



**WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**February 1, 2006**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Brackenbury, Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Smith, Solowczuk.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Ouimet

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Frank Cambria, Deputy County Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; David Behen, Dale Vanderford, Ken Schrader, ITS; Peter Ballios, Finance; Verna McDaniel, Diane Heidt, Barb Finch, Human Resources; Dave Shirley, Facilities Management; Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Michael Scholls, ETCS; Mary O'Hare, Library; Alan Israel, Prosecuting Attorney; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Stephen Kirschner, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

**Roll Call**

**Citizen Participation**

None.

**Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizens' Participation**

None.

**New Business:**

Comm. Prater and Comm. Kern gave resolutions of appreciation to representatives of Jewish Family Services, Salvation Army and Power, Inc.

**Health Community of Interest:**

**CSTS – Improving Suburban/Rural Community Based Co-Occurring Drug Abuse Care:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Solowczuk moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the grant application to the National Institutes of Health Center for Scientific review for a grant enhancing practice improvement in community based care for prevention of drug abuse or co-occurring drug abuse and mental disorders in the amount of \$489,395 for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2009.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

**Planning, Development, and Environment Community of Interest:**

**Employment Training and Community Services:**

**2006 Annual MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the fiscal year (FY) 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance application to the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

**Annual 2006 MPSC/MCAAA CAA Energy Assistance Program:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the ETCS fiscal year 2006 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)/ Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) application to the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the Energy Assistance Program.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

**Public Safety and Justice Community of Interest:**

**Prosecuting Attorney – Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution eliminating positions from the Judicial Demonstration Project – Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office for the Grants to encourage arrest policies program for the Prosecuting Attorney.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

Comm. Kern asked who would be doing the work of the grant between now and March 4 when the funding runs out. Alan Israel responded that there is one position that will continue until March 4. Comm. Kern asked how the work of the grant is being accomplished. Mr. Israel stated that the grant actually ended in July and the last position is simply to do the final housekeeping items of the grant.

**Friend of the Court – 2006 Access and Visitation Grant:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution ratifying the county administrator's signature on a grant application to the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office for the 2006 Access and Visitation Grant for the Washtenaw County Trial Court-Family Division/Friend of the Court.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

Comm. Kern asked if this item has provisions to help non-English speaking people. Judah Garber stated that this is not addressed in the grant, but translation services are available through the courts. Comm. Kern asked if this has been an issue. Mr. Garber stated that it has not been an issue.

**Administration:**

**Office of the Administrator – 15<sup>th</sup> District Court Lease Amendment:**

Comm. Kern seconded by Comm. Gunn moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution amending the existing Downtown Courthouse sublease between Washtenaw County as sublesser and the City of Ann Arbor as Sublessee to extend the sublease by an additional year so that it will expire after December 31, 2009.

Roll call vote: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1. [Comm. Ouimet] Motion carried.

Comm. Bergman asked about increased security and whether Ann Arbor City would be contributing. Bob Guenzel stated that this issue would be addressed in the next leadership meeting. Comm. Bergman expressed some concerns about the costs of this item and stated that more analysis needs to be done before the item goes before the board. Bob Guenzel stated that the proposed security would not cost substantially more. He stated it is up to the board to determine the security fee. Comm. Bergman stated that she does not want to gouge the City of Ann Arbor, but does want to be fiscally responsible with the County's funds.

Comm. Brackenbury asked about the language of the lease and whether it allows Ann Arbor to remain in the building after the lease expires. Curt Hedger responded that the intent of the language is to have the space vacant simultaneous with the end of the lease. Comm. Brackenbury asked how the additional funds acquired through extending the lease would be used. Bob Guenzel responded that the funds would be returned to the capital improvement fund.

Comm. Smith asked why a month to month provision was not included. Bob Guenzel stated there is anticipation that the space will be needed when the contract expires. He added that he wanted Ann Arbor to be clear about the intent of the county. Comm. Smith recommend holding this resolution until the space plan has progressed. Mr. Guenzel stated that the City of Ann Arbor has asked for a quick response. Comm. Smith asked about the status of the Ann Arbor City Hall plans.

Comm. Gunn stated that City Hall location plans are moving around quite a bit. She stated the notification is an acknowledgement of Ann Arbor's need for a quick decision on the issue.

Comm. Peterson asked if the county is exploring space sharing with the City of Ann Arbor. He stated that he finds the current Ann Arbor leadership is great to work with. Bob Guenzel responded that this option will be included in the planning process. Comm. Peterson stated that space sharing should be explored anywhere there is opportunity.

Comm. Sizemore stated he shared Comm. Smith's concerns about pushing this item through tonight. He asked if it is necessary to pass this item tonight. Bob Guenzel replied that the county has no urgency but Ann Arbor city would like a quick response. He added that passing the item in Ways and Means allow the board several weeks to gather more information if necessary.

Comm. Bergman stated that she would support passing the item in Ways and Means knowing that it would be several weeks before any decisions are made.

Comm. Irwin stated that he thinks that the county owes it to the city to give them the flexibility to make the decision that is best for them. He added that the increased fees will be a good trade off for the loss of time.

**Report of the Administrator:**

None.

**Report of the Chair of the Board**

None.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

None.

**Citizen Participation**

None.

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None.

**Adjournment**

Comm. Solowczuk seconded by Comm. Peterson moved that the meeting be adjourned until February 15, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Jeff Irwin, Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register  
By: Stephen D. Kirschner, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: