discussed by Comm. Gunn are going to show up in the budget. Comm. Bergman stated that another issue is foreclosures. She added that things may need to be rearranged to address immediate needs. McDaniel stated that a report on the health initiative will be coming forward to the Board regarding a system approach. Comm. Rabhi reported that this presentation will be taking place at the Working Session on September 8th.

Comm. Dan Smith thanked all for the presentation. He asked when the Board may start seeing the results of some of the structural changes. He stated that he would like to give employees as much time as possible to get these decisions to give them time to plan. McDaniel reported that this is part of the reason for expedited negotiations. She added that getting to the bottom line does take some time. She reported that successful negotiations will give a better idea of the real impact. McDaniel stated that programmatic changes and enhanced services will also be a focus and added that the FTE impact will be a result.

Comm. Rabhi stated that he would like to thank all who got together to put this Working Session presentation together.

#### **County Administrator's Report**

None

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

Comm. Conan Smith stated that there are a couple of items requiring movement of items in the same night and added that there will be advanced notice of these items to the Board.

Comm. Rabhi stated that the next Working Session is on July 7th. He reported that there will be a brief update from the Ann Arbor Skate Park as well as more lengthy discussions on the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and the WCHO split from Washtenaw County. He added that he is hosting a community forum this Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Platt Road former Juvenile Court property.

#### **Pending**

None

**Citizen Participation**

None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Peterson seconded by Comm. Ping moved that the meeting be adjourned until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Yousef Rabhi, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: